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HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(100)

28 OCT 1965

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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REPORT OF UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

Attached for information is a report concerning an unusual aerial object sighted by Mr M.F. Bradly when travelling on the main highway between Bass (Victoria) and Anderson on the 15th October 1965.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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R.A.A.F. D.
29 OCT 1965
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29 OCT 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

PHOTOCOPY

On 15th October 1965, at 9.10 p.m., between the 68 and 69 mile posts on the main highway between Bass and Anderson, my wife and I saw an object which appeared on our left hand or east side, or more accurately, as we were travelling due south the object appeared to the south east.

We were travelling at approximately 50 m.p.h. when I first sighted the object and my wife at that time was asleep. At first I thought the object was a rocket but I soon realized that it left no trail, and was far too large as it appeared to be between one and two miles distant and had a length somewhat greater than the apparent diameter of the moon, so that it must have been approximately 100 ft. long. It was travelling almost horizontally but losing altitude slowly as it disappeared below some low hills about seven seconds after I first sighted it. These hills appear to be about 400 ft. high and about two miles from the highway, as we checked the following afternoon. I have not yet checked a detailed map of the district.

If the object was 100 ft. long, then its diameter appeared to be about 15 ft., that is, it was cigar shaped but seemed as if it may have had one or more dark bands around it. It was of a brilliant pale green or phosphorescent green colour and apparently self-luminous.

When I realized I could not identify the object, I said, "I wonder what that is?" My wife awoke and immediately spotted the object and said, "What is that, is it a helicopter?" She said she thought she saw some structural work on or around the object but as she was able to examine it for only about two seconds before it disappeared she can't be sure. Soon after that she saw the 69 mile post and at that time we realized there seemed to be no normal explanation for the object.

M. J. Brady

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AI037 FOLLOWING IS REPEAT HQPEA SIGNAL A180 25OCT QUOTE REPORT RECEIVED FROM CIVIL COMMISSIONER EXMOUTH GULF OF TWO VAPOUR TRAILS HEADING SOUTH WEST OF TOWNSITE AT 1910 LOCAL 24OCT65 PD SIGHTING BY MESSRS HADFORD AND TURNER PD TURNER IS EX WARTIME RAAF PD COMMISSIONER STATED TRAILS DISPERSED BY THE TIME HE OBSERVED THEM BUT HE BELIEVED THEM TO BE VAPOUR TRAILS PD NO KNOWN CIVIL OR SERVICE MOVEMENTS THIS AREA CMM THIS TIME PD UNQUOTE

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26 OCT 1965

Secretary
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UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached is a report by Mr John Bentley of Tecoma Victoria giving his impressions of an object sighted at Gippsland on 15th October 1965.

2. Forwarded for information.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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27 OCT 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

"Valley H(4"
15 Brooklyn Ave.
Tecoma.
Vict.

Dear Sir,

Further to the questionaire you have asked me to fill in, I would also like to comment.

As well as myself seeing the object, the Manager of the Engineering firm for which I work & his wife were also present & both clearly saw the object. We were all sitting at the wateredge of Lake Glenmaggie trying to catch trout & all saw the light suddenly appear at full strength in mid air, & moving.

Personally, I was a member of the R.A.A.F from 1952 to 1958 as an L.A.C Aero-Engine Fitter & spent most of my 6 years at Maint. Sqdn. Point Cook. so consequently was engaged in much night-flying duties.

This object was similar to an aircraft switching on its landing

lights on the down-wind leg, but going slightly away from the viewer then turning & coming toward the viewer, with the 2 yellow landing lights visible.

But many things seem not to tie in with this theory.

Object illuminated the clouds as it passed behind them or between them. Do aircraft prepare to land from 6,000 or maybe 5,000 ft? I dare say the cloud ceiling could be checked for about this period. Aircraft lights are not yellow, at least not even the Wirraway did in 1958 so I can't imagine 1965 aircraft having them. And what was the bright patch of green in the centre of the white. Was it a normal landing ident. light. But then isn't the green light only on the starboard mainplane & since "aircraft" was going away from viewer, how could it be seen.

On top of all this on Monday Morning when we returned

to work, one of our workmates had been fishing also that same evening, in the surf at Waratah Bay, (65 or 70 miles away) & he gave an identical description of the light except that his object disappeared ~~into~~ from his view behind cloud shrouding the mountains of Wilsons Promontary.

Hoping that these comments maybe of some help to you in your research on this matter, personally I would like to think that R.A.A.F East Sale was conducting a normal & very routine night flying exercise with perhaps visiting American aircraft U2's etc. but I do read Science Fiction

I remain

Yours faithfully

John Bentley.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer John Bentley.

2 Address of Observer 15 Brooklyn Ave. Tecoma. Vic.

3 Occupation of Observer Fitter-Welder.

4 Date and Time of Observation October 15 1965 approx. 2130 HRS.
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) 10-12 Seconds.

6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)
Approx. 1½ m/s. South Adjacent to Cemetery. of Glenmaggie Township, & on Watersedge of LAKE Glenmaggie with uninterrupted view right across the LAKE. Very Clear to NAKED Eye.

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)
about 15° above the Horizon.

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)
INSTANT INTENSE LIGHT.

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object
LIGHT ONLY.

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation
only one LIGHT.

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object WHITE with SMALL GREEN GLOW IN Centre

12 What was its Apparent Shape
A Flouroscent-Tube-like WHITE LIGHT —  — AGREEN Colour SIMILIAR TO copper wire being burnt.

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable
NO

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO

15 Was There any Sound NO

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 15° TO HORIZON

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity Approx 30° for 10-12 Secs.

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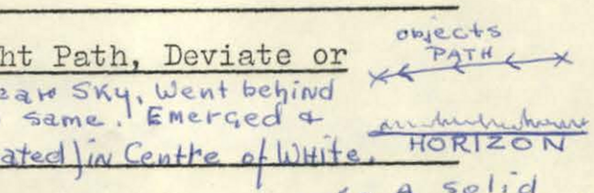
* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved and the time taken to do this.

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17
ability to see objects size due to proximity to cloud.
and normal sky glow from large town.

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass From my position it moved FROM RIGHT HAND ACROSS TO Left HAND. THE Glow IN the SKY FROM SALE town was DIRECTLY below the object.

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all FIRST seen IN Clear SKY, Went behind Several scattered Clouds, & LIGHTING up same. Emerged & Stopped dead. 2 yellow LIGHTS (Separated) in Centre of WHITE.



21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen NO. A solid LIGHT ONLY

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)
Stationary & IN Mid-Air

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence
NO

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)
A very mild evening 50% but scattered cloud.

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

27 Any Additional Information

Signature of Observer John D. Bentley.

Signature of Interrogator.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

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Department of Territories,
Derwent House,
Hobart Place,
Canberra City, ACT

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undated.

The Chairman,
Joint Intelligence Committee,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTING

The Administrator has asked me to advise you of the following signal received on 8th September, 1965 from the District Commissioner, Wewak, based on a report from a local New Guinean:

"AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GENERAL AREA OF IMONDA ON 31ST AUGUST AT 1400 HOURS STOP TRAVELLING 190 THROUGH 250 DEGREES HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 5000 FEET STRAIGHT WING SINGLE BOOM FUSELAGE SUSPECTED PISTON ENGINE CONVENTIONAL TWIN ENGINE CIVIL OWNERSHIP NO MARKING IDENTIFIED TYPE SIMILAR TO D.C.3"

2. The Administrator advises that the Department of Civil Aviation has no record of any aircraft operating in the stated area at the time indicated and that in view of the delay in the receipt of the report it was considered unnecessary to forward the information by signal through the usual channels.

(sgd) (J.L. Legge)
for Secretary

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Joint Secretary
Joint Intelligence Committee
30.9.65

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CONFIDENTIAL ADM6632. FROM TPNG ADMINISTRATION FOR CHAIRMAN JIC STOP REPEAT DAFI

C.5A FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED LATE YESTERDAY QUOTE UFO BEARING 240 DEGREES TO 260 DEGREES ESTIMATED DISTANCE SIX TO EIGHT MILES OFF OTOMATA POINT VISIBLE 2050 UNTIL 2130 HOURS ON ELEVENTH OCTOBER UNQUOTE OTOMATA POINT IS LOCATED 148 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST BY 10 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 36 SECONDS SOUTH STOP SECOND REPORT QUOTE AIRCRAFT SIGHTED FROM SAIDOR AT 0400 HOURS 14TH OCTOBER 270 DEGREES THROUGH 90 DEGREES WING AND FUSELAGE TYPE UNKNOWN JET ENGINE SUSPECTED STOP FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM OBSERVER UNQUOTE DCA ADVISE NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN EITHER AREA AT TIMES SIGHTED ADMR

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Subject: Unidentified Flying Object

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Please see F. 122 Can you suggest a likely astronomical phenomenium or other plausible reason for the object seen by these three people? Do you think a satellite burning up on reentering the atmosphere would fit this description?

Marshall Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)

30 Sept 65

Ord (O)

Any suggestions?

SAAB
8/11

"Sunnyside" 122

Dubbo. N.S.W.

22-9-65.

C.O.

RAAF Headquarters

Canberra.

Dear Sir —

I am curious about a peculiar happening last Sunday evening at 8.07½ P.M. and am hopeful you can give an answer of pass the letter on to a suitable authority.

As my wife and I and 17 year old son drove away from the house at the above time we all clearly saw, directly ahead in a northerly direction, and on a perfectly clear night, an object hurtle across the sky in level flight.

The object appeared to be a greenish disc with a reddish tail  .

We first noticed it a little north of north-west, and it sped across the sky to the North-east in about six seconds. It just disappeared before reaching anywhere near the

horizon, but there didn't appear to be any cloud to obscure it.

During the time the object was visible it travelled on a flat trajectory about 30° up from the ground.

All three of us are in perfect agreement about the details. We stopped the car and checked the time, and I wrote a detailed description immediately I returned home that night.

I have seen mirage gets over Dubbo. This thing would have left the mirage for dead many times over.

Yours faithfully

Andrew E. Sweeney

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24 SEP 1965

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The President
Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena
Investigation Organization
100 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC

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1. Thank you for your letter of 17th September on the subject of sighting by a Mr Roberts of an unidentified flying object at Nebo North Queensland on 24th June.

2. In reply to your queries I can only say that we certainly cannot confirm the sighting and at this stage we can offer no explanation. In view of the late receipt of Mr Roberts report it is very doubtful whether a satisfactory evaluation will be achieved.

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

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17th September, 1965

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The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA.

REC'D 22 SEP 1965 C.A.S.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information is a copy of reports on the above subject received from Department of Territories.

2. Would you please advise if there is any reason or simple explanation for these sightings.

Secretary

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20 SEP 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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Patrol Post,
Sehvlea,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

27th July, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

I returned from patrol on the 14th of July, 1965. On the 29th of July, 1965 Bwaruada Mission reported to me that they had seen what appeared to be a flying object showing a bright light on the 12th of July and that one of their teachers had seen a similar object on the 13th of July.

The following is a summary of particulars from these two sightings.

12TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Mr. T. Fisi'ihei, Missionary in Charge, Bwaruada.
Time - 1910
Direction from Bwaruada - westerly - in vicinity of Keroregea Bay between Mwadega and Sewataitai villages.
Appearance - An extremely bright light changing from red to blue and moving from side to side (a mile each way) at approximately 10 MPH
Height - Approximately 5,000 ft.
Duration of Sighting - Approximately 10 minutes
Description of Disappearance - Appeared to grow dim and then disappeared in N.W. direction.
Noise - Nil
Other Information.
First sighted by children who reported that it fell like a heavy weight for approximately 1,000ft before missionary informed.

13TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Penedi/Sisina, a female teacher at Bwaruada Mission.
Direction from Bwaruada - Easterly - over sea.
Appearance - Very bright light "like a primus" spinning in a large circle at a fairly high and constant speed.
Height - "Lower than nearby mountain". My estimation - 1500ft.
Speed - "A lot faster than a bird".
Duration of Sighting - Approximately 5 minutes.
Description of Disappearance - Disappeared in easterly direction at considerable speed.
Noise - Nil.
Other Information.
The teacher watched object for 2-3 minutes and then reported to the Missionary in charge. When he arrived the object had disappeared.
The Mwadega people reportedly sighted a similar object at the same time and in the same direction.

Bwaruada Mission informed me that recently they had been speaking to Mrs. D. Miller of Nivani Plantation and that she had said that she saw such an object at Nivani as described overleaf for the 12th of July sighting and that it made a definite noise.

I have checked all possible sources and I have not located anybody who saw one of these objects on the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month.

The information overleaf was not transmitted by radio upon receipt of information due to the time lapse between sighting and receipt of information.

Please ask the District Commissioner if he requires such information to be transmitted by radio even though considerable time may have passed between sighting and my receipt of information.

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(E. BECKR)
Assistant District Officer.

ESA'ALA.
11th August, 1965.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

My coded Telegram 33 of 27th July 1965 refers. Sightings of these objects are now so common that most people no longer bother to report them immediately. I have instructed my officers to forward all fresh reports by telegram, but your advice is requested please concerning the reporting of stale sightings.

(M.L. Mackellar)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Text of coded radio received from O.I.C., GUASOPA on Saturday, the 7/8/65.

UFO REPORTED BY G F WATKINS . APPROX THREE WEEKS AGO MID EVENING HEAVY RAIN . SHONE TORCH TO CHECK ANCHORED DINGHY BRIGHT LARGE LIGHT APPARENTLY IN OR ON SEA REPLIED SEEMED WEST OF AIUN ID SITED FROM CREEK WEST UNAMATANA VGE NO OTHER WITNESSES

Map attached to show position of village and Aiun Island.

(J.B. Quinn, ADC)

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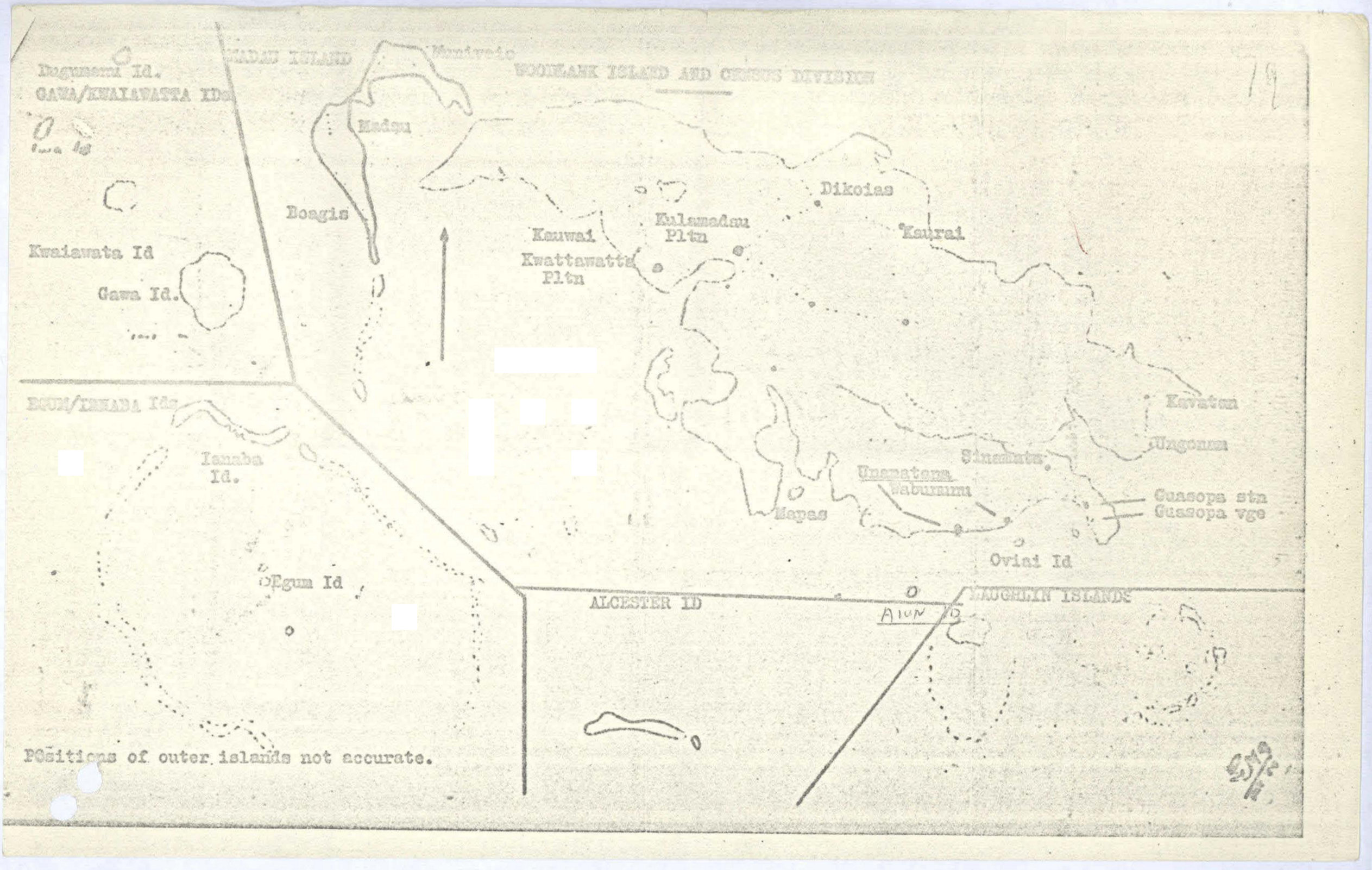

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - AN EVALUATION BASED ON AUSTRALIAN, AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIR FORCE REPORTS

A summary of an address given by Mr B.G. Roberts of the Operational Research Office, Department of Air, CANBERRA to the Ballarat Astronomical Society at BALLARAT, February, 1965.

Uninformed Fanciful Observations?

The Term UFO and Some Objections to it

1. Unfortunately the term "unidentified flying object", or UFO for short, because of its widespread and indiscriminate use is generally regarded as just another word for "flying saucer". This is a rather ironic situation since the term was originally introduced to combat just such an eventuality, and so overcome the tendency automatically and haphazardly to relegate all unidentified sightings to the category of "flying saucers".

2. Even the term "unidentified flying object" is somewhat of a misnomer, and this probably is the underlying reason for its indiscriminate use. We believe it to be a misnomer on a number of counts. Firstly many sightings are not of material objects but of what the observer, in all good faith, believes to be material objects. Freak weather conditions, electrical storms and unusual light conditions can give rise to misleading impressions, especially when the observer is unused to them and the time of viewing is short. The eye is not alone in this respect. For instance Radar is far from infallible. Radar echoes from dense clouds and pockets of air are quite common and can give the erroneous impression that some material object has been detected.

3. Secondly it is our experience that, except in sightings of aircraft, the process of flying is rarely involved. Many sightings are of the planets or of meteors entering the earth's atmosphere, and, in one case, we received an excellent report from some 17 separate observers in the Central NORTHERN TERRITORY of the re-entry of the Russian Satellite Cosmos II into the earth's atmosphere.

4. One might even go a stage further and challenge the word "unidentified" on the grounds that the classification is a purely tentative one, since information not available to the observer generally provides an adequate identification of the sighting subsequently. It is our experience that more than 90% of all well reported sightings can be identified satisfactorily. The rest cannot be identified specifically, mainly because the observer's report of the sighting does not contain sufficient information to provide an identification, or in cases where it is considered that further investigation is unwarranted. An example of the latter is illustrated by the case of a woman who wrote in 1964, after reading a newspaper report of a UFO sighting, to tell us of sounds she had heard one night more than twelve months previously; she did not know what date it was she had heard the noises and, as she was too frightened to get out of bed, she did not see what was making the noise. Could the "object" be identified? Naturally it could not be.

5. Although it is difficult to conjure up a name which adequately describes these sightings I think a more appropriate term than "unidentified flying objects" would be "unidentified aerial sightings" - the sightings being "unidentified" only insofar as the observer is concerned. It could be defined as an observation which remains unexplained to the viewer at least long enough for him to report it. Although the term may still be inadequate in some respects I think it removes some of the misleading inferences which were apparent previously when using the term "unidentified flying object".

Assessment of Aerial Sightings

6. The assessment of reports of unidentified aerial sightings in AUSTRALIA and the TERRITORIES is the responsibility of the Department of Air at CANBERRA. There is no hidden implication in this allocation of responsibility. The Department is simply the most appropriate authority for the task, which is performed to determine whether or not a threat to the security of the nation is involved.

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7. Much effort and time is devoted each year to the assessment of aerial sightings. Reports have been received from as far south as TASMANIA and as far north as NEW GUINEA. Immediately following a report the observer is usually contacted and requested to complete a detailed pro-forma covering all aspects of the sighting. If there is no immediate and obvious explanation for the sighting the observer may then be interviewed by a member of the RAAF so that his creditability may be assessed and in order to obtain useful additional information. The Department of Civil Aviation may then be contacted concerning civil aircraft movements in the area, while military aircraft movements and weather balloon flights are also checked, in case they may have been responsible for the sighting. Satellites are also responsible for a number of reports, basically because of public interest in satellites and the increasing number put into our skies. The movements of satellites and satellite debris are checked through the Department of Supply, which tabulates data on all satellites, regardless of country of origin. Because of the steadily increasing amount of traffic in our skies, and in space for that matter, (more than 500 pieces of satellite hardware are orbiting the earth at this minute), the task of identifying aerial sightings is assuming substantial proportions. The Department of Air cannot be expected to issue an immediate explanation for sightings publicised in the press until all the information has been obtained and assessed. Consequently, some days will have elapsed before its publication could be expected and, then, only if it is deemed necessary.

8. Reporting Procedure. The procedure to be adopted when reporting an unidentified aerial sighting is to write a letter to the nearest RAAF base or, alternatively, to the nearest police station giving your name and address and as much of the following information as you may be able to recall :-

(a) Date and time of the sighting;

(b) Length of time sighting under observation;

(c) Where the sighting took place;

(d) Position of the sighting when first observed (e.g., overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon etc.);

(e) What was it that attracted your attention; (e.g. light, noise);

(f) Did the sighting appear to be a light or a solid object;

(g) What was its colour;

(h) What was its apparent shape;

(j) If more than one sighting was concurrently observed, how many were there and what was their formation;

(k) Was any detail of the structure of the sighting observed;

(l) Was any method of propulsion obvious;

(m) Was there any sound (description, if any); and,

(n) Your estimate of the object's height, speed and direction of flight.

9. Now this last item is very important and I would venture to say that unless you have some experience in estimating height and speed your impression of any object's height, speed and direction of flight could be completely erroneous. Why this is so becomes clear when one realises that any estimation of speed requires that we have some idea of an object's height and this, in turn, requires that we have some idea of the true size of the object.

10. If a sighting appears as a light or is so far away that we cannot discern any detail about it other than that it appears to be an object, then we have nothing against which to compare its size. Consequently our estimation of its size and our impression of its height and speed are likely to be in error. For example, an aircraft flying overhead at 300 mph at a height of 5,000 ft.

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could easily give an observer the erroneous impression that he had sighted an object flying at 3,000 m.p.h., if he thought that the height was about 50,000 ft. Thistledown, less than one inch in diameter, which are blown up to 100 ft or so by the wind during our summer months, can appear as objects flying very high at fantastic speeds and capable of the most amazing manoeuvres, simply because their size is a matter of conjecture at the time. Similarly an aircraft flying directly away from the observer, particularly at night, could appear as a slowly descending or hovering object.

11. Since the size of the sighting, the direction of its flight and its distance from us is normally impossible to estimate accurately, it is better to make an estimate of the sighting's initial angle of elevations above the horizon, the angle through which it subsequently may appear to move and the time taken to do so.

The Identification of Aerial Sightings

12. Identified Sightings. With the information available from the aerial sighting report, an attempt is made to identify the sighting. In 9 out of 10 well reported cases this is usually possible. By far the greatest number of sightings have been attributed to astronomical phenomena, such as falling meteors or the view of a particular planet (such as Venus, Jupitor or Mars) which may have appeared unusual to the observer. Aircraft are responsible for the next highest percentage of sightings, while a variety of other causes, such as rockets of the firecrackers variety, weather balloons, satellite material and so on, combine to form the remainder. It is significant to note that our records show, both in 1963 and again in 1964, that the months during which the greatest number of aerial sightings were reported were also the months of greatest meteor activity. The months of July and August consistently bring in more sightings than any other month of the year.

13. Unidentified Sightings. The number of sightings which the Department is unable to identify from the information available has remained fairly consistently at around about two a year. Indeed, given sufficient time and effort, the number of unidentified sightings probably could be reduced further. One has to assess, however, whether the required additional time and effort is warranted. The Department of Air believes that there is, and always will be, a small number of sightings (due to high altitude phenomena, which are strange to the untrained eye) for which the available information will never be sufficient to enable an identification to be made. In other words it is just not possible to achieve a 100% record of successful identification. The ideal can be approached but not achieved, simply because the inaccuracies inherent in this type of work militate against its achievement. So much for experience in AUSTRALIA; what of the experience of overseas Air Forces such as for instance the USAF.

14. Experience in USA. Experience in the UNITED STATES runs parallel to our own. The Americans however handle many more reported sightings than we do, averaging from 400 to 600 each year. The analysis of all reported sightings in the USA has been the responsibility of the USAF Air Technical Intelligence Centre since investigations started in 1947. Since that time they have investigated some 9,000 reports.

15. In their effort to identify reported aerial sightings the Americans use automatic sorting and computing techniques, because these methods provide the best way to handle such great amounts of data. The written reports are reduced to IBM punch-card abstracts by means of logically developed forms and standardised evaluation procedures. The evaluation of the reports, a crucial step in the preparation of the data for statistical treatment, consists of an appraisal of the reports, the subsequent classifcation of the sighting, with the emphasis on complete consistency and objectivity. This consistency and objectivity can be maintained right through the analysis since the computer is a machine and not a man.

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16. A typical breakdown of American identification, before improved reporting and investigating procedures were introduced, would have been as follows:-

Astronomical phenomena:	25%	of total sightings
Aircraft:	20%	"
Balloons:	16%	"
Other causes (lights, birds, hoaxes):	13%	"
Reports with insufficient information:	17%	"
Unidentified reports:	9%	"

17. Reports classified under the heading of "insufficient information" are those for which an essential piece of information is missing. For example the omission of sighting time or location.

18. After the new procedure had been in operation for some 6 months, the percentage of sightings remaining unidentified was reduced to one third of the previous figures. The figures for this period then became:-

Astronomical phenomena:	23%	of total sightings
Aircraft:	21%	"
Balloons:	26%	"
Other causes:	20%	"
Reports with insufficient information	7%	"
Unidentified reports:	3%	"

19. The effect of the new reporting and investigating procedures has continued to be marked, reducing the percentage of those unidentified to 1.6% and, on one occasion, to as low as 0.7%. The Americans, in fact, believe the percentage can be reduced even further.

20. Experience in UK. In the UNITED KINGDOM a somewhat similar picture presents itself. There, all reports of unidentified aerial sightings are processed through Defence Ministry Air Intelligence, and an average of 9 out of 10 sightings have been identified. Astronomical phenomena and aircraft are once again the main reasons for sightings. The Defence Ministry is confident that with more reliable information and improved reporting procedures, the number unidentified could be substantially reduced. The Ministry shares the opinion with the Americans that the impossibility of devoting more time and money is the main factor preventing the achievement of a rational identification for every report.

Conclusions

21. I would like to repeat the main points I have made as I think they are important. Reports of unidentified aerial sightings have been assessed by the Department of Air for the past ten years or so. Nearly all of these sightings have been identified as either astronomical phenomena, aircraft, fireworks, balloons or satellite material re-entering the earth's atmosphere. Astronomical phenomena is responsible for the greatest number of sightings and it is significant that there is a noticeable relationship between the time of year when the greatest number of sightings are reported and the time when the greatest meteor activity is experienced. There tends to be an increase of reported sightings each year around about the main meteor stream dates, which it is hard to believe is purely coincidental, and conversely there are few reports during the principal gaps between dates of meteor activity.

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22. Both in the UK and USA, analyses of reported sightings have resulted in similar conclusions to our own. In the UNITED STATES, where some 9,000 sightings have been investigated over the past 18 years, scientific methods of data reduction have consistently demonstrated that there are no significant similarities between sightings which have not been identified. In fact improved reporting and evaluating procedures have markedly reduced the number of sightings falling into the "unidentified" category. Only the impossibility of providing an intensive effort and immense expence prohibits the expectation of a complete reduction of sightings, which currently remain unidentified and which now stands at around 2-3%.

23. The number of unidentified sightings each year in AUSTRALIA does not warrant such great effort or expense. Only where there is evidence that a threat to the security of the nation is involved (e.g. the possibility of foreign aircraft infringing our air space) would this attitude be reversed. The Department of Air believes that there always will be aerial sightings of high altitude phenomena which are strange to the untrained eye and that of these some will not be identified.

24. Finally, I would like to make it clear that the Department of Air never has denied the possibility that some form of life may exist on other planets in the universe. Just as we on earth are at the brink of our entry into space, it is not impossible that somewhere else in the universe (<u>if intelligent life does exist out there</u>), others have or are about to do the same. However, the Department has, so far, neither received nor discovered in AUSTRALIA any evidence to support the belief that the earth is being observed, visited or threatened by machines from other planets. Furthermore, there are no documents, files or dossiers held by the Department which prove the existence of "flying saucers".

25. For reasons already given, the Department will continue to assess all unidentified aerial sightings reported in AUSTRALIA and the TERRITORIES, and will continue to liaise with the UNITED STATES and UNITED KINGDOM on this matter.

26. Meanwhile and in conclusion, I have been asked to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation, on behalf of the Department of Air, to all those people who have taken the trouble to send reports to us. We believe they illustrate, quite conclusively, the alert and watchful attitude of the Australian public and that they demonstrate the high sense of civic responsibility which exists in our country.

25th August, 1965

MINISTERIAL PRESS RELEASE

RAAF PR S/3907/65

FRIDAY 30th JULY, 1965

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE PETER HOWSON, MP, MINISTER FOR AIR

RAAF REPORT ON SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT

The RAAF today released the following information on the reported sighting of a flying object in the Canberra area on 15th July last.

The sighting was made by a number of people, including Department of Civil Aviation officials, who were on duty at RAAF Base, Fairbairn.

The RAAF said that while the sighting could not positively be identified, its investigators believed there were several possible explanations.

Firstly, the sighting could have been caused by the non-persistent condensation trail of a high-flying jet aircraft.

Alternatively, the sighting could have been caused by the planet Venus which is clearly visible during the day under some conditions and whose position approximated the direction of the sighting at the time.

A third possible explanation offered was that the sighting could have been caused by a high altitude radar reflecting meteorological balloon used in wind forecasting and prediction.

These balloons which are hydrogen filled, are sent to a high altitude and are clearly visible from long distances, due to the reflecting sunlight.

Furthermore, due to the varying moisture content in the air close to the ground, they often appear very furry, or have a "halo-like" appearance giving a very distorted effect. They may also change colour. These balloons are in use by the meteorological authorities in the general area and a number are periodically released from Wagga NSW. On occasions under the influence of strong winds, they have been known to travel considerable distances.

The visibility at the time of the reported sighting was extremely clear, with no cloud and the fact that the phenomena suddenly disappeared, could be explained by the fact that these meteorological balloons normally burst at varying altitudes.

The RAAF said that as announced previously the service receives a considerable number of reports of unidentified objects from all sections of the community and all these reports are investigated.

On many occasions they have turned out to be weather balloons high-flying aircraft, satellites, stars and meteors to mention a few, and over the last few years, only three or four per-cent of sightings could not be satisfactorily explained.

For further information : Department of Air, Directorate of Public Relations, Russell Offices, CANBERRA, ACT. Telephone No Working Hrs 652321-22-23
After Hours 47476

EXTRACT FROM RAAF RICHMOND NEWSLETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 1965 Issue No 56.

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NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER MISTAKES NEPTUNE FOR FLYING SEMI-TRAILER:

There are many things for which one could mistake a NEPTUNE but a semi-trailer is not one of them nor is a VULCAN!

Yet this is what a staff photographer of one of the SYDNEY Sunday Newspapers claimed to see in the sky off MANLY at 7 p.m. one night about a month ago. Not only did he see it but he claimed to have photographed a mysterious flying object with a dazzling light surrounded by lots of red lights, giving the appearance of a semi-trailer at night. Two photographs of the report, was a dark shape, like that of a VULCAN V-Bomber; which made a noise which was neither like a jet nor a piston engine; he said the object appeared stationary for a minute or two then appeared to accellerate and rapidly disappeared. His statement of what he saw off MANLY was corroborated by a neighbour.

Your editor decided to conduct his own investigation and here are the results.

At 5.30 pm on the night concerned a NEPTUNE from No 11 Squadron, captained by Squadron Leader Jack Ingate, took off on a five hour night flying exercise off the coast from Sydney, during the exercise he dropped powerful parachute flares and also operated the aircraft searchlight briefly while off MANLY. He returned to RICHMOND after an uneventful exercise. This information had been communicated to Headquarters Operational Command before the flight to forestall reports of "mysterious light at sea" "distress signals off coast" "ship on fire at sea", such as have occurred in the past.

After the newspaper report of the mysterious lights in the sky, the above information was given to the newspaper through a RAAF Public Relations Officer. Not only did the newspaper not mention the obvious connection between the two events in its next issue - it printed two letters from readers who claimed to have seen the same lights.

It would appear that newspapers love their sensations particularly those involving UFO's and they are not particularly interested in mundane explanations. Flying semi-trailer indeed!

22nd September 1965

RJ.

C A P I O COMMONWEALTH AERIAL PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION ORGANISATION
Under the distinguished Patronage of Air Marshal Sir George Jones, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C.

[redacted]ent: PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B. Secretary: Mrs. SYLVIA SUTTON P.O. BOX 43, MOORABBIN, VIC., AUSTRALIA. Telephone: 95 1659

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100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.....Vic.

17th September, 1965.

The Director of Air Force Intelligence,
Rusell Offices,
CANBERRA....A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

I understand that your Department has received information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object at Nebo, North Queensland, on the 24th June last by a grazier named Roberts.

Are you able to confirm the sighting, and advise particulars of your evaluation?

Yours faithfully,

PETER E. NORRIS
President.

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1. Please see Flagged folios.
2. CHecked with mr. Brett in respect to folio 49. But. he ASSURES. me that the parcel you FORWARDED FOR ANALYSIS WAS ONLY A NORMAL Sample OF Gum leaves. with no ABNORMAL CHARACTERISTICS.

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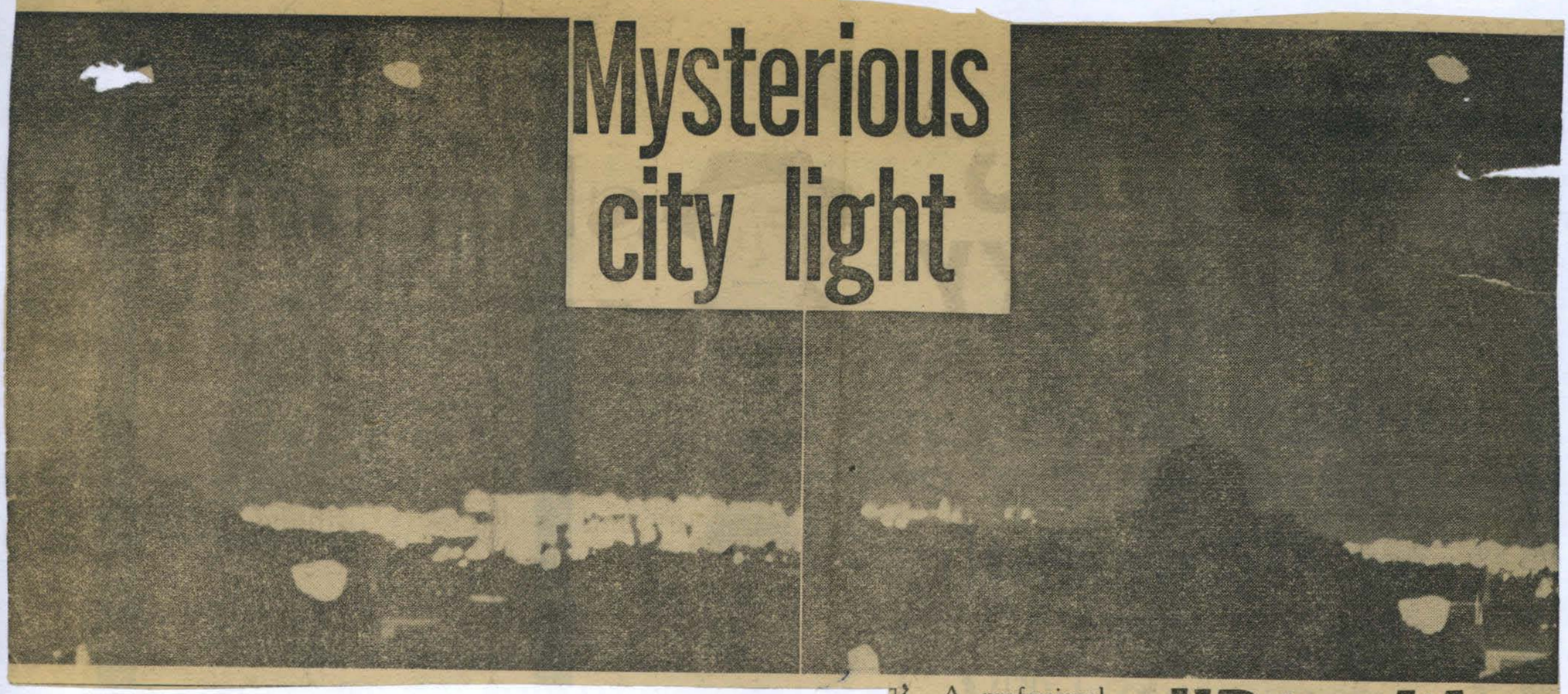
Mysterious city light



A professional photographer took these strange pictures of a brilliant white moving light over Manly this week.

The photographer, Mr Frank Burke, of "The Sun-Herald" staff said: "It looked for all the world like a semi-trailer lit up.

"This effect came from a cluster of four to five small red lights which appeared to outline the white light."

The light, which appeared for about three minutes at seven o'clock on Monday night, hung motionless for almost a minute and Mr Burke was able to run inside for his camera and make two exposures.

The light then moved slowly northwards accompanied by a loud engine noise unlike either a jet or helicopter engine.

The light, shown in relationship to a cloud bank, has moved northwards in the second picture on the right.

At first Mr Burke thought the light was a low-flying aircraft, a helicopter or a flare.

But the light was much too bright to be the navigation lights—as the pictures show.

● 'DARK SHAPE'

If the light had been a flare it would have dropped slowly, Mr Burke said.

Instead the light appeared to have kept a constant altitude before it disappeared from sight.

An R.A.A.F. spokesman told "The Sun-Herald" he had not checked definite flight schedules for Monday night but it was "extremely unlikely" that the light had been an Air Force plane.

Describing the "pool of light," Mr Burke said: "What I couldn't understand was the red lights which seemed to surround the centre white light.

"At first I thought it must have been a Vulcan bomber because I thought I could pick out a dark V shape behind the light.

"But if it was a plane it must have been the slowest aircraft in the world."

Mr Burke's son, Kimbal, 12, said: "I was sitting looking out of the window when I saw the light in the sky.

"I watched it for three minutes altogether.

● 'LOW, SLOW'

"It just moved across the sky — like a slow plane. As it went above our house there were lights on all parts of it.

"There were red ones and a few white ones too.

"It made a noise like a plane—a very thundering noise.

"Personally, I think it could have been a plane, but because it was so low and slow it could have been a U.F.O., too."

FOOTNOTE: Mr Burke took his photographs on 35mm. Tri-X film with an f1.4 50 mm. lens wide open at half a second. The camera was hand held, causing slight blurring of lights in the photograph. The photograph shows the lights of Manly and the lights of the Eastern Suburbs above them to the right.

"Din like thunder"

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IN REPLY QUOTE.....

14th September, 1965.

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

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14 SEP 1965

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

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The attached copy of a letter from Mr. B.A. Lindroth, Goomalling, Western Australia, is forwarded for your information and, if warranted, investigation.

It is confirmed that there were no known civil aircraft movements in the area at or near the alleged time of sighting.

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

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16 SEP 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

D. C. A.
Perth

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RCD. 30 AUG 1965
FILE 63/1966

Mr BASIL A. LINDROTH
c/o CLANCY MOTORS.
GOOMALLING.

Dear Sir,

Earlier tonight while attempting to sight the "Gemini 5 space craft a strange object was sighted by myself on the approx course as show on the enclosed map; time 6-52 — 6-53 PM 26th Aug 65.

When first sighted the object was immediately over head at a great height and within a minute or so was out of sight on the horizon; this object made no noise at all, but was a brilliant light which went on and off all the time of the sighting (as on a commercial aircraft), but for this to be an aircraft travelling so fast it would have to be fairly low and as there was no noise I myself would rule this out.

I am sending this to the D.C.A as I would like to know if a logical explanation is available for this; without being thought of as a crank.

Yours Truly
Basil A Lindroth

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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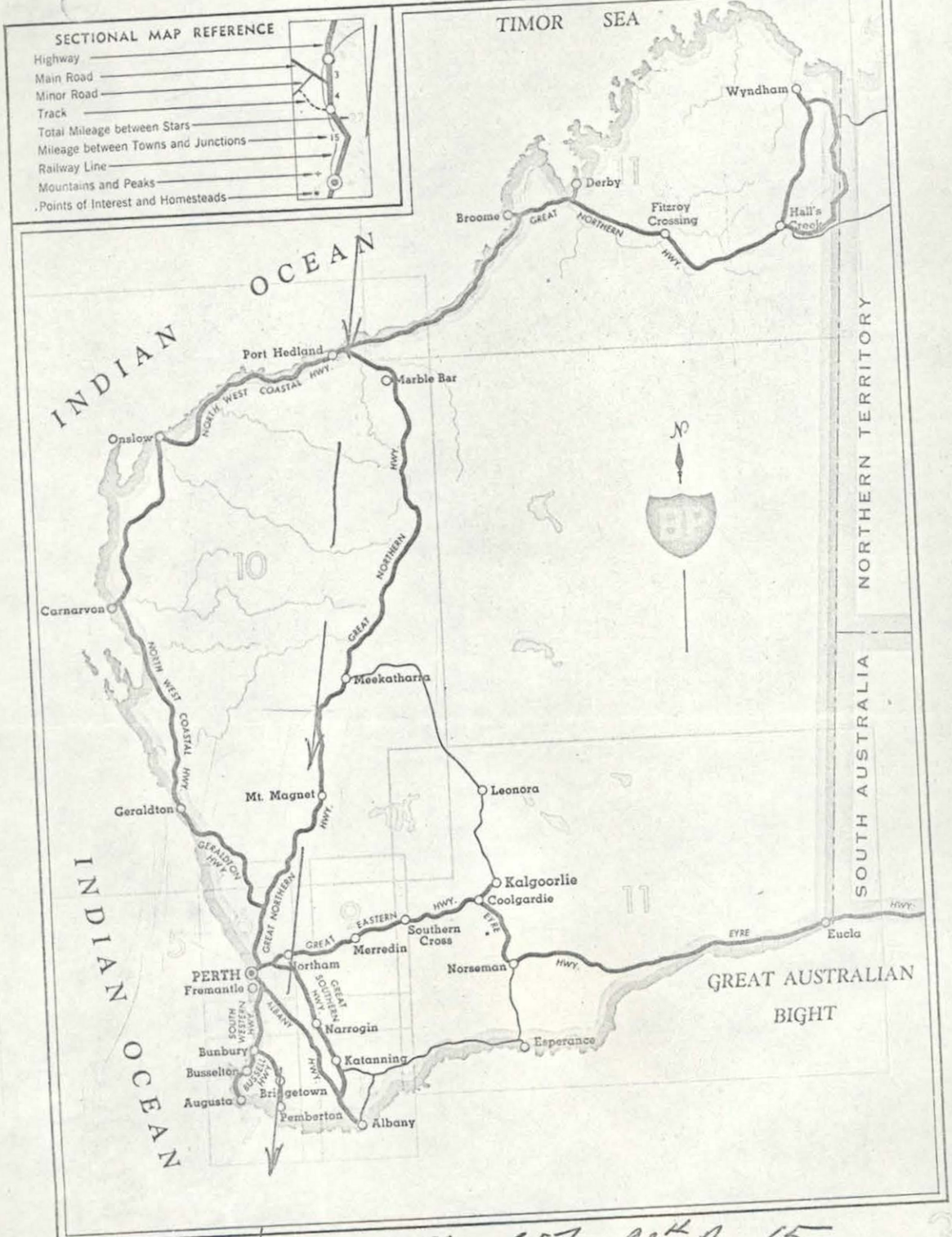

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The Secretary,
Department of External
Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

13 SEP 1965

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Attached is a copy of a memorandum recently received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

2. A copy of the memorandum has also been forwarded to the Department of Air.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.

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

Copy for your information.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.
Department of Territories

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In Reply Please Quote

No. C.5A

Port Moresby,

9th September, 1965.

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

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTING

The following coded signal was received yesterday from the District Commissioner, Wewak, based on a report by a local New Guinean:-

"369 AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GENERAL AREA OF IMONDA ON 31ST AUGUST AT 1400 HOURS STOP TRAVELLING 190 THROUGH 250 DEGREES HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 5000 FEET STRAIGHT WING SINGLE BOOM FUSELAGE SUSPECTED PISTON ENGINE CONVENTIONAL TWIN ENGINE CIVIL OWNERSHIP NO MARKING IDENTIFIED TYPE SIMILAR TO D.C.3 "

2. Department of Civil Aviation advise that they have no record of any aircraft operating in the stated area at the time indicated.

3. In view of the delay in receipt ofthe report it was considered unnecessary to forward the information by signal through the usual channels. It would be appreciated therefore, if you would pass the information to the Chairman of the J.I.C. for information D.A.F.I.

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(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DIGITISED IN SECTIONS

THE THING

Strange story of the goings-on above an English town

ARTHUR SHUTTLEWOOD is editor of the Warminster Journal, a weekly newspaper published in a small country town in south-west England. This is his story. It appeared in the mass-circulation British newspaper, the Daily Mirror.

With 30 years as a journalist behind me, I am chief reporter and editor of the Warminster Journal, selling about 4000 copies each Friday, yet avidly read by more than the town's population of 11,000.

Frankly, I'm a very tired editor at present after eight of the most hectic months imaginable in a country town. Used to a working week of 60 hours, this has soared to an average of over 85 during the past month alone.

Why? Because of the Incredible, Sensational, Stupendous and fantastic **THING!**

And I use these glowing terms deliberately . . . I've been itching to do so ever since the first Thing story broke on Christmas Day.

Weird

Look at this picture. It was taken by Warminster factory worker Gordon Faulkner last Sunday week (August 28). I think it is the only photograph of The Thing.

But the story really began months ago . . .

Weird crackling noises in the early morning sky turned a normal and pleasant mother into a frightened human.

They came overhead, a peculiar droning accompanying them, then seemed to descend on her savagely, pushing her back against a wall, leaving her jelly-legged.

The same morning Warminster's head postmaster, level - headed Mr Roger Rump, heard the same noises.

"Just as though our rooftop was being roughly battered — as if the 5000 tiles were being ripped off and loudly slammed back into place again," was how he described it.

Pace

Among the dozens of

quently worked long into the night, some reports pouring into my phone receiver at between 2.30 and 5 a.m.

A village vicar and his family, plus a hospital physiotherapist, reported "a glowing cigar-shaped thing having a black circular patch or aperture at the bottom."

A retired factory security man and his wife saw "twin red hot pokers hanging downwards, a black space between."

A good 70 per cent of all visual reports since then have particularly stressed "huge eyes in the sky" or "car headlights glaring down."

Having seen Mr Faulkner's remarkable, almost awe-inspiring photo upside-down, I now see what these people meant.

Altogether I've dealt with 190 pieces of evidence in less than nine months.

Soared

Surprise visitors came from America, Italy, Germany, France and Britain.

The town's population of 11,000 soared overnight to over 18,000, hundreds of cars parked in the country lay-bys for miles around, hotels, restaurants, pubs and clubs chock-a-block with guests or callers in search of The Thing or new knowledge.

Warminster is near Salisbury Plain, with its Army training centres. And there are several airfields — as well as the aero-research station as Boscombe Down.

But all the military authorities deny any responsibility for the strange phenomena.

A random spot-check of public opinion I carried out among 100 people told me that 15 per cent think it feasible we are under aerial survey from another planet.

Most of the others feel this "absolute rot."

Truth

Often battered, bothered and bewildered by the longest, most baffling, most persistent and bizarre news story ever to hit Warminster headlines, I can only now record that some sections of the populace are frightened, very worried over The Thing's visits.

And they want to know the truth about it.

Open minded at the start, completely unbiased one way or the other in "flying saucer" contentions and denials, writing objectively throughout as a reporter is trained to do to inform his public correctly, what do I think about The Thing?

So far as I'm concerned, it really is OUT OF THIS WORLD!

It's an effort to admit that, too.

Last (expert) words

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And the Daily Mirror Air Reporter Peter Harris comments: "Sorry, but this picture is just too good to be true. I don't say flying saucers—or "things" —**CAN'T** exist. Just that this picture does not convince me."



THIS is the pic

The man who took it

YOUNG Gordon Faulkner stepped out of the back door of his home. It was the evening of Sunday, August 29. He was going to see his mother. And he was taking his camera because his sister had asked to borrow it.

He shut the door behind him . . . and suddenly he saw "The Thing." This is how 23-year-old Gordon, a factory worker, described what happened:

"As it flew fast and low over the south of the town I could just make out the unusual shape. It made no noise. Hurriedly I got my camera free and aimed. The line of flight was too fast to follow.

So I held the camera well in front of it and pressed the trigger as it entered the view-finder. I didn't dream I'd get anything on film at all. It shook me rigid when I saw what came out of it

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And the Daily Mirror Air Reporter Peter Harris comments: "Sorry, but this picture is just too good to be true. I don't say flying saucers—or "things" —**CAN'T** exist. Just that this picture does not convince me."



THIS is the pic

he man who took it

NG Gordon Faulkner stepped out of back door of his home. It was the ing of Sunday, August 29. He was g to see his mother. And he was tak- his camera because his sister had d to borrow it.

shut the door behind him . . . and sud- he saw "The Thing." This is how 23-year- Gordon, a factory worker, described what ened:

s it flew fast and low over the south of the I could just make out the unusual shape. ade no noise. Hurriedly I got my camera and aimed. The line of flight was too fast llow.

I held the camera well in front of it and ed the trigger as it entered the view-finder. n't dream I'd get anything on film at all. It me rigid when I saw what came out of it

don sent the picture to the Warminster l. He thought the editor would scoff. But n't scoff. THIS WAS A SCOOP.

he camera? It's a Halina 35 mm., which infinity at

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Attached, for information, is a report of a sighting of an unusual aerial object over Launceston Tasmania on 26 August 65.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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9 SEP 1965
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer R. GROVES

2. Address of Observer 24 Claremont Street, Launceston.

3. Occupation of Observer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
26 0845 Z

5. Period of Observation(s) 15 minutes

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

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
one NW direction - travelling to SE - 2nd object travelling in opposite direction

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

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

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
two moving in opposite direction

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

12. What was its apparent shape round - size golf balls

13. Was any detail of structure observable
NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation overhead - over LT

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Slow speed

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
approx. line NW/SE over centre LAUNCESTON

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

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

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

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Broken cloud 2500' with lower patches 1200'

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

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

27. Any additional information Probable explanation: sighting was stars given appearance of movement by low wind blowing over Launceston and Airport - Launceston Tower Controller was unable to obtain sighting of any objects.

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from Headquarters DARWIN of an unusual sighting by the crew of vessel "Iron Yampi" on 24th August 1965. A report of an aerial object observed by Mr R.A. Roberts of Daunia Station Via NEBO QLD on 24th June 1965 is also attached.

2. No action has been taken at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

5/4/Air (28)

26th August 1965

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. The following message was received in the form of a telegram from the vessel " Iron Yampi" to this Headquarters:-

" RADIO IRONYAMPI VJKW DARWIN RADIO NT 51 2500Z

RAAF DARWIN NT

1700Z AUGUST 24TH LAT 1048 SOUTH LONG 13315 EAST OBSERVED UFO PASSING OVERHEAD AT APPROX 80 ALTITUDE IN VIEW FOR 52 SECONDS HORIZON TO HORIZON FROM SOUTHWEST AND PROCEEDING NORTHEAST VERY HIGH AND ON STRAIGHT COURSE BRIGHT RED ALMOST ORANGE BODY LEAVING A TRAIL OF WHITE

P.READ SECOND OFFICER" .

A.K. Carruthers

(A.K.CARRUTHERS)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ..Roland.Aubrey.ROBERTS.....

2. Address of Observer .....Daunia.Station.via.Nebo.....

3. Occupation of Observer .....Grazier.....

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

.....24th.June,1965.1845.Hrs.....

5. Period of observation (s).....30.seconds.....

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

...W.A.C..No.3234.Clermont.area..Position.148!16.East.22!7.South.
...Visual.....
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.....

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

...Coming.towards.observer.from..towards.S.W..approximately.
.....

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

...Just.looking.at.the.Sky.to.see.if.any.clouds.were.budding up that may contain rain when I noticed the lights

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

...As.a.definate.object.with.lights.around.the.side.of.it.brilliant bluish white

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

.....One.object.sighted.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object..Silver.dome.top.and.black under neath.This would be caused by the brilliant lights.

12. What was its apparent shape Saucer.shaped.with.a.dome.....
.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable .Yes.dome.top.and.rows.of.lights alon g the side ond across the front.
.....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .It.had.a.constant.red.jet.tail or slip stream at the rear the colour did not vary.

15. Was there any sound ..Could.hear.no.sound.....

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

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity ..No.idea.of.speed.but.travelling.at.terrific speed.

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

..Was.using.trees.in.the.area.as.a.yard.stick.to.guess.the.height.
has seen jets flying but never seen anything move as fast as the object observed. More or less from when the abject sighted on the western Horizion until it vanished in a N.E. Direction and lost on the horizion.

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

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Report on aerial object observed (Contd)

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

From Appror S.W. Direction turned about 1 mile from where I was standing at the homestead gate the went

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

Turned onto another heading N.E. when near Daunia Station.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Yes. Red tail.

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

Over horizon

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

None

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

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
None

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

27. Any additional information The object sighted would have been between 30 to 50 feet across. With bluish white light seperated by black patches. uprights Could see no legs or landing gear under the object.

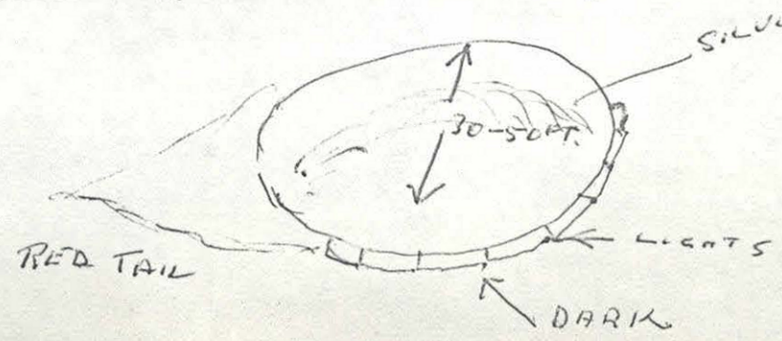
The observer is a sober and reliable person.

Witness
R.W.Rooke
Sen Const No.5420.

Signature
R. A.Roberts.

R. A. Roberts.

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



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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from the Department of Civil Aviation concerning an unusual aerial object sighted at Kimberly Tasmania on 3rd July 1965.

2. An earlier report submitted to your Department vide 5/6/Air(87) 10 Aug 65 should read "29th JULY 65" as the date of sighting in the case of Mr M.L. Taylor.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .....Mrs. Bloomfield.....

2. Address of Observer .....Kimberly Tasmania (tel Kimberly, 35).....

3. Occupation of Observer .....Housewife (Farming family).....

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

.....032315k July 1965.....

5. Period of Observation(s) .....15 minutes approx.....

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

.....Visual Observation point was at farm house situated 2 miles east.....

.....from hill where object was seen. This hill is knwon as "billgoathill".

.....although this is thought to be a local name only.....

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

.....above and behind hill.....

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

.....bright lights.....

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

.....Actual object not seen only lights coming from it.....

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

.....one only.....

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

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

.....

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

.....

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

15. Was there any sound ..Yes. Observer stated that object was emmitting an engine sound, like a loud humming.

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation .....Unknown.....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .....Slow descent, then stationery, then slow ascent

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

.....Nil.....

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

south (observer was uncertain about this)

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

descended, was stationery, then ascended

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

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

behind hill

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

observer did no proceed to location of sighting, however country is reported to be very rough

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

raining and low cloud

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

Nil

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

Nil

27. Any additional information Observer was quite adamant that object was airborne and stated she thought it was an aeroplane in distress or helicopter hovering looking for a suitable landing place. The lights mentioned appeared to be slanting down similar to landing lights of an aircraft. The lights were so bright that they clearly illuminated a herd of cattle in a nearby paddock.

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

Un-signed

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are copies of statements made by two members of No 16 ALA Squadron on an unidentified flying object sighting.

2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AIR HAZARD

by 28413 Capt B. J. O'NEILL on 22 Jul 65.

GENERAL

1. At 220918Z, whilst flying in CESSNA A98 - 144 en route from AMBERLEY to DALBY at Flight Level 65, an unusual light was observed by myself and my student 2Lt V. T. SALMON.

DESCRIPTION

2. At the time of the first sighting, my aircraft was on a magnetic heading of 273° at FL 65 and approx 15 miles EAST of DALBY. The light was observed in a position approximately 10-15 miles NORTH of DALBY, being slightly to the right of my track at that time, and appeared to be in a stationary position slightly above the ill-defined horizon.

3. As I then believed it to be the navigation light of another aircraft, I drew SALMON's attention to the light and we both observed it to change colour from RED through WHITE then GREEN to RED again in a continuing cycle, without noticeably changing its original position. I noted the time as being 220918Z and called BRISBANE AERADIO on frequency 120.7 mcs to ask if there was any other known air traffic in the DALBY area at that time. BRISBANE replied to the negative and communication on both VHF and HF was lost before details of the sighting could be passed.

4. The light remained in sight for a further ten minutes as we continued on our original heading, but gradually lessened in intensity, giving me the IMPRESSION that the object displaying the light was :-

(a) Airborne

(b) Flying on a similar heading to our own - 273°M - (as there was no noticeable lateral or vertical displacement of the light throughout the observed period)

(c) Travelling at a faster speed than our own aircraft (TAS approx 105 kts)

5. Contact with the light was eventually lost at approximately 220928Z, my aircraft at that stage being overhead the Broadcasting Station at DALBY and the light having faded into the distance on the Western horizon, still, on last sighting, changing colour in the sequence already noted.

6. Despite continual attempts to make radio contact with BRISBANE on 120.7 mcs in 5499 kcs and AMBERLEY on 135.9 mcs, it was not possible to pass information on this sighting until approximately 220945Z when contact was again made with BRISBANE AERADIO on 120.7 mcs.

CONCLUSION

7. Subsequent questioning of other Squadron pilots more familiar with this area than myself failed to reveal the presence of any beacons mounted on TV masts, etc., in the area. In any case such explanation of the light is unacceptable in terms of the diminishing intensity as we approached its source, and its apparent elevation when first sighted. Secondly, I am reluctant to consider the light as some phenomena associated with the "heavenly bodies" due to its initial brightness and final obscurity. Finally, it is noted that this is the first time that I have ever noted such an occurance in nearly 1800 hrs of flying time spanning the last eight years.

(B. J. O'NEILL) Capt
16 Army Lt Ac Sqn

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STATEMENT BY : 19993 2Lt V. T. SALMON

OF : Unidentified object

AT : Approx. 10 miles North of DALBY

ON : 220918Z - 220928Z

Object was first sighted by my instructor Capt B. J. O'NEILL while we were flying from AMBERLEY to DALBY on the first leg of a night navigation exercise.

We were flying at flight level 65 on a heading of 273° Magnetic.

The object appeared to be a flashing red, white and green light much the same as the rotating beacon on a SIOUX helicopter. It appeared to be at about the same level as ourselves.

Capt O'NEILL contacted BRISBANE AIR RADIO and enquired as to whether there was any other traffic in the vicinity at that time. When BRISBANE AIR RADIO replied their answer was that there was no known traffic in the area.

In the meantime the light appeared to be moving away from us on approx. the same heading and finally disappeared at 220928Z.

Salmon.

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(V. T. SALMON) 2Lt
16 Army Lt Ac Sqn

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. The following reports were received by the Duty Operations Officer at this Headquarters:

(a) From Mr J. Clayden of 16 Hunter Street, LEWISHAM who is Private Secretary to the Minister for Transport NSW:-

"Saw a light alternating between green, red and white above the horizon. It stayed in the same plane and six people sighted it. The sighting was from a homestead at WOODSTOCK 14 miles east of COWRA looking south. The time was 1250 PM on the 1st August 1965".

(b) From Mr Musgrave telephone 350477 day, 484565 night:

"While sitting in a parked car with two friends in Kite Street ORANGE at 1015 AM on the 4th August they noticed what appeared to be a helicopter approaching from the South West. However, when the object came nearer there appeared to be no wheels and no rotor blades. The object was silver in colour and had what appeared to be an aerial sticking out of the top. It moved slowly and came within one mile of the town at approximately 3000 feet altitude and departed in a South Easterly direction. It remained in sight for ten minutes."

2. No action has been taken on either sighting at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached for information is a report of an July aerial object sighted at Longford Tasmania on 29th June 65. The sighting occurred on the same day as that reported from Launceston which was forwarded to your Department by 5/6/Air(80) 14th July.

2. Both reports mentioned above were received separately from the Department of Civil Aviation, Victoria-Tasmania Region.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..M.L. TAYLOR.....

2. Address of Observer .....LONGFORD "MOSSBRY".....

3. Occupation of Observer .....

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

.....29.2205.-.2210.local.....

5. Period of Observation(s) .....8-10.seconds.....

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

.....10.miles.from.Longford.on.Patina.Road...Observer...

.travelling.in.southerly.direction.....

.....

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

.....object.at.right.angle.N.W..direction.....

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

.....Vivid.light.blue.....

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

.....circular.light.with.flash.....

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

.....one.object.....

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

12. What was its apparent shape .....circular surrounding flash.....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable .....as for 12.....

.....

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

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

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation .....201000' 30-40° above horizon.....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .....No info.....

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

.....NIL.....

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

.....Stationary to observer.....

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

.....observer moving in car - object appeared stationary in relation to car.

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

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

.....Disappeared while observer slowing down.....

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

NIL

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

.....Fine.....

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

.....NIL.....

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

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27. Any additional information .Observer trainee pilot with Tas. Aero Club - stated light more vivid and bluer than lightning flash.

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

At 29 225 Local time checked with VH-BAA en route ML/LT position 40°S 2225 and requested info re. possible sighting. Crew report at approx. 2205 very bright falling star or satellite re-entry observed.

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IN REPLY Encl. 12A
QUOTE 128.1.21 RCD 22nd July 1965
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

The Secretary,
Department of Civil Aviation,
"Henty House",
399 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE C.1. VIC.

REPORT OF U.F.O. IN MILNE BAY AREA.

Attached for your information is a report on an unidentified flying object sighted by the officer in charge of the Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district Milne Bay district of New Guinea.

2. The report was received from the Department of Territories.

(Sgd.)
(L. MacLean)
Secretary.

C O P Y.

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Patrol Post,
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED.

On Tuesday 25th May 1965 at about 8 P.M. in the evening I was relaxing after dinner when I noticed a flash of light in a South Westerly direction. The light was blue in colour and appeared unusual. I investigated to see what had caused the flash thinking it may have been the house girl in the spare room with a torch. This was not the case and put it down to lighting. However it was repeated a few moments later and I saw that it came from outside. When I went out I saw a light at what I estimated to be between 5,000 and 8,000 feet above sea level over Karogorea Bay. The light appeared to me to be yellow green in colour (I have a colour - red green - complex). My wife said when she saw it that it was changing from red to green which would explain my difficulty in identifying the true colour.

We watched the U.F.O. and it appeared to be wavering back and forth and moving up and down slightly. The appearance was one of a hovering light. We watched it for about ½ an hour (Between 2000 and 2030 hrs.). The light given off from the U.F.O. was sufficient to light up the beach as a new or 1st quarter moon would. I attempted to take two photographs of it by time exposure and these may give some idea as to what it was.

Eventually the object dropped slightly then rose and disappeared in what we took to be a westerly direction.

The night was overcast to some extent in that area and now stars were showing - this appeared to be below the cloud layer. To the South at Karogorea village it was raining. No other people apparently saw this as I made enquiries with a negative result. The native house girl also witnessed the proceedings.

I would not like to make any suggestions as to what it was as it was nothing like I have seen before.

For your information please.

(sgd.) K.E. Hollamby
Officer in Charge.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached, for information, is a report by Mr G.J. Evans of Frankston Victoria concerning an un-identified flying object on 3rd August 1965.

2. Mr Evans telephoned this Headquarters on the morning of the sighting and was requested to submit the questionnaire paper in the interests of the Air Force.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer GRAHAM JOHN EVANS.

2 Address of Observer 44 SUMMIT ROAD, FRANKSTON.

3 Occupation of Observer SUPERVISOR – GAS & FUEL CORP.

4 Date and Time of Observation 3-8-65. 6-10 AM
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) APPROX 2-3 MINUTES.

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

I. WAS STANDING AT CORNER OF YUILLE AND WILLIAM STS FRANKSTON.

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)

ALMOST OVERHEAD – IF ANYTHING IT WOULD BE SOUTH OF OVERHEAD.

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)

I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT I THOUGHT WERE 2 STARS WHEN I STARTED TO DRAW AWAY

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object

LIGHT

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation

ONE FIRST AND ANOTHER LATER ON A DIFFERENT TRAJECTORY.

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object SAME AS A STAR.

12 What was its Apparent Shape UNKNOWN

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable NO.

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO

15 Was There any Sound NO.

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation * } SEE EXPLANATION

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity * } AT REAR OF SIGNED COPY.

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

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17

NIL

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass

SOUTH TO NORTH

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all

IT WENT ON THE SAME PROJECTORY BUT STOPPED A FEW TIMES

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen NO.

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)

I DID NOT SEE END OF FLIGHT BECAUSE I WAS DISTRACTED BY SECOND UFO.

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence

NIL

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)

GOOD.

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

ONE TAA ELECTRA ETA ESSENDON 0649K FROM PERTH - ie WEST TO EAST.

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

MET STATIONS AT LAVERTON AND ESSENDON. BOTH STATIONS RELEASE LIGHTED WEATHER BALLOONS FOR UPPER WIND-FINDING PURPOSES AT 0315K.

27 Any Additional Information

THESE BALLOONS HAVE RATE OF ASCENT OF 500 FT PER MIN - ie AT TIME OF SIGHTING OF UFOs, BALLOONS WOULD BE APPROX 90,000 FT AND NOT VISIBLE TO NAKED EYE - IF, THAT IS, THEY WERE STILL AIRBORNE.

G Adams

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

I WAS WAITING FOR A LIFT IN THE MANS CAR WHO LIVES AT CORNER OF YONGE & WILLIAMS STS WHEN MY EYES WERE ATTRACTED TO WHAT I THOUGHT WERE 2 BRIGHT STARS.

ONE OF THE "STARS" STARTED TO DRAW AWAY FROM THE OTHER AT A GREAT SPEED ~~AND~~ DUE NORTH BUT AFTER A SHORT PERIOD (SECONDS) IT STOPPED AND THEN MOVED OFF AT A SLOWER PACE, BUT STILL FAST.

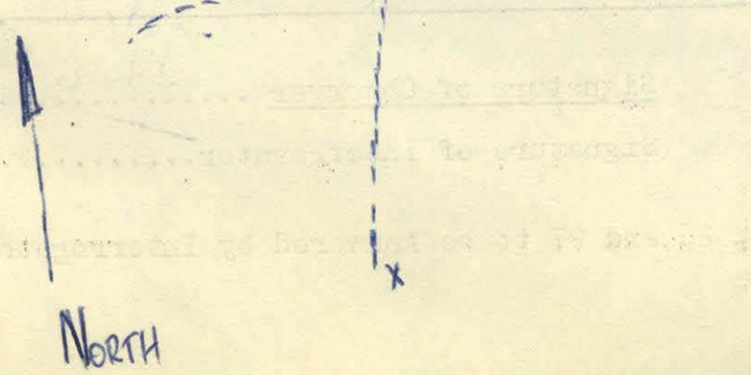
I RAN IN TO GET TOM (SURNAME UNKNOWN) AND HE JOINED ME TO WITNESS WHAT HAPPENED FROM THIS POINT.

WE SAW THE UFO STOP AND START A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT WHEN IT WAS TRAVELING IT REALLY MOVED.

THEN WHEN IT WAS ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE CLOSE TO THE HORIZON (NORTH WE WERE ON A HILL) WE SAW ANOTHER UFO APPEAR FROM WEST TO EAST THIS ONE HAD 2 FLASHING WHITE LIGHTS ON IT. IT WAS TRAVELING VERY FAST AND VERY HIGH (BUT NEITHER TOM OR I ARE ANY DECENT JUDGE OF HEIGHTS)

I ESTIMATE APPROX ½ TO 1 MINUTE FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON. IF I KNEW A SPACECRAFT WAS THERE I WOULD SAY THIS WAS IT WE DID NOT SEE END OF FLIGHT OF FIRST UFO DUE TO BEING DISTRACTED BY SECOND UFO. THEY WERE 2 DIFFERENT OBJECTS ENTIRELY.

G. Nixon



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

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Unidentified Flying Objects.

The following is the text of a report received from Mr. C.N.K. Bell, P.O. Box 1010, Darwin regarding the sighting of an unidentified object on 13th June, 1965.

> "At 2107 hours a bright yellow ball of fire was sighted 20°W of N while at Mudginberri Station. It had a trail of bright blue when sighted falling toward the sea. The yellow ball was approximately the size of threepence and the tail 3" long - then appeared a white ring around it. On disappearing into the sea (or horizon) there was a brilliant blue (whitish) flash.
> Time was checked with Mr. Ken Gosfer of Mudginberri Station (Manager) who also saw the object. Time being 9/37 p.m.".

We have no record of any Civil aircraft movements which would account for the sighting by Mr. Bell.

This report is referred for your information and, if warranted, further investigation.

(W.J. Molloy)
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

5th August, 1965

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information is a copy of reports on the above subject received from Department of Territories.

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Port Moresby,

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Attached please find report of an unidentified flying object sighted at Deboyne Lagoon, Misima Sub-District, Milne Bay District, on 18th July, 1965. It would be appreciated if you would pass this information on to the Director of Air Force Intelligence.

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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Nivani Plantation,
Deboyne Plantation,
24th. July, 1965.

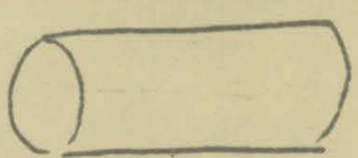
The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Sunday 18th

Dear Sir:

Un-identified Flying Object

On the morning of Sunday 18th. July I awoke hearing a noise like a diesel vessel approaching. I looked at my bedside clock and it read 11 p.m. Then i noticed a red glare outside on the hill side and immediately thought the dry grass in the plantation was afire so I immediately went outside the house to have a look. The red glow was coming from an object in the sky which was a glowing red colour and shaped like this:



It looked from my position to be about 3 ft long and 1 ft. thick and may have been about 1,000 feet up but this is difficult to judge at sight.

It cruised forward and backward three times not turning on the return run but reversing on its own tracks, the distance it travelled forward and backwards over my house being ½ mile. All the time it gave off a noise like a diesel vessel.

I went to the house and used the plantation phone and called my Overseer and he and several boys immediately came to my house. I went outside to meet them but the object had disappeared and also the noise. The boys say they also heard the noise and thought the vessel "Koonwarra" which was expected was coming. However, they did not see the object as they remained indoors with the shutters and door of their house closed.

I did not report this immediately as I was afraid of being ridiculed but several days later I visited Buaruada and three or four Europeans there reported having seen the same object on Saturday night the 17th. July and again on Sunday night the 18th. at approximately the same time of the night, i. e. 11 p.m. They saw it again Monday night.

Yours faithfully,

.....
(Mrs.) Nancy Miller.

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MEMORANDUM for:

DAFI

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

DAFI 16-6-65

The Secretary,
Department of Civil Aviation,
CANBERRA A.C.T.

3 AUG 1965

REPORT OF UFO IN SAMARAI AND MILNE BAY AREAS

Attached for your information is a copy of reports on the above subject received from Department of Territories.

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Port Moresby,

26th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Attached please find copy of a report received from the District Commissioner, Samarai, concerning information of another sighting of a bright light west of TEWATEWA in the Samarai Sub-District, on 5th July, 1965. It would be appreciated if you would pass this information on to the Director of Air Force Intelligence.

2. A similar report concerning a sighting on 17th June, 1965, over SEWATAITAI in the Esa'ala Sub-District of the Milne Bay District was inadvertently forwarded direct to the Director of Air Force Intelligence on 13th July, 1965, and I attach hereto a copy of that report for your information.

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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Attch.

Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

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12th July, 1965.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORESBY.

Report of Unidentified Flying Object.
Tewatewa, Samarai Islands, Samarai Sub-district.

I append two copies of Confidential memorandum dated 12th July 1965 from Mr. C.V. Single District Officer, who was on patrol in the Samarai Islands Census Division of the Samarai Sub-district at the time of the sighting.

(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration.
c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Samarai.
c.c. Mr. C.V. Single at Samarai.

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District Office,
Samarai,
Milne Bay District

12th July 1965

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District

LIGHT IN THE NIGHT SKY

On the night of Monday the 5th of July, a bright white light was seen from the Poseidon, at the time anchored at TEWATEWA. It was seen by myself, Mr. K. Furphy C.P.O., the ship's boatswain and members of the crew.

STAR/PLANET?

The light was sighted at 1856 local time and remained visable until 1903 when it went out or disappeared. It was on a bearing of West (270 compass) from the Poseidon, and at an elevation of about 10 degrees above the horizon.

The light was much brighter than any star visable then or later, and the clear white quality of its light, and its position in relation to land, rule out bush fires as an explination.

The boatswain reported to Captain Faiteli, who logged the report.

C. V. Single

C. V. Single
District Officer

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Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.
5th July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object - SEHULEA.

Reference: My coded telegram 002 of 3/7/65 from Sehulea

Further to my reference telegram I respectfully advise that I conducted diligent inquiries through all villages and hamlets of SUPUPU and KERORGEA Bay on 2/7/65 and 3/7/65 and was able to corroborate the information contained therein in that six (6) other persons of KESAGA Hamlet of WEIOKO Village saw the subject phenomenon. One reason why other witnesses were not found is that the night of sighting was so cold that most persons were indoors.

2. It is further advised that during the course of these investigations another recent sighting by village people was reported by Councillor David of MWATEBU who said that

> "On 17th June an object passed over Sewataitai at about 7 pm from the direction of Sanaroa Island towards Sewa Bay. It made no sound but emitted a bright beam of red light directed towards the earth. The light fluctuated in intensity. It did not appear to be travelling very fast but did not stop or hover. This object was seen by approximately 100 people from MWATEBU who were camped in company in the open near Sewataitai after doing maintenance work on the MWATEBU - SEWATAITAI road".

This statement was taken by me from the Councillor in the presence of the other witnesses who agreed that his description was correct.

(sgd.) M.L. Mackellar

a/Assistant District Commissioner

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G.P.O., MELBOURNE.

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339 SWANSTON STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

3rd August, 1965.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

The Establishment Security Officer, Woomera, has advised in the following terms :-

"HOGAN COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS PORT AUGUSTA REPORTS THAT GANG WORKING AT 639 MILES (APPROXIMATELY 70 MILES WEST OF COOK) SAW U.F.O. BETWEEN 0835 AND 0845 30 JUL 65 TO SOUTH OF RAILWAY LINE. APPEARED HOVERING SILVER COLOUR REFLECTING SUN'S RAYS. WATCHED FOR TEN MINUTES BY FIVE MEN.

DISAPPEARED WITH A FLASH E S O MARA MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM ROADMASTER COOK."

The matter has been reported to the local RAAF authorities and is forwarded for your information and any further action considered appropriate.

J. A. R. Best

CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

C.D.O. 2935 H2657

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/1/Air(67)

29 JUL 1965

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from Headquarters DARWIN of an unusual sighting by a Mr F. Muir of MURELLA PARK.

2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

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22nd July 1965

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH IW NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Mr Frank Muir of Murella Park reported, via DARWIN Radio, to this Base of the sighting of an unusual object on the 15th July 1965.

2. He stated that he had observed a brilliant white light in the sky at moonrise for a period of 5 to 8 minutes. The light appeared to be South to South South West of Mt Cahill (12.50S 132.43E). Distance and height were not stated.

3. The report also added that this was the third sighting over a period of time dating from approximately the beginning of the last wet season (November 1964).

A.K. Carruthers
(A.K. CARRUTHERS)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

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Department of Air
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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached for information is a copy of a report by Master D. Webster of Hobart of an unusual aerial object on 29th June 1965.

2. The report was received from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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26 JUL 1965
AIR REGISTRY
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer DAVID WEBSTER (11 years of age)

2. Address of Observer 219 Derwent Avenue, Lindisfarne, Hobart.

3. Occupation of Observer Schoolboy (on paper run)

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
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5. Period of Observation(s) 10 secs.

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Visual observation from Main Road, Lindisfarne. Approx. ½ mile from Tasman Bridge.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Coming from behind Mt. Wellington (4165 feet)

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

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

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object Blue to green with occasional red at rear.

12. What was its apparent shape Like the blade of a knife but sharp at both ends.

13. Was any detail of structure observable Nil.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious Red colour at rear like jet motor.

15. Was there any sound Slight clicking noise when overhead.

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation Took approximately 5 secs. to traverse sky from Mt. Wellington to hills (500'/1000') behind Lindisfarne.

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
SW/NE then NE/SW

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

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Red light seen at rear.

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

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Calm clear cold cloudless (air temp. approx. 35°F)

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

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Hobart Bureau (4 mls SSW) airport office (7 mls ENE)

27. Any additional information (Sunrise 07.41. First Light 07.09 (Airport)).
Phenomenon traversed from Mt. Wellington to hills behind Lindisfarne
disappeared then reappeared slightly further north to traverse sky
and disappear behind Mt. Wellington.

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

Ground distances observed to Mt. Wellington 7 mls. Observed to lower hills 1 mile.

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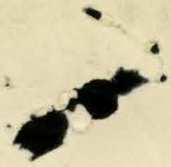


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21 JUL 1965

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

REPORT OF U.F.O. IN MILNE BAY AREA

Attached for your information is a report on an unidentified flying object sighted by the officer in charge of the Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district Milne Bay District of New Guinea.

2. The report was received from the Department of Territories.

Secretary.

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Patrol Post,
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

On Tuesday 25th May 1965 at about 8 P.M. in the evening I was relaxing after dinner when I noticed a flash of light in a South Westerly direction. The light was blue in colour and appeared unusual. I investigated to see what had caused the flash thinking it may have been the house girl in the spare room with a torch. This was not the case and put it down to lighting. However it was repeated a few moments later and I saw that it came from outside. When I went out I saw a light at what I estimated to be between 5,000 and 8,000 feet above sea level over Karogorea Bay. The light appeared to me to be yellow green in colour (Ihave a colour -red green - complex). My wife said when she saw it that it was changing from red to green which would explain my difficulty in identifying the true colour.

We watched the U..F.O. and it appeared to be wavering back and forth and moving up and down slightly. The appearance was one of a hovering light. We watched it for about ½ an hour (between 2000 and 2030 hrs.) The light given off from the U.F.O. was sufficient to light up the beach as a new or 1st quarter moon would. I attempted to take two photographs of it by time exposure and these may give some idea as to what it was.

Eventually the object dropped slightly then rose and disappeared in what we took to be a westerly direction.

The night was overcast to some extent in that area and now stars were showing - this appeared to be below the cloud layer. To the South at Karogorea village it was raining. No other people apparently saw this as I made enquiries with a negative result. The native house girl also witnessed the proceedings.

I would not like to make any suggestions as to what it was as it was nothing like I have seen before.

For your information please.

(sgd.) K.E. Hollamby
Officer in Charge

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ROUTINE

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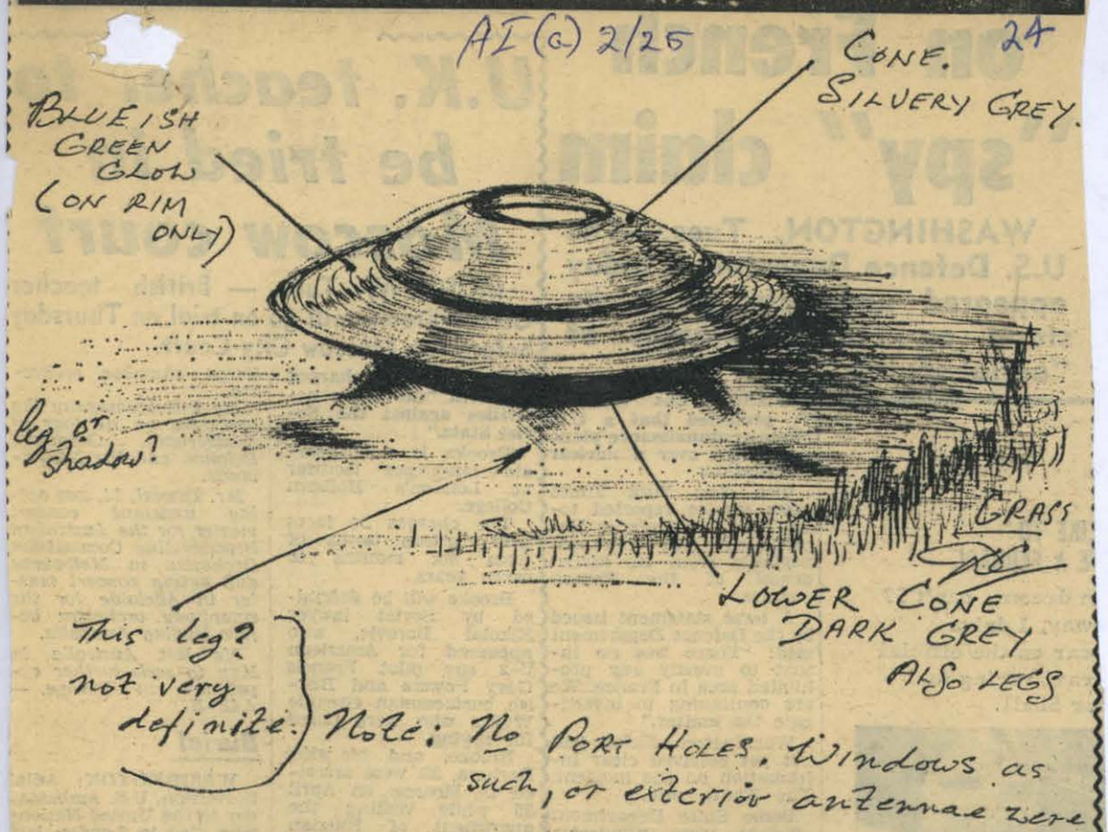

***THE SKETCH** by Mr. Denis Crowe of the object he sawon Monday night on Vaucluse Beach. He described the saucer shape as silvery grey on top and darker grey beneath with a bluish-green glow at the rim and what might have been three or four "legs."*

GLOWING IMPRESSION

A green, glowing object that took off at high speed from a Vaucluse beach on Monday night in no way resembled conventional aircraft, Mr. Denis Crowe said last night.

MR. CROWE said he watched the object in flight for 10 seconds before it disappeared in cloud over Manly.

He did not dismiss the possibility that the mystery craft could be an Air Force secret project.

"But I doubt it," he told a Daily Telegraph reporter last night at his home in Coolong Road, Vaucluse.

"It took off with a noise like air forcibly released from a balloon.

"The noise was quite unlike any made by jet engines."

Mr. Crowe said that the object a giant disc, was bathed in a glow.

He saw no sign of movement within the craft or any portholes or doors.

He said he became aware about 5.30 p.m. on Monday of a glow coming from the beach.

He went to investigate and saw that the glow emanated from a huge disc resting on the beach.

He was within 50 or 60 feet of the disc when it took off.

"Its diameter appeared to be about 20 feet," he said.

"I estimate its height at nine feet, including what appeared to be legs protruding from the bottom.

"Its rim was glowing a greenish blue, while the top and bottom halves wer edullish silver-grey.

Rapid flight

"A hollow in the top could have been a glass dome."

Mr. Crowe said that as the object took off, a yellow or orange glow appeared beneath.

After a take-off run of only 50 or 60 feet, the craft climbed rapidly in the direction of Manly.

"I looked around hoping to see someone else who saw what I saw, but my only company was about a dozen or so dogs," Mr. Crowe said.

"While the object was stationary, they were all barking loudly at it.

"After it took off, the yere strangly silent."



Mr. Denis Crowe

Mr. Crowe said that when he returned home he sat down to collect his thoughts.

He had tea, then wrote down what was still vividly in his memory, and sketched the object as he recalled it.

The sketch is reproduced above.

[Mr. Crowe, an Englishman who has been in Australia for more than four years, was formerly a technical and illustrative artist with British aircraft companies.]

"At first I wondered whether I should say anything about what I had seen," he said.

"The natural reaction of most people might label me a crackpot.

"But I could not keep silent.

"I felt I had a moral obligation to speak of what I had seen.

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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

15 JUL 1965

Secretary
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Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Attached is a report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr Neilson at 1930 hours on 5th July 1965, in the vicinity of ELLIOT.

2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

5/4/Air(24)

9th July 1965

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH IW NSW

REPORT OF SIGHTING

1. The following information was received from a Mr Neilson whose address is C/- Surf Life Saving Association, Box 1565 GPO BRISBANE QLD.

2. When travelling by car from MT ISA to DARWIN, in the vicinity of ELLIOT, on Monday 5th July 1965 he saw an object in the sky at 1930 hours. Mr Neilson described the object as a bright white light in the sky which was visible until he lost it in clouds at approximately 1958 hours. He further stated that a small red light was on top of the bright light and that the light did not appear to be moving. He was travelling North and away from the object. The light appeared to be beamed down at an angle of 45° and appeared to be at a height of 400 feet although he could not really assess. There was no noise associated with the object.

3. Mr Neilson says that he could best describe what he saw as:-

(a) A plane coming in to land.

(b) A building with lights on but no lights between object and ground level.

(c) A single intense car light.

4. Mr Neilson further stated that on discussing this sighting with the people in DARWIN, he was told that the daughter of a local DARWIN Taxi driver had also sighted a similar object in the ELLIOT location. The sighting was reported to Inspector Porter of the NT Police Force.

5. No RAAF or known civil aircraft movements took place in the area during the period.

AK Carruthers.

(A.K. CARRUTHERS)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Attached for information is a copy of a report concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial object on 29th June 65, at Launceston Tasmania.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

Wing WC Cannon
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15 JUL 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... MR. C.A. WALLACE

2. Address of Observer ..... 418 WEST TAMAR ROAD, LAUNCESTON

3. Occupation of Observer ..... DAIRY OFFICER, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 29th JUNE 1965 0645

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... APPROX. 5 SECONDS

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
EYE OBSERVATION ONLY. POSITION ON PATEENA ROAD - MAP REFERENCE
TAS SURVEY 1: 250,000 E501 N883 - (3 MILES FROM BRIDGE OVER SOUTH
ESK RIVER ON LAUNCESTON SIDE)

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
AS A LIGHT

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... SAME COLOUR OF STAR BUT BRIGHTER

12. What was its apparent shape ..... STAR SHAPE BUT WITH SMALL TAIL (NOT A COMET)

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

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

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

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation ..... APPROX. 5 DEGREES OFF VERTICAL

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

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
WAS AN AIR GUNNER IN RAAF WORLD WAR II

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

TRAVELLING EAST TO WEST

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

STRAIGHT PATH

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen SLIGHT LIGHT TRAIL

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

BEFORE REACHING HORIZON - POSSIBLY BEHIND CLOUD

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

NIL

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

BROKEN CLOUD BASE UNKNWON - VIS GOOD

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

NO AIR TRAFFIC AT TIME

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

LAUNCESTON AIRPORT

27. Any additional information MET OFFICE LAUNCESTON AIRPORT

ESTIMATE CLOUD BASE IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING WAS $\frac{3}{8}$ SC 2500'.

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report of three sightings of unidentified objects shortly after dark on 3rd June 1965, in the Bowen/Proserpine area.

2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

3rd JUNE 1965

AS PER PRO-FORMA

1. (a) Detective Constable 1st Class J. MESKELL
Townsville Police Station.

(b) Clarence Edward MESKELL
3 Allen Street
Speers Point
NEWCASTLE NSW

(c) Eric FINSCH
3 Camera Place
North Lampton
NEWCASTLE NSW

2. As above.

3. (a) Detective

(b) Not known (Father of J. MESKELL)

(c) Proprietor, NEWCASTLE AUTO ELECTRICS.

4. 3rd June 1965 - 1st observation 031900(K)
2nd observation 031903(K)
3rd observation 032000(K)

5. At least a minute in each case.

6. Natural observation.
Location of observers: Aboard a fishing boat position 20 09S 148 26E for the two sightings at 1900(K) and 1903(K) and position 20 03S 148 26E for the third sighting at 2000(K).

7. Object first observed descending vertically on a bearing (by guess) from the boat 180°(m). One member stated in the direction of PROSERPINE. This is approximately 170°(m).

8. First noticed as a light, similar to a star but moving contrary and much quicker to all the other stars.

9. The object appeared as a white light similar to a star initially, but grew larger in size as it descended until it was quite large and bright (white) with a sort of halo around it. It stopped descending at approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet. approximately the same height as a B707 travelling north that the party saw at 032100(K). This observation applies to the first two sightings at 1900 and 1903. The object seen at 2000K carried out the same manoeuvre but was a brilliant white light without the halo.

10. One object only on each occasion.

11. White on each occasion, the third being a lot brighter.

12. As a spot of light growing larger as it descended.

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13. No.

14. No.

15. No.

16. Approximately 45° to the horizontal on all sightings.

17. After the first two objects stopped descending, they hovered momentarily, then moved off in a south-east direction for a short distance (approximately 20° of azimuth) then both made a flat turn to the right, and disappeared before turning through 360°. The third object behaved in an identical manner except that the object disappeared behind a 1370 ft hill in a south-east direction. No turn, if any was made, was seen.

18. The first observer is a Townsville Detective used to making observations also he is well read on UFO's material, therefore made accurate notes of directions and times etc. He was able to recall most of the important sightings of flying objects that have occurred throughout the USA over the past 10 years or so, by names and locations.

19. Approximately south-east for all three sightings.

20. All three sightings were observed to descend vertically to 20,000 or 30,000 feet. All hovered momentarily then moved off in a south-east direction. The first and second sightings both made turns to the right then disappeared. The third sighting passed out of sight behind a hill.

21. No.

22. The first two in mid-air, the third behind a hill.

23. NIL.

24. Clear cloudless sky. Nil wind. Very good visibility.

25. The only air traffic after dark that evening was:-

Two north bound Viscounts, both abeam Table Mount at 1844 and 1850 respectively (It is doubtful if the boat occupants would have seen either of these aircraft as they were well inland, approximately abeam BOWEN about 50 miles), and a north bound B707 over BOWEN at 1106K. F/L 360 (All boat occupants saw this aircraft). No night flying is carried out at BOWEN and no night flying was conducted that night at PROSERPINE.

26. TOWNSVILLE and MACKAY are approximately equidistant from BOWEN.

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27. Detective Constable J. MESKELL appears quite reliable and is convinced that what they saw wasn't aircraft, shooting stars ~~or~~ or meteorites or anything that he has ever seen.

He also advised that a Mr Mark GULSON of BOWEN who operates hire boats from SINCLAIR BAY, and his wife, have both seen odd lights of a similar nature on a number of previous occasions but have said nothing about them as he considers that its none of his business.

R J Robert

(R.J. ROBERTS)
Flight Lieutenant
Base Intelligence (Security) Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No. S.22A

Port Moresby,

13th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Further to my radiogram of 5th July, 1965, attached please find correspondence received from District Commissioner, Samarai, attaching a report from Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala, containing corroborating information concerning the object sighted over Kerorogea Bay on 3rd July, 1965; together with a further report of a similar object sighted by the people of Mwatebu Village over Sewataitai Bay on 17th June, 1965.

D M Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

Attch.

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16 JUN 1965

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 21/1/367 - 27th May, 1965

1. The report you forwarded from Mr. P. Hall-Robb of Western Australia has been investigated by this Department.

2. It is regretted that this is the only report we have received of these particular sightings and, as you appreciate, it is extremely difficult to process material of this nature after such an interval of time, and with such limited details.

3. However, our checks with RAAF Pearce reveal that Vampire night flying took place on these occasions, between the hours of 1830-2230 local, with an average of 80 movements per night. It is quite possible, therefore, that the movements of these aircraft could be the answer to Mr. Hall-Robb's observation.

4. If this is not the case then it is regretted that this Department has no plausible explanation for the reported sightings.

5. It would be very much appreciated if Mr. Hall-Robb could be informed accordingly.

A. B. McFarlane
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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IN REPLY QUOTE 21/1/387

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

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Sgt. Pope suggests this could be night flying from Pearce. Could you check where Cottesloe is in relation to Pearce

27 MAY 1965

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

The following is the text of a letter received by our Western Australia Region from Mr. P. Hall Robb of 29 Marmion Street, South Cottesloe, Western Australia -

" While observing the sky at night on several occasions I have noted lights which I could not classify as natural phenomena, artificial satellites or regular aircraft.

In order to verify or eliminate the likelihood of their being from recorded flights, I would be glad to know if you have a register of movements which would correspond with any or all of the following -

23.2.65	Orange	Across South Metropolitan coastline.
"	"	9.22 p.m. W. to E. turning 90° to N.
"	"	9.45 p.m. " " " "
		Across North Metropolitan coastline.
"	"	9.30 p.m. W. to E. not turning.
"	"	10.02 p.m. W. to E. " "
30.3.65	"	Across North Metropolitan coastline.
"	"	7.52 p.m. W. to E.
"	White	8.05 p.m. "
		Across Central Metropolitan coastline.
"	Orange	9.03 p.m. W. to E.
1.4.65	"	Across North Metropolitan coastline.
"	"	9.09 p.m. W. to E.
"	"	9.28 p.m. "
		Across Central Metropolitan coastline.
"	"	9.38 p.m. E. to W. (Seaward).

NIL N/F

No sound, no red, green or flashing lights. I would be grateful for an early reply if possible, especially with regard to the first and second.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (P. HALL ROBB). "

RECD.
28 MAY 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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We have no record of civil aircraft movements which would account for these alleged sightings and Mr. Hall Robb has been advised accordingly.

His letter is referred for your information and, if warranted, further investigation.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

The attached letter referring to the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Pakenham East, Victoria, has been received by this office and is referred to you for information and, if necessary, further investigation.

(K.J. Leonard)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

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11 MAR 1965
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10 Thwaites Road,
Pakenham East,
Victoria.

24.4.65

The Director General,
Civil Aviation Dept.,
499 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

I wish to report the sighting of a strange flying object on the 21st day of April at approx. 7.45 a.m.

The object was dark grey to black in colour and seemed to be a non rigid envelope - something like a cloud, a parachute about to collapse or a balloon. Assuming that the object was 8 miles away from me its size would be in the order of several hundred feet across.

Again assuming that the object was distant 8 miles its speed would have been very great - more than the speed of jet air planes.

In the short time that the object was in view it manoeuvred in a violent and erratic manner between ground level and about 500 feet altitude. Its manoeuvres gave the appearance that it was being subjected to violent air turbulence or else driven by its own power. It was a cloudy morning and the movements of the object were quite different from clouds in its vicinity.

The object was in view for approx. one minute. It was first noticed above the ground moving as described. It went down to the ground and disappeared, it rose up and again moved about and again went down to the ground and finally disappeared.

I pointed the object out to my wife and four children. My wife and two children saw it and two other children did not see it.

The object was seen from my house which is located on the high ground approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Pakenham East Ref. 508067 on the Cranbourne 1:63360 Military Map and from here the object was seen due south in the direction of Koo-Wee-Rup at an estimated distance of 8 miles.

I would be very pleased if you can offer some explanation as to what this object may have been.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) S.M. Doig.

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TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0550

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REPORTS ON UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are reports by Mr M. McANTER of Traralgon Vic and Mr W.C. BLINKHORN of Geelong Vic giving their impressions of unusual aerial objects sighted on 19th March and 24th March respectively.

2. Mr McANTER's report was received from RAAF Base East Sale and Mr Blinkhorn's report from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne. Both reports are on-forwarded for information.

M A Outhwaite
(M.A. OUTHWAITE)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Sighted at Lakes Entrance.

Date: 19th March 1965

Time: 9.10 p.m.

Size of Object: apparently spherical and about 2 diameters of Evening Star.

Color: Yellow as in the flame of a wood fire.

Brightness: About the same brightness as found for reflecting paints and tapes when caught in the headlights of a motor car.
Same type of brightness.
Brightness did not alter.

Apparent Speed: Was in view from "directly above" to almost the horizon. - for approximately 12 seconds. The speed appeared to be probably more than that of Vampire jets ex Sale.

Noise: No noise from the object could be heard.

Apparent Height: More than 7,000 feet.

Apparent Direction: S.E. (140° from North) in a straight line.

Apparent Propulsion: A tail of faint blue could be seen, not readily seen at first sight.

The blue was as in a kerosene blow lamp flame when at high pressure.

The object passed over the Eastern side of Lakes Entrance area. When pointing at the object the pointer would be at 55° ± 5° from the horizontal.

(The above was noted immediately after viewing the object).

Weather Conditions: Clear Sky
No Wind

(signed)

H. McANTER
167 GREY ST
TRARALGON Vic

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mr. W.C. BLINKHORN

2. Address of Observer 66 Swallow Court, Norlane, Geelong, Victoria.

3. Occupation of Observer Pupil of Norlane High School

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
45 minutes Eastern Standard Time (24th March)

5. Period of Observation(s) Approx. 4 minutes

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Riding along on my bike up Sparkes Road in direction of Melbourne Road saw two objects in sky when I looked in direction of Even's Res. Objects stationary to the South. ~~Hurried and got telescope and stood on woodshed in back garden.~~ Observed with telescope about ½ min.

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
High in the sky and to the south

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Unusual shape reflecting the light off the sun

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

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Two objects one slightly higher than the other

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

12. What was its apparent shape Both objects appeared a dish like shape with a dome in the centre.

13. Was any detail of structure observable NO.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation Approx. 45° from eye level.

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Moved away together in South Westerly direction fast.

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

In general direction of Bellpark away from me.

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

Straight path

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

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

Over the horizon

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

None

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

Clear, Sunny.

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

Saw none.

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

Don't know

27. Any additional information Rang Avalon Airfield.

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

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TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0650

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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are three reports stating impressions of unusual aerial sightings in Victoria and Tasmania during March 1965.

2. Forwarded for information.

M A Outhwaite

(M.A. OUTHWAITE)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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6 APR 1965
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer Ian David Scott.

2 Address of Observer State School 3011
WELSHPOOL VIC.

3 Occupation of Observer SCHOOL TEACHER.

4 Date and Time of Observation 22/3/65 2030 hrs
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) 10 minutes

6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)
From Foster 1013 Survey map position 414335
On Sth. Gippsland Highway just west of town.

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)
Overhead.

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)
Movement of light.

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object
Light

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation
One object

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object Yellow, steady light

12 What was its Apparent Shape Spherical.

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No.

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No.

15 Was There any Sound No.

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation Moved from the zenith 30° ENE in 3 mins paused for 1-2 minutes moved from there 10° to NNW paused about 3 mins. then moved ENE again rising about 30° above the horizon, & then blacked out after about 3 minutes in about 1 minute.../2.

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity

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

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17

Wartime observation of aircraft LAC SCOTT I.D. 438875.

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass

See 17/18 path on which I stood runs due north.

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all

Yes. See what I wrote under 17/18.

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen No.

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)

Mid-air 50° above horizon

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence

My wife was standing with me at the time.

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)

Most of sky cloudless or clear. One small patch in SW corner.

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

27 Any Additional Information

I have sent a second letter to Met Bureau with information on further sightings. A large number of people have now seen this object at one time or another over the last ten days.

Signature of Observer Ian D Scott

Signature of Interrogator.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer R.R. Treaseley and (Bernard Hay)

2. Address of Observer Brayside Blackwall West Tamar - Tasmania

3. Occupation of Observer Orchard Workers.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
19/2105

5. Period of Observation(s) 2105/2106

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape Circular

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound Unable to ascertain

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation None apparent - Road traffic in vicinity

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Unable to ascertain. (Moving quickly).

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Not experienced.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

N.W. to S.E.

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

Straight path.

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

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

Over horizon

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

No

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

Clear Sky

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

1 Viscount departed Launceston for Melbourne track 325° at 2105 (Local).

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

Launceston Airport

27. Any additional information At Launceston Airport 2100 L weather 1/8 Cloud 5000 weather hazy. Vis. 15 miles - no balloon flights being carried out at this time.

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

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Central Registry

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from file 580/1/1 Part IV

2. Details of the Original Enclosure

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(ii) Letter
~~(iii) Message~~
~~(iv) Other Papers~~

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(b) Originator .....Richard T. Crowe.....
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(c) Originator's reference ..... Date .....

(d) Subject .....Unaccounted Flying Objects.....
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Date .....

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer R.W. SMITH

2. Address of Observer 28 Howson St., Armadale.

3. Occupation of Observer Cameraman - ABV.2.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
21st March, 1965 - 1955 - 2012

5. Period of Observation(s) 20 minutes

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Field glasses/vision
photographs to be developed

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Object with 3 lights or tails coming from it - definite tail

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object

12. What was its apparent shape Sphere with red dome on top - bigger than light.

13. Was any detail of structure observable No (reflected light)

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation 35° above horizontal to 48°

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Appear to approach and turn 90° to south

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Student pilot (51 yrs - Mil. intelligence - war)

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
Appears to be trying to manoeuvre - same spot roughly estimated at Woods Point

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

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Several times in cloud - last time at 2035E. (Phoned again 2115 to advise did not reappear).

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
Photographs to be developed.

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Broken cloud (1/8 4000 - latest obs)

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
Not in vicinity reported - unlikely from description to be an aircraft on RPT work

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Laverton Balloon? (Not a Melbourne Airport balloon)

27. Any additional information Additional observer also Margaret Hotchkins
Nil sightings from Melbourne Airport
Observer sounded reasonable.

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

2017 Manoeuvring in one vicinity

Relationship between lights showing and direction of manoeuvre e.g. light appeared from it pointing north - object moved towards south.

2023 Red light on top.

2035 Position varies in relation to stars.

W.J. Barclay
ATC 5
Melbourne Airport

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FLYING OBJECTS PD FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF UFO SIGHTINGS IN SYDNEY AREA BETWEEN 050927Z AND 050945Z REPORTED BY NUMEROUS PRIVATE PERSONS PRESS AND MILITARY SOURCES ALPHA FOUR TO NINE ORANGE COLOURED OBJECTS AT 50000 FEET PLUS TRAVELLING NW TO SE PASSING DIRECTLY OVER SYDNEY SPEEB APPEARED SUPERSONIC BRAVO NO CIVIL OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON TRACK OR TIME CHARLIE MASCOT AND 1 CARU RADARS REPORT NO UNUSUAL PLOTS DELTA ASSUME OBJETS METEOR SHOWER OR DISINTEGRATING SPACE VEHICLE FOXTROT WILL REFER ANY PRESS QUERIES TO DPR UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED

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Sighted by/referred to:- DUTY STAFF OFFICER DAFI DPR Initials at 22.15 DTG

DPR advised 5/3/65 22.15 hrs

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Forwarded for information is a report submitted by Mr N. Moore of TREVALLYN Tasmania concerning an unusual aerial object sighted on 17th January 1965.

(R.N. DALKIN)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer NOEL MOORE

2. Address of Observer 45 BAIN TERRACE, TREVALLYN

3. Occupation of Observer JOURNALIST (PHONE: 22291)

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
17/1/65 0230 E.S.T.

5. Period of Observation(s) 30 MINS.

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
ON TREVALLYN HEIGHTS. OBJECT APPROX. EAST.
ELEVATION APPROX. 60 DEGREES. BINOCULARS USED.

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
LIGHT APPEARED TO HAVE TAIL - SEE ITEM 12.

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object YELLOW - NORMAL LIGHT

12. What was its apparent shape ELONGATED LIGHT WITH VARYING TAIL OF LIGHT (LIKE KITE)

13. Was any detail of structure observable NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation 60 DEG. APPROX.

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity APPEARED MOVE ERRATICALLY ABOUT ONE POSITION I.E. TO AND FRO; UP AND DOWN

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
SEE ITEM 17

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
SEE ITEM 17

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

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

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
NO - ABOUT FOUR OTHER PEOPLE ALSO SAW LIGHT

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

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

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
LT. AIRPORT ABOUT 7 MILES SOUTH OF THE OBSERVATION POINT.

27. Any additional information HB AND ML 3 A.M. PILOT INDICATED UPPER WINDS NNW 30-40 KNOTS UP TO 12000 STRONGER ABOVE.

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

TELEPHONE :

Melb 69-0550
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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

The attached report on an unusual aerial object sighted by Mr O'Donahue of Mentone Victoria, was received from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne and is forwarded for information.

for (R.N. DALKIN)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mr. O'Donahue

2. Address of Observer 13 Killara Rd., Mentone. Phone: 93-1408

3. Occupation of Observer Salesman

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
171025Z

5. Period of Observation(s) 20 seconds

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

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Above cloud formation on angle above.

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Two red lights and line of what appeared to be cabin lights.

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape Not definite

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation Angle of elev. of moon from location at 1025Z

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Not moving.

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Light broken cloud good vis. Smoke haze in area which turned moon red.

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
RMH dep. ML 1025 on 029° div. From description aircraft would have appeared in observers field (if at a long dist). Broken cloud in aircraft's flight path.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
At Essendon (no balloon flights due fire risk)

27. Any additional information Appeared as formation of lights, as described above, remained stationary for time then appeared to disintegrate and faded as coals with water on them (i.e. quickly).

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

G.L. Buegg

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A0302 JAN 1565 ATTENTION DAFI PD HQOPCOM 131415Z REFERS PD PARA ONE PD IN VIEW REF TO RADAR RESPONSES IN HQOPCOM SIGNAL PARA 5 SEARCH OF AREA BY MARITIME AIRCRADT ON JAN 14 REVEALED NOTHING EXCEPT AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH DENSITY CLOUD RADAR CONTACTS PD UP TO 10 AT ONE TIME WERE OBTAINED AT RANGES UP TO 70 NMS PD PARA TWO PD D OF I RNZAF INTERVIEWED CAPT SHANNON AT WELLINGTON EVENING JAN 14 PD SHANNON ENLARGED ON REPORT BUT NOTHING SIGNIFICANT ADDED PD PARA THREE PD UNLESS YOU HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION WE PROPOSE TO LET MATTER DROP PD PRESS REPORT HAS RESULTED IN FLOOD OF UFO SIGHTINGS

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Normal Public Reaction

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Shown this Signal. No Action required. &

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TO RAYSD/DEPAIR

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AI700 ATTENTION DAFI RNZAF DCAS AND RNZAF STAFF LIAISON OFFICER PD FURTHER TO TELECON DDOPS RNZAF AND SOINTEL HQOPCOM CONCERNING SIGHTING OF UFOS BY QUANTAS CREW FLIGHT 363 CAPTAIN SHANNON ON 13 JAN PD FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT POINTS OBTAINED FROM INTERVIEW CLN -

PARA ONE PD AIRCRAFT POSITION 41S 167E COURSE 275 M HEIGHT 20000 FEET TIME 130845Z SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET PD

PARA TWO PD WEATHER CLN STRATA CLOUD TOPS 7000 FEET CMM CLEAR OTHERWISE CMM VIS 30 DASH 40 CMM NIL JET STREAMS CMM FRONT APPROX 169EPD

PARA THREE PD OBJECTS CLN SINGLE VAPOUR TRAIL APPEARED TO NORTH

WEST TRAVELLING EAST ATNAPPROXIMATELY MACH ONE PLUS BECOMING SEVEN DISTINCT CONTRAILS APPARENTLY MADE BY LARGE AIRCRAFT IN LOOSE FORMATION PD ALTITUDE ANGLE FROM OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 3Ø DEGREES PD HEIGHT ESTIMATES 35 DASH 45ØØØ FEDT PD TRAIL DISSIPATED FROM REAR PD

PARA FOUR PD OBSERVERS CLN ALL CREW MEMBERS OBSERVED TRAILS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF AIRCRAFT AND AGREE WITH LITTLE VARIATION TO ABOVE PD SOURCR CONSIDERED RELIABLE PD

PARA FIVE PD OTHER INFORMATION PD SECOND PILOTALSO RECALLS THAT AT APPROXIMATELY LONGITUDE 166E THIS MORNING ON THE SYDNEY DASH WELLINGTON FLIGHT HE NOTICED WHAT HE CONSIDERED AS ELEVEN SHIPS IN GROUP ON HIS RADAR SCREEN PD

PARA SIX PD FOR DAFI CLN RNZAF ADVISE SURVEILLANCE RADARS AT WELLINGTON AND OHAKEA RECORDING NOTHING AT HEIGHT WITHIN 15-2ØØ MLS EXCEPT 1Ø QUOTE ANGELS UNQUOTE SOUTH OF WELLINGTON SPEED APPROX 1ØØ KTS PD NZ PRESS ARE AWARE THAT A SIGHTING HAS BEEN REPORTED AND RNZAF HAS SUGGESTED TO THEM THAT WEATHER PHENOMENON IS POSSIBLE EXPLANATION CMM AT THIS STAGE

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Note of Action
Copy passed to US
Air Attache on 13 Jan
for comment

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

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4 JAN 1964

B. Brett Esq
Department of Defence
3rd Floor Admin Building
CANBERRA ACT

See folio

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
5th December 1964

1. With reference to our telephone conversation 31st December I enclose herewith a package which was forwarded to this department from the Nebo Police Station for chemical analysis of the contents.

2. The original signal on this subject was from Townsville and read as follows:

"RESTRICTED A792 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT PD MACKAY TOWER ADVISED AT 042354Z BY NEBO POLICE THAT MR ROBERTS OF DAUNIA H S CMM 30NM SW NEBO CMM REPORTED SEEING IN SCRUB A STRIP ABOUT 600 YARDS WIDE AND 4 AND ONE HALF MILES LONG IN A STRAIGHT LINE AND VEERING INTO A CLEARING CMM WHICH HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO EXTREME HEAT PD NO BUSHFIRES IN AREA PD NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAIALBLE THIS TIME PD WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON RECEIPT OF POLICE REPORT PD THIS INFO WAS RELAYED TO TVL DCA WHO ADVISED THIS"

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

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31 DEC 1964

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
5th December 1964

Receipt of your letter 5/15/7 Air(63) dated 24th December 1964 is acknowledged, and the enclosed package is receiving attention.

(N. G. S. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
for Chief of the Air Staff

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

24 DEC 1964

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/7/Air (63)

REC'D. 29 DEC 1964 C.A.S.

Secretary
Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
HQTVL A792 5th December 1964

The enclosed letter and package have been submitted by Headquarters RAAF Base TOWNSVILLE following civil investigation of the incident under reference.

for (F.K. CARRICK)
Wing Commander
For T/Air Officer Commanding

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MK 8.1/20

Department of Civil Aviation
Government Aerodrome
MACKAY

11th December 1964

The Commanding Officer
Royal Australian Air Force
Garbutt
TOWNSVILLE

SUBJECT : REPORT OF FOLIAGE SUBJECTED TO EXTREME HEAT DAUNIER STATION.

Please find the enclosed package received from Constable Rooke of the Nebo Police Station.

The package is forwarded for possible chemical analysis of the contents.

Sgd G.M. CHEESMAN
Officer in Charge.

Note of Action

1. Contacted Mr. Brett (Dept of Defence). He stated that the parcel was a sample of Gum leaves with no abnormal characteristics

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awaiting further details.

B. Brett.
3rd Floor
Admin Building

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TELEPHONE :
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24 NOV 1964

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~~OR(MTS)~~

SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

The attached reports which show details of unusual aerial objects sighted in Tasmania have been received from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne, and are forwarded for information.

for (S.W. DALLYWATER)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer D. Crosswell

2 Address of Observer Low Head Light House TASMANIA

3 Occupation of Observer Head Light Keeper

4 Date and Time of Observation 081930 E
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) Few Secs.

6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)
From LHD light - roughly over 5 Mile Bluff

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)
Over Horizon

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)
Light

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object
Light

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation
One

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object ?

12 What was its Apparent Shape ?

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No.

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No

15 Was There any Sound No

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 20/30' above horizon

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity ?

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

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17

Light House Keeper

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass

NNE of LHD Light

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all

Straight face.

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen No

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)

Just above horizon - spread out appeared to explode.

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence

Nil.

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)

SK C calm

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

TVQ ML/HBT 40 S 0930 } 2 tunis ?
TVP ML/LT 40 S 0917 . }

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

LT

27 Any Additional Information Nil

Note: At 090015 local time Low Head Light House reported sighting a brief glow in the horizon North of Lighthouse. Glow lasted approximately 1 - 2 seconds no previous sign of falling light.

(Not signed by observer)
Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer Thomas D. Phillips

2 Address of Observer P.O. Pt Sorrell

3 Occupation of Observer Postmaster

4 Date and Time of Observation 081930 E
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) 6 - 7 seconds

6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)
Approx 600 yards E of Port Sorrell jetty (sighted North East)

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)
In front 45° from horizontal

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)
Light

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object
Object

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation
One

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object Red/Orange

12 What was its Apparent Shape Long and Narrow

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No

15 Was There any Sound No

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 45° from horizontal

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity Extremely fast

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

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17

Army - seen shells etc

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass

Toward Wilson's Promontory

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all

Fell straight down

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen Only light pencilled shaped

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)

Disappearance approx 5 degrees above horizon just above Bakers Beach Hill.

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence

No.

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)

Fine SK c calm

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

TVQ ML/HBT 40 S 0939

TVP ML/LT " 0917

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

LT

27 Any Additional Information On reaching approx 5° above horizon apparently burst into a pear shape.

(Not signed by observer)

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

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S.22A

13th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Further to my radiogram of 5th July, 1965, attached please find correspondence received from District Commissioner, Samarai, attaching a report from Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala, containing corroborating information concerning the object sighted over Kerorogea Bay on 3rd July, 1965; together with a further report of a similar object sighted by the people of Mwatebu Village over Sewataitai Bay on 17th June, 1965.

D M Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

Attch.

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

A1-1-40

9th July, 1965.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORESBY.

Report of Unidentified Flying Object.
Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district.

Further to my memorandum A1-1-40 dated 6th July 1965 I now append memorandum 1-1-6 dated 5th July 1965 to hand to-day from the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala Sub-district elaborating his telegram of 3rd July 1965 from Sehulea Patrol Post which I conveyed to Mr. G.W. Toogood by radio telephone that day and the text of which is contained in the first paragraph of my memorandum A1-1-40 dated 6th July 1965. It will be seen from the Assistant District Commissioner's enclosure that the group following "MPH" which was distorted in the original telegram as received here is the word "BUT".

(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration.
c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala.

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1-1-6

DEPT. OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
SAMARAI
- 9 JUL 1965
MILNE BAY DISTRICT
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.
5th July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object - SEHULEA.

Reference: My coded telegram 002 of 3/7/65 from Sehulea.

Further to my reference telegram I respectfully advise that I conducted diligent inquiries through all villages and hamlets of SUPUPU and KEROROGEA Bay on 2/7/65 and 3/7/65 and was able to corobrate the information contained therein in that six (6) other persons of KESAGA Hamlet of WEIOKO Village saw the subject phenomenon. One reason why other witnesses were not found is that the night of sighting was so cold that most persons were indoors.

2. It is further advised that during the course of these investigation another recent sighting by village people was reported by Councillor David of MWATEBU who said that

"On 17th June an object passed over Sewataitai at about 7 pm from the direction of Sanaroa Island towards Sewa Bay. It made no sound but emitted a bright beam of red light directed towards the earth. The light fluctuated in intensity. It did not appear to be travelling very fast but did not stop or hover. This object was **been** by approximately 100 people from MWATEBU who were camped in company in the open near Sewataitai after doing maintenance work on the MWATEBU - SEWATAITAI road".

This statement was taken by me from the Councillor in the presence of the other witnesses who agreed that his description was correct.

(M.L. Mackellar)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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SAMARAI.

002 00240 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

2030 HOURS LAST SATURDAY AND MONDAY KEROROGEA

BAY HEIGHT 200 FEET SPEED 400 MPH BUT HOVERED

FOR ONE HOUR EMITTED BRIGHT FIRE RED GLOW

ILLUMINATING BAY NO SOUND DISAPPEARED

INCREDIBLE SPEED DIRECTION NORTH WEST WITNESSES

BECKEAND HIS SERVANT ONLY

MACKELLAR

DEPT. OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
SAMARAI
- 9 JUL 1965
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DISTRICT
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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TELEPHONE: 690550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(78)

DAFI 16.6.65

-5 JUL 1965

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

SIGHTING OF AN AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached for information is a report by J. VELTKAMP of Launceston Tasmania of the sighting on 26th June of an unusual aerial object.

2. A similar report by Mr VELTKAMP was submitted in May and was forwarded to your Department under cover of 5/6/Air(75) dated 18th May 1965.

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(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer VELTKAMP, J.

2 Address of Observer 60, VICTORIA STREET, YOUNGTOWN

3 Occupation of Observer CLERK

4 Date and Time of Observation 24/6/65 1820Z
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)

5 Period of Observation(s) 5 MINS AT LEAST

6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)
500 YDS/325°T FROM YOUNGTOWN P.O. (41°20' / 147°09'45")

(NIL EQUIPMENT)

7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)
S.S.W. FROM POSITION 45° ELEV. (APPROX)

8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention
(eg - Light or noise)
MOVING "STAR"

9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object
AS A STAR

10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation
-

11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object YELLOWISH WHITE

12 What was its Apparent Shape STAR SHAPE

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable NO

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO

15 Was There any Sound NO

* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 45° (ESTIMATED)

* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity UNABLE TO ESTIMATE

.../2.

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

18 State any Experience which Enables Observer to be Reasonably Sure about the Answers given to 16 and 17

NIL

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass

NNE/SSW

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all

YES - A STRAIGHT PATH

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen NO

22 Where did Object Disappear. (eg - in Mid-Air, Behind a Hill, Over the Horizon)

BEHIND HILL - AND FADING

23 Existence of any Physical Evidence such as Fragments, Photographs or other Supporting Evidence

NO

24 Weather Conditions Experienced at Time(s) of Observation(s)

CLEAR SKY

25 Location of any Air Traffic in the Vicinity at Time of Sighting

NIL

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

NO BALLOON FLIGHTS

27 Any Additional Information FIRS T SEEN ABOUT 6.20 WALKING HOME TOWARDS S.W. WENT INSIDE CALLED 2 SONS (18 & 16) AND WATCHED IT DISAPPEAR

un-signed

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

Peter Frith confirms everything ties in with "Echo 2".

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator

(Has not observed satellite previously)

A "New Australian" obviously, and had difficulty in making him understand the questions completely but feel that the answers as finally given are correct, but treat the elevation with caution.

REC'D.
- 6 JUL 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

22 JUN 1965

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/1/Air(57)

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16/6/65

Secretary
Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are two newspaper clippings of an alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object received from RAAF Base AMBERLEY.

2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

(T.J. LEACH)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Encls (2)

REC'D.
23 JUN 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

IPSWICH QUEENSLAND TIMES
THURSDAY 27TH MAY 1965

SSB.

See f 55A

THREE REPORT SEEING A 'FLYING PLATFORM' LAND

MACKAY, May 26. — Police are investigating a reported sighting by three men near here of a mystery flying object with spotlights above a circular platform.

The circular-shaped object, said to have some 30 lights on it, was alleged by the three men to have landed near the Retreat Hotel on the Eton Range, about 50 miles from Mackay, on Sunday night.

It was claimed that treetops and a section of grass had been scorched, yet there was no evidence of an ordinary fire.

The three men who said they saw the object are Mr. J. W. Tilse, licensee of the hotel, Mr. John Burgess and Mr. Eric Judin, who were staying at the hotel.

Mr. Tilse is an experienced commercial pilot.

CALLED POLICE

He said tonight: "It was about midnight on Sunday and I was clearing up around the place.

"We were all sober.

"One of the blokes ran in and said, 'Come and have a look at this.'

"I went out and said, 'It's just the moon.'

"But when I saw it moving towards us, I ran inside and called the police."

Mr. Tilse added: "The policeman at Mackay nearly died laughing and said, 'I bet it's still not there.'

"I went and had another look and said, 'Yes it is, and it is coming towards the hotel.' That took the smile off his face."

Mr. Tilse said: "The object was about 300 yds. from the hotel and was moving over the treetops at one stage.

"It had a great bank of spotlights, about 20 or 30 of them, above a circular platform."

Mr. Tilse continued: "When it was coming towards us somebody said, 'Get the rifle and shoot at it,' but I said 'No fear, they might shoot back'."

"FOR 40 MINUTES"

The licensee said he and the other two men watched the object for about 40 minutes.

When it took off and flew away they saw it had three legs.

"I saw it. We all saw it. It disappeared in a northeasterly direction," said Mr. Tilse.

He declared that the object was not an aircraft and he was sure of this.

Mr. Judin confirmed Mr. Tilse's story tonight.

He said: "I have never seen anything like it . . . those lights . . . and those legs."

Mr. Tilse had taken coloured photographs of marks made by the object, including a circular scorch mark about 20 ft. across, and reported the matter to the police and Civil Aviation Department.

The three men also made a sketch of the object and signed it.

"EXPERIENCED PILOT"

The Regional Director of Civil Aviation (Mr. Seymour) said in Brisbane tonight that so far he had not received a report on the sighting.

"But if Mr. Tilse says he has seen something then I believe him, as he is an experienced pilot," he said.

The sighting would probably be investigated by the Air Force as were other sightings.

TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0550

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

18 MAY 1965

5/6/Air(75)

Secretary
Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT

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14/4/65

REPORTS OF UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are reports on sightings of un-identified aerial objects, as follows:-

(a) Report by Mr I.D. SCOTT of Welshpool Victoria. See also earlier report referenced 5/6/Air(69) 5 Apr 65. — 85 Reports received from Bureau of Meteorology Melbourne.

(b) Reports by Messrs MORICE and VELTKAMP of Tasmania, giving impressions of sightings on 5th May 65. These reports received directly from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.

2. Forwarded for information.

(V.B. CANNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

RECD. 19 MAY 1965 C.A.S.

COPY ONLY

State School, 3011
WELSHPOOL VIC

29th March, 1965

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Box 1289K, P.O.,
MELBOURNE, C1

Dear Sirs,

Ref. my letter of 21st March
Ref. your letter of 25th March, ref. V24

Further to remarks in these letters, I have more sightings to report for your information. These are all personally vouched for and have independent witnesses.

1. Monday 22nd. Object sighted 9.20 pm. Moved from WSW to zenith in jerky movements, paused at the zenith then moved in a NNE direction, and blacked out approx. 15 degrees from horizon.

2. Tuesday 23rd. First sighted at zenith about 75° above southern horizon, it moved in 3 minutes from there to a position in NW about 60° above horizon, then moved in an easterly direction until obscured by cloud. No cloud elsewhere, sighted at 10.05 pm.

3. Thursday 25th. 7.30 pm. Cloudless sky. Object rose about WSW, moved in a continuous straight orbital line to a position approx. 35° above the eastern horizon. There it stopped dead, and remained in that position for 6 m. 35 sec. and then resumed its journey.

4. Sunday 28th. 8.45 pm. Seen following the course described for Tuesday, except that it was first picked up in the NW position referred to, and I have no knowledge of its prior position.

In addition to the occasions mentioned above, there are three viewings I have made myself, and a large number brought to me at the school which I have not included as information is not definite enough, and too many details are lacking.

I am including an extra carbon copy of this letter if you wish to send it on to someone else. I might mention that the Wednesday was cloudy, and though tonight is clear, no report has come in to the time of writing (9 pm).

Also that Thursday's viewing was confirmed by a person (also a schoolteacher) whom I consider reliable, at Hedley, 6. m. east of Welshpool, and Sunday's sighting was confirmed from Toora 6½ m. west of Welshpool.

I have had many requests for information which I cannot supply, so hope there is some possibility of information being available. When one considers the additional chances not included in this letter, I think you will agree that the two theories you suggest cannot fill all premises required.

Seeking your further assistance, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

signed IAN D. SCOTT H.T.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... Glen Morice

2. Address of Observer ..... 1 Jellico St., Mowbray, Tasmania

3. Occupation of Observer ..... High School boy.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 5/5/1965 1930 - 2000

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 30 Minutes

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..... Visual sighting from home at Mowbray (1-2 miles north of
..... Launceston city).
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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
..... Towards N-W horizon

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

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape ..... Banana shaped
.....

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

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

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

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation ..... Low angle to horizon

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity ..... Difficult to determine

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

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

Observer stated that his brother followed the object by car until it appeared to be overhead approximately 600 feet above the ground.

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
Towards N-W

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

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

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

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)
Clear overhead at airport, visibility good - some low cloud to NW

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

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

27. Any additional information Crescent moon observed by Meteorological and Tower staff at time approximately coincidental with reported times above. Some smoke haze expected in Launceston city area.

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer A. VELTKAMP/J. VELTKAMP

2. Address of Observer 61 VICTORIA ST., YOUNGTOWN, TAS.

3. Occupation of Observer SCHOOLBOY - COST CLERK

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
5.5.65 2230 - 2245

5. Period of Observation(s) 15 minutes

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

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
First sighted 30° from horizon travelling down to 20° from horizon.

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

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

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object Green to orange to green

12. What was its apparent shape Light source only

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation Hard to determine

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Slow apparent speed

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
From west to south-west

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

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Not obvious

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

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

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

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

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Launceston Airport - nil balloon flights

27. Any additional information
Weather fine, nil cloud, visibility good.

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

REC'D.
19 MAY 1965
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

Subject: SIGHTING OF U.F.O.s

Between 1820 and 1830 on Thursday 13th May 1965 I saw an U.F.O. I was parked in my car in Griffith facing South when suddenly a bright light caught my eye. It was very bright with a light greenish shade under the front portion, and was moving approx. NE to SW. The U.F.O. appeared slightly elongated and moved at a great speed. It was observed for about three to four seconds moving along a horizontal plane and appeared to break-up into about 4 to 6 bright pieces which seemed to slow-down and fade away.

This U.F.O. seemed identical to another one which I saw in about the first week of April 1965. That U.F.O. did not appear to disintegrate but to flip over or change direction and disappear.

F/Sgt DAWSON R.F.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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Subject: LIGHTING OF OBJECTS IN THE SKY

1. At about 1820K on Thursday 13th May 1965 while travelling about south on the Queanbeyan - Captains Flat Road about 12 miles from Queanbeyan I noticed a bright light to my left at about 40° elevation. The light was yellowish, similar to the colour of the moon which was in the same general direction and in its third quarter. The night was cloudless and visibility was excellent.

2. The object was moving in the same direction - South at high speed. I do not know if it was the initial light-up of the object that first attracted my attention or the fact that it came from the rear and entered my field of vision. When first sighted it was at an angle of 90° to the vehicle, and as it proceeded towards the front, changed colour to a greenish glow, similar, but not as green as a green verey light. Within about 2 to 3 seconds from sighting, the object had moved from right angles to about 30° from the front of the car. At this time it appeared to emit pinpoints of light, radiating at about 15°-20° from the rear and about ½ second later it faded rapidly as though extinguished.

3. The light appeared like a diffused source, similar to a mercury vapour street light, at about 2/3 main size. Tere was no bright flash of light but more of a bright glow lighting up an area in the sky. The moon was very bright at the time, and this probably diffused the light from the object.

4. The trajectory appeared flat and an inspired guess on height would be 20-30,000ft. Speed, once again a guess but based on experience, very high 2-3000 mph.

5. It was quite unlike anything that I had seen before, left no trail and was definately not a reflection or a reflected light. It did not in any way resemble a falling meteorite.

6. Two other passengers also clearly saw the object and from a discussion which followed the sighting, their observations were similar to mine.

7. In the area where the sighting took place there are no street lights or houses.

(R.F. BRANDLI) (05853)
Squadron Leader
Technical Branch

NOTE:-

Passengers in Car
Wife
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Captains Flat.

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4. The trajectory appeared flat and an inspired guess on height would be 20-30,000ft. Speed, once again a guess but based on experience, very high 2-3000 mph.

5. It was quite unlike anything that I had seen before, left no trail and was definately not a reflection or a reflected light. It did not in any way resemble a falling meteorite.

6. Two other passengers also clearly saw the object and from a discussion which followed the sighting, their observations were similar to mine.

7. In the area where the sighting took place there are no street lights or houses.

(R.F. BRANDLI) (05853)
Squadron Leader
Technical Branch

NOTE:-

Passengers in Car
Wife
Mr. Cliff Smith
Captains Flat.

TELEPHONE: 74 1271

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Herewith proformae outlining eyewitness reports on an unidentified flying object allegedly sighted at WITTENOOM GORGE WESTERN AUSTRALIA, on the 2nd August 1964 by:-

Mr ANTONI UCHANSKI
Mr GERZY JUSZCZYK
Mr EDO ROSSI
Mr ALEXANDER BRIAN ELDER

C.H.D. Browne.
(C.H.D.BROWNE)
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ANTONI UCHANSKI

2. Address of Observer Hut 48d. ABA Compound Wittenoom

3. Occupation of Observer Crane Driver

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time). 2nd August 1964 Approximately 3 pm

5. Period of observation(s) Approximately 1 minute

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Located outside tailing bin at ABA Mill - Wittenoom Hamersley Ranges West Australia

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Coming from behind hill and travelling above Hamersley Ranges

8. What first attracted observer's attention. e.g. light or noise
Stream of light in the sky

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definate object similar to a rocket

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object. (Light) yellow - orange colour - blue close to object - Colour of object not known

12. What was its apparent shape
Appeared as a rocket. Body longer than aeroplane

13. Was any detail of structure observable. No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. Rocket propulsion

15. Was there any sound. No

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. Hard to say - could not judge - but at least 30 feet above Ranges

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity estimated to be the same Speed as Fokker Friendships maximum ground speed on takeoff

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

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

A. Uchanski

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

Travelling from S. West to N. East direction - from ABA Mine to Calamina Gorge in Hammersley Ranges

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

Remained on straight path

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Trail of red flame

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

Behind a hill

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

Nil

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

Weather good. Visibility clear.

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

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.

Nil

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Gerzy TUSZCZYK

2. Address of Observer 36 Seventh Avenue, WITTENOOM

3. Occupation of Observer Shift Boss - A.B.A. Ltd, WITTENOOM

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) 2nd August 1964. Approximately 3 am

5. Period of observation(s) Approximately 2 minutes

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

Located outside Mill - Main door - AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS LIMITED - HAMMERSLEY RANGES, WITTENOOM.

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

Coming over from behind hill

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

Light

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

Appeared to be a rocket

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

One object only

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Object had orange and yellow lights inside - alternate colours at each window - Object colour not known

12. What was its apparent shape

Object appeared to be a rocket

13. Was any detail of structure observable. No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. Rocket propulsion

15. Was there any sound. No sound

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. About 200 to 300 feet above. Ranges

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. Speed about 200 to 250 MPH Travelling horizontal position

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

No previous experience prior to this incident

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

Jerzy Tuszczyk

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

Travelling from South to North: from ABA Mine towards Witteoom Townsite.

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

Remained on straight path until out of sight over ranges

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Trail of red flame from rear.

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

Behind hill

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

Nil

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

Weather conditions good - visibility clear

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

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

Nil

27. Any additional information. Nil

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..Edo ROSSI.....

2. Address of Observer..WITTENOOM.....

3. Occupation of Observer..Mill Foreman.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)..2nd August 1964 - Approximately 3 Am...

5. Period of observation(s)..Approximately 1 minute.....

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

Location - outside Mill Office - Australian Blue Asbestos...
Limited - Hammersley Ranges - West Australia.....
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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

Coming from behind a hill.....

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

Light.....

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

Appeared as a definite object.....

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

One object only - similar to rocket.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Red lights in windows also White lights - alternate in each window - object colour not known

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

Similar to aeroplane body - but longer and wider.....

13. Was any detail of structure observable...No.....
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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. Rocket propulsion.....

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

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. Not sure - about 100 feet above Ranges.

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. About the same as Fokker Friendship
Travelling horizontal position

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

No experience previous to this incident.....

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

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Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

Travelling South to North - from AGA Mine to Witbank Town.

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

Remained on straight path until out of sight over Ranges

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Trail of red flame.

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

Behind hill.....

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

Nil.....

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

Clear night - visibility clear.....

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

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

Nil.....

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

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... Alexander Brian Elder

2. Address of Observer... 40 SEVENTH AVE Wittenoom

3. Occupation of Observer... Electrician

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time). 2.8.64 3:10 AM.

5. Period of observation(s)... TWO MINUTES

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

On the road between second and third crossings in Wittenoom Gorge, travelling south from the Town to ABA Mine in Wittenoom Gorge, Hammersley Range

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

Coming from behind a hill, on the side of Wittenoom Gorge

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

Light from the object.

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

It appeared as several objects. At first it appeared to be one bright light

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

Approx. six or seven objects. OBJECT AS SEEN the long object appeared as a streak of light surrounded by discs of light.

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

12. What was its apparent shape. As drawn above. (item 10.)

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

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

15. Was there any sound... No

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. Over 20000 feet.

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. Through 90° in Two Minutes

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

(16) Comparison to local aeroplane travel.

(17) ~~[illegible]~~ Judgement of angles in electric line work.

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

A B Elder.

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

Travelling from South to North from ABA Mine to Townsite.

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

Object remained on a straight path.

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

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

Object disappeared behind a hill.

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

NONE

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

Weather Good.....Visibility clear.

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

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

Nil

27. Any additional information.Nil

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

A B Elder

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Secretary,
Department of Air,
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Un-explained Incident - Cambridge Gulf, W.A.

Forwarded herewith, for such investigation as you may consider necessary, is advice received pertaining to an occurrence on 22nd September, 1964.

> "Report from Master "Koolama", in Cambridge Gulf at 1831 local time, sighted sky object like exploding meteorite - light was sufficiently bright to be reflected in water".

No civil aviation activity would account for this report.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

OR (MAS)

Received at D/D Ops on 25 Sep 64

Unidentified Sighting - Kavieng.

Forwarded herewith, for such investigation as you may consider necessary, is a report by our Officer-in-Charge, Kavieng, relating to an unidentified flying object sighting in the vicinity of Kavieng on 12th August, 1964.

The delay in reporting this occurrence is regretted but the necessary sighting details were inadvertently omitted from the initial notification provided by our Regional Office.

There was no notification, to Air Traffic Control, of an air movement which could account for this sighting.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
GOVERNMENT AERODROME
KAVIENG
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
DEPT. CIVIL AVIATION,
PORT MORESBY.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT. KAVIENG.

An unidentified flying object was sighted in the Kavieng area at approximately 1845 EST on 12/8/64.

The manager of New Guinea Company telephoned the Officer in Charge of this station at approximately 1840 and advised of a white light moving across the sky in the vicinity of the Kavieng Harbour.

At 1843, the Officer in Charge, along with other responsible citizens observed a white light moving across the sky from 1843 until it disappeared due to distance at 1851.

The observers were facing in a Westerly direction and the object was proceeding on a South to North track, running parallel with the Kavieng foreshore.

The appearance of the object was similar to a bright star. It was a white light, but due to darkness, no visible means of support were evident. A white light was the only object sighted. Conditions at the time were a fine and clear starry night.

The height and speed of the moving object was difficult to ascertain but could be compared favourably with an aircraft of the B50 type, cruising at 15000 to 25000 feet. The apparent nearness and the angle of sighting would tend to substantiate this. The angle of sighting was approximately 50/60 degrees from the horizon.

The reference to an aircraft is only a hazarded guess as the object could have been much higher, in which case it would naturally have been travelling at a much greater speed

All that can be stated as definite fact is that a bright, white light was sighted at an angle of 50/60 degrees over the Kavieng Harbour area, travelling in a South to North direction from approximately 1840 until 1851 EST on 12/8/64.

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B. LAW.
Officer in Charge.

c.c. RCC Port Moresby.
District Commissioner, Kavieng.

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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
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2nd September 1964

Secretary
Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)
Russell Offices
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. The following report was received by the Duty Operations Officer at this headquarters from ACC SYDNEY at 020345Z September.

2. First Officer V.S. KAYE, co-pilot of Ansett-ANA Flight 318 reported possible UFO sighting at 012227Z whilst enroute MELBOURNE to CANBERRA at Flight Level 170.

3. Two silver objects were sighted when 15 - 20 nautical miles SOUTH WEST of HOLBROOK. One appeared approximately 3000 feet above the aircraft dead ahead, the other much higher at the one o'clock position. Both appeared solid silver ovals ie, no wings.

4. The objects could possibly have been a Viscount and an Electra aircraft which were in the area at the time, but seemed too large. (most likely)

5. Conditions at the time were glary and the pilot was wearing polaroid glasses. The captain who was not wearing glasses did not sight the objects.

6. SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ACC have confirmed that no military traffic was in the area at the time.

7. No further investigation has been conducted by this headquarters.

(F.K. CARRICK)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS
Your 5/6/Air(55) dated 28th August, 1964

No further action is considered necessary in respect of the two reports of sightings of unusual aerial objects forwarded under cover of your above-mentioned letter.

(M.C. RABAN)
Wing Commander
For Chief of the Air Staff

TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0550

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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are two reports received on 26th August 64 from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne concerning sightings of unusual aerial objects at PASCOE VALE Victoria during May 64 and at LAUNCESTON Tasmania on 17 Aug 64.

2. In connexion with Mr D. Owen's report, it is pointed out that Pascoe Vale is within the circuit area of Essendon civilian Airport.

3. Advice is requested as to whether any further action should be taken by this Headquarters.

(S.W. DALLYWATER)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mrs. Mills & Son (age 8)

2. Address of Observer 285 Hobart Road (Launceston)

3. Occupation of Observer Housewife

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
0630 E 17/8/64

5. Period of Observation(s) 30 mins.

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

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
70° E

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Looked like a star - bluish

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape Star

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation 70°

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Moving in circles (clear sky)

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

To East from observer in circles.

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

No

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

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

Cloud obscured

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

Nil

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

Clear sky then cloud.

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

Nil

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

Launceston 5 miles from obs.

27. Any additional information

Nil.

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer DAVID OWEN (AGE 17)

2. Address of Observer 8 Alexandra Street, Pascoe Vale.

3. Occupation of Observer Works at motor wreckers.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
2345. 9.5.64 (and 7 days previously between 2000-2100

5. Period of Observation(s) Not reported.

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

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

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Moving lights (two)

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape
Large light appeared to precede small.

13. Was any detail of structure observable No.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No.

15. Was there any sound No.

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation Much higher than an aircraft.

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Much faster than an aircraft.

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
E to W, NW to SE and N to S.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
Moving back and forth in a zig-zag between two stars.

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Not reported.

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
Sighting corroborated by employer Mr. Silipec. Phone 35-4033.

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

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

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

27. Any additional information
Nil.

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

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(Hansard)

Dated 11/8/64

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Mr. BENSON.—My question to the Minister for Air relates to the state of our radar readiness. Has the Minister seen recent reports in the Press that radar units in our northern area go out of operation during weekends? Are these reports correct? If they are, will the Minister take steps to ensure that a constant watch is kept?

Mr. HOWSON.—Yes, I have seen those reports. As a rule, the radar stations in the north are not manned continuously, but it is not correct that they are manned only in normal working hours. At the moment we do not consider that the dangers to our north are such that we need to keep a constant watch. I suppose the honorable member would want a string of radar stations all the way from Carnarvon to Cape York, and fighter squadrons located all over our northern area. We do not hold the fortress concept that is so beloved by members of the Opposition, but we have certain commitments. The chief demand on us at this time is to help our friends to our north, to meet any requests for assistance that they may make to us. At this stage we regard that as our first priority.

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For information

14 Aug '64

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(Hansard)

Dated 11/8/64

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Mr. HARDING.—I direct a question to the Minister for Air. In view of reports of unidentified objects flying over north Queensland and northern Australia, can the Minister inform the people living in the area whether the sightings are imaginary? Has he any plans for positive identification in the event of future sightings?

Mr. HOWSON.—The honorable member may have read the statement I made on this subject only a few days ago, in which I said that we cannot state positively that these were not enemy aircraft. However, I can say that of such sightings that have been reported and investigated not more than 3 per cent. have been thought to have involved anything other than birds, showers of meteors and the other objects to which I referred in the statement. The object that was reported over Longreach was sighted at exactly the same time as a DC8 aircraft was passing over that town. Showers of meteors have also been sighted over Longreach in similar circumstances. I very much doubt whether the objects were anything other than what we believe them to be. As I stated in my reply to the question asked by the honorable member for Batman, if the honorable member for Herbert thinks that we should devote all the resources of the Royal Australian Air Force to operating radar stations around our north instead of getting on with the job of meeting what we regard as a first priority, he will have to think again.

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RAAF Base
PEARCE WA

(Copy to: Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 5/9/Air(36) dated 28th July, 1964
and 5/9/Air(38) dated 5th August, 1964

1. It is considered that no further investigation of the sightings referred to in your above-mentioned letter dated 28th July, 1964, is required. This Department's views on these sightings were conveyed to your Headquarters by the Public Relations Officer, Mr. H. Rayner, in a telephone conversation on Tuesday 4th August, 1964. Attached are copies of the suggested press release forwarded to the Press Secretary, of the Minister of Defence, and additional background information, not for publication, prepared for the Minister of Defence.

2. The sightings reported in your letter, referred to above, dated 5th August, 1964, are assessed to be of meteor activity which Mount Stromlo have advised is prevalent at this time of the year in the southern hemisphere. No further investigation is deemed necessary.

(M.C. RABAN)
Wing Commander
For Chief of the Air Staff

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No. 5/9/Air (38)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF
PEARCE WA

5th August 1964

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

Info: Headquarters Support Command

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
ONSLOW AREA 1st and 2nd AUGUST 1964

1. A report was received on Monday 3rd August 1964, from Mr LLOYD MARSHALL a newspaper reporter for the Daily News of PERTH, that two sightings had been reported from ONSLOW, one on Saturday evening, the second on Sunday morning the 2nd August 1964.

2. The particulars are:-

First Report 1 Aug

Several local people (un-named) who were patrons of the ONSLOW Open Air Cinema observed late during the show a flying object travelling much slower than normal at about airline altitude.

Second Report 2 Aug

(a) Submitted by Mr BOB MARSHALL one of three men who alighted from a car at WARREMBOO CREEK approximately 57 miles east of ONSLOW at 0315 hours

(b) The observed object travelled from SOUTH to NORTH and was in view for approximately 3 minutes. The flying object had a very bright head followed by an incandescent tail, when it disappeared the head went out first and the tail glowed on. The phenomena appeared to be quite low.

(c) The second object was seen by all three members of the party.

Local Aircraft in the Area

Mr D McDONALD, Operations Officer for DCA in West Australia states that there were no civil aircraft authorized to fly in the ONSLOW area on the night of Saturday/Sunday 1st and 2nd August 1964.

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Service Aircraft in the Area

Flt Lt P. COFFEY (RAF) Operations Officer for No 11 Squadron on exercise PELARGIC DOLPHIN stated that no SERVICE AIRCRAFT were in the area during the hours of the report.

3. No formal investigation of either this report or the previous report on aircraft sightings at BARROW ISLAND (HQPEA letter 5/9/Air (36) dated 28th July 1964 refers) have been undertaken to date. Your direction in this matter is awaited.

C.H.D. Browne.
(C.H.D. BROWNE)
Wing Commander
Officer T/Commanding

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28th July 1964

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/14/Air (13)

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

REPORT ON UFO

Enclosed is a copy of Headquarters RAAF Base AMBERLEY's report on the sighting of an unidentified flying object sighted at LONGREACH on 23rd July 1964. No comments are tended by this headquarters.

(F.K. CARRICK)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Press release 28 Jul. 64.
Believed to be meteor shower

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Headquarters
RAAF
AMBERLEY QLD

27th July 1964

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

REPORT ON UFO
SIGHTED AT LONGREACH - 23RD JULY 1964

1. As requested by Headquarters Operational Command two Officers travelled to Longreach and Mt Isa on Friday, 24th July, 1964, to interview the party which had made the above report.

2. Attached are reports from the following gentlemen:-

(a) The Reverend G.L. FORREST, Methodist Minister

(b) Mr R.S. IRELAND, Taxi Proprietor

(c) Mr C.W. Lanham, Air-charter Pilot

(d) Mr D.P. GOULD, Salesman

(e) Mr G.L. NEWMAN, Salesman

(f) Mr E.T. BAILEY, Salesman

Also attached are separate reports by Flight Lieutenant C.W. Reif and Flight Lieutenant C.T. Kilian the interviewing officers.

3. For your further information Flight Lieutenant Reif is the Wing Intelligence Officer at 82 Wing and Flight Lieutenant Kilian is a pilot with No 1 OCU.

4. One other observer, the Reverend ALCORN a Methodist Minister had already left Longreach for Brisbane and has been in transit over the last two days. No report has been obtained from this gentleman yet but arrangements will be made for him to be interviewed in Prisbane at the first opportunity.

(A.D. GARRISSON)
Air Commodore
Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON THE INTERVIEW OF WITNESSES TO THE SIGHTINGS OF U.F.O's OVER LONGREACH ON THE 23rd JULY, 1964.

1. A Canberra aircraft A84-225 HHE proceeded from RAAF Amberley to Longreach and Mt. Isa on the 23rd July, 1964. The crew, Flt. Lt. KILLIAN and Flt. Lt. REIF, were instructed to interview the witnesses to a sighting of unidentified flying objects over Longreach on the 22nd July, 1964.

2. The witnesses were as follows:-

(a) The Reverend G.L. FORREST, Methodist minister,

(b) Mr. R.S. IRELAND, Taxi Proprietor,

(c) Mr. C.W. LANHAM, Air-charter Pilot,

(d) Reverend ALCORN, Methodist Minister, and

(e) Messrs. D.P. GOULD, G.L. NEWMAN and E.T. BAILEY Salesmen.

3. The Reverend FORREST and Mr. IRELAND were interviewed at LONGREACH, the others, with the exception of Reverend ALCORN who had returned to BRISBANE, were contacted at Mt. ISA.

4. The occurence was described as follows:-

(a) Mr. LANHAM in his aircraft, call sign C.W.L., landed at LONGREACH and closed down his engines at 22o245Z. He had on board three passengers, Messrs. GOULD, BAILEY and NEWMAN, and was being met by the Reverends FORREST and ALCORN. Mr. IRELAND was waiting to pick up passengers and luggage.

(b) A KLM DC8 aircraft was expected to pass over at this time and on hearing the noise of a high flying jet, the Reverend FORREST looked up expecting to see the aircraft. He said to Mr. LANHAM as he stepped from the aircraft, "There is a jet up there." He continued to search the sky and observed an object at an elevation of seventy to eighty degrees over LONGREACH township. He drew Mr. LANHAM's attention to it.

(c) The object appeared as a formation of objects of whitish colour. The two objects leading the formation appeared to carry out shallow manouvres while not deviating from the general westerly direction.

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Cont. (d) The objects were observed by Mr. LANHAM and others in the group, although Mr. IRELAND stated he took only a fleeting look before continuing the task of loading luggage.

(e) The Reverend FORREST and others stated that they observed the objects for a couple of minutes before they disappeared out of their range of sight. Mr. LANHAM only waited to observe the objects for a comparitively short time after deciding that they were aircraft, before going into the D.C.A. building to check with the operators concerning aircraft movements. The D.C.A. operators did not take Mr. LANHAM's story seriously at first and it was a little while before they were convinced. The objects had, in the meantime, disappeared.

Facts extracted from the interview were as follows:-

(a) The witnesses were all clustered in one group on the LONGBEACH tarmac.

(b) Mr. LANHAM stated that the objects were of aircraft shape and appeared to be much higher and moving at about twice the speed of a Boeing 707 which flew over some time later

(c) On being shown some silhouettes of varied aircraft, Mr. LANHAM stated that the objects resembled certain silhouet which were No 2 and No 71 on the Recognition Training Lis (silhouettes of service aircraft) A.M.P. 3260. issued 196

(d) The witnesses differed in their estimation of the number and colour of the objects but generally agreed as to being from six to ten objects of whitish colour, one said that he first thought that the group of objects was a puf of cloud.

The witnesses stated that the objects were not birds but seemed fairly confident of this because Mr. LANHAM's [illegible] of the objects as a formation of aircraft. [illegible] stated [illegible] he had not seen a formation of [illegible].
No [illegible] of the presence of migratory birds was available.

[illegible] witnesses that the size of [illegible] of some Kite-Hawks [illegible] interrogator as being 1,500 [illegible].

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5 cont. (g) The KLM DC8, call sign PH- DCF Flight KL 844 did pass over LONGREACH at 220246Z at a flight level of 330 but was not observed by the witnesses.

(h) Mr. LANHAM's first thoughts on sighting the objects were stated to be as follows:- "I saw the objects, one seemed to peel off and I immediately thought 'He's coming back at us' thinking of enemy aircraft."

(j) Mr. LANHAM had served for five years in the RAAF during the war.

(k) The sightings were made with the naked eye. The sky was clear and the glare sufficient for the witnesses to shield their eyes with the hand. It was noted that Mr. IRELAND needed glasses to read although he alleges his long sight as being good.

6. Further details are given on the interrogation pro-formas which were completed during the interview.

(C.W. Reif Flt. Lt.)

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REPORT BY FLT LT C.T.KILIAN

1. I assisted Flt Lt REIF interviewing observers on 24 Jul 64 and submit the following information received in the interviews.

The Observation

2. The Rev ALCORN and the Rev FORREST were standing on the tarmac at LONGREACH airfield on the 23rd July 1964 with Mr IRELAND who was handling Mr ALCORN'S luggage. Mr LANHAM and his three passengers taxied to the tarmac in a light aircraft at about 1245 hours and switched the engine off. All seven observers were then grouped together and the sound of a high flying jet aircraft was heard. This aircraft was a DC 8 at flight level 330 that reported overhead at 1247 hours. All members looked up and someone said "there it is, and there's another and another". Some counted six objects and more in the sky which was cloudless. The objects were uniform in size and appeared to be white or silvery. They were flying on a straight path in a Westerley direction and in loose formation and some were moving laterally within the formation, causing someone to cry "look, one's turning". Messrs LANHAM and FORREST noticed wings that may have been swept-back, but further details were not distinguishable. The formation disappeared out of sight over LONGREACH township after an elapsed time of somewhere between one and three minutes, and the change in elevation was from approx 70° to 50° i.e. 20°.

3. Mr LANHAM did not watch the objects disappear from sight but counted some and then rushed into the aeradio office to make enquiries and did not see the objects again. He may or may not have noticed lateral movement within the formation. He described the objects as moving very high and very fast, estimating the speed to be double that of a Boeing 707 and the relative size of the objects to be about half that of a 707.

The Observers

4. The Rev FORREST and Mr IRELAND were interviewed at LONGREACH airport and were able to indicate where the party had stood and the position of the objects. Mr IRELAND stated that he noticed one object only and could not supply any further details. The Rev ALCORN had departed for BRISBANE and was not interviewed. Mr FORREST recalled that two or possibly three of the objects weaved back and forth and that they had swept-back or delta wings (when shown silhouettes). He admitted that he did not have the experience to accurately assess heights and speeds but he did not doubt Mr LANHAM's estimations.

5. Mr LANHAM and his passengers Messrs GOULD, NEWMAN and BAILEY were interviewed at MT ISA airfield. Mr LANHAM had cancelled a charter trip in order to be available for interview. He stated he had logged between 7000 and 8000 hours and had been in the RAAF for five years and had been in the air charter business since the war. He was wearing spectacles when introduced. He estimated that the height of the objects would have been at least 40,000 feet after he had been told that the DC 8 had been flying at 33,000 feet although he had not sighted that aircraft. He estimated the size of the objects in comparison with the memory of the 707s size as it frequently passes overhead. Mr NEWMAN mentioned in private that he thought Mr LANHAM had a tendency to"romanticise" but he would not doubt his report. Mr LANHAM is well known by the other six observers and as they respect his opinions on aviation matters,they all agreed the objects were aircraft flying fast and high,and could not have been birds.

(C.T.KILIAN)
Flight Lieutenant

AMBERLEY Qld
26 Jul 64

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ERROL THEODORE BAILEY

2. Address of observer 47 NORMANTON ST. STAFFORD

3. Occupation COMPANY REP.

4. Date, time of observation 23-7-1964 12.50PM

5. Period of observation (the time interval) APPROX. ONE MINUTE

6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.
OVER LONGREACH AIRPORT BY NAKED EYE

7. Where was object observed e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, cloud or over horizon etc.
OVERHEAD TRAVELLING WEST

8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.
NOISE OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT. (~~IN~~ ~~CIRCUIT~~) OVERHEAD

9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
WHITE OR SILVER

10. How many objects and what was their formation.
I SAW SIX OF ABOVE OBJECTS. (COUNTED SIX, BUT COULD HAVE BEEN MORE)

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

12. What was its apparent shape ~~AIRCRAFT~~ ALL OF SAME SHAPE BUT HARD TO DEFINE

13. Was any detail of structure observed.
NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NOT NOTICED BY ME

*16. Height or angle of elevation EXTREMELY HIGH. ABOUT 60°-70° FROM HORIZON

*17. Speed or angular velocity VERY FAST

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

FLIES REGULARLY AS PASSENGER OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the flight and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moves, and the time taken to do so.

19. Direction of flight with reference to land marks or points of compass.

WEST - (OVER LONGBEACH)

20. Did object remain on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre.

GENERAL PATH WAS STRAIGHT, BUT SOME "PEELED AWAY" AND APPEARED TO TURN AWAY & BACK AGAIN.

21. Was any tail of exhaust vapor or light seen NO

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

JUST PAST OVERHEAD

23. Existance of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence. NO

24. Weather conditions BLUE SKIES

25. Location of air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. DC 8 OVERHEAD AT FL 330.

26. Location of any meteorological station in the area.

27. Any additional information.

Note: 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by the interrogator.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: Douglas Peter Gould
2. Address of observer: C/- Alvic No 1 776 Main St. KANGAROO PT. BRISBANE
3. Occupation: COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
4. Date, time of observation: 22. 7. 61 12.48 p.m.
5. Period of observation (the time interval): 1 MINUTE
6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.
   With eyes unaided by glasses.
7. Where was object observed e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, cloud or over horizon etc.
   Longreach Aerodrome Overhead travelling Westward.
8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.
   Attention drawn by other members of Party
9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
   Definite object
10. How many objects and what was their formation.
    Sighted approx six in Loose formation.
11. What was the colour of the light or object. White
12. What was its apparent shape Small Blobs when Sighted Same
13. Was any detail of structure observed.
    No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No.
15. Was there any sound No.

*16. Height or angle of elevation.

*17. Speed or angular velocity.

D P Gould

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

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* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the flight and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moves, and the time taken to do so.

19. Direction of flight with reference to land marks or points of compass.

East to West.

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20. Did object remain on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre.

Straight Path. when Sighted

21. Was any tail of exhaust vapor or light seen ...No.....

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

Mid Air

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

24. Weather conditions Perfect - No. Cloud.....

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

26. Location of any meteorological station in the area.

27. Any additional information.

Note: 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by the interrogator.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer George Lars NEWMAN

2. Address of observer # 28 Long St
TOOWOOMBA

3. Occupation SALESMAN

4. Date, time of observation 23/7/64 1250 P.M.

5. Period of observation (the time interval) 1 minute

6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.
Longreach Aerodrome — unaided by glasses - naked eye

7. Where was object observed e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, cloud or over horizon etc.
~~#~~ ~~$~~ First appeared overhead - travelling west

8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.
- small objects in cloudless sky, bright sunlight
- noise of another aircraft overhead

9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
appeared as small puffs of cloud

10. How many objects and what was their formation.
I sighted about 4 or 5, no formation

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

12. What was its apparent shape not clear.

13. Was any detail of structure observed.
NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

*16. Height or angle of elevation. Very high - say 30,000 or better

*17. Speed or angular velocity. appeared to be moving very fast, out of sight to the west.

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

RRIVATE PILOT - 100 hours

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the flight and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moves, and the time taken to do so.

19. Direction of flight with reference to land marks or points of compass.

MOVED TO THE WEST (OVER LONGREACH)

20. Did object remain on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre.

PROCEEDED TOWARDS WEST ; SOME MANOEUVRED

21. Was any tail of exhaust vapor or light seen No

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

DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW IN MID AIR

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

24. Weather conditions BLUE SKIES -

25. Location of air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. DC 8 OVERHEAD FL 330

26. Location of any meteorological station in the area.

27. Any additional information.

Note: 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by the interrogator.

[signature] FLS LE

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ... Rev. George Leonard Forest
2. Address of observer ... 127 Emu St Longreach
3. Occupation ... Methodist Minister
4. Date, time of observation ... 1248 22/7/64
5. Period of observation (the time interval) ... approx 3 minutes
6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.
   standing on tarmac of field. eyes unaided but shielded by hand from glare
7. Where was object observed e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, cloud or over horizon etc.
   overhead westwards
8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.
   accident looked up due noise from DC8 which passed over according to tower
9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
   definite
10. How many objects and what was their formation.
    loose formation 2 lead A/c seemed to manouvre about 6 followed
11. What was the colour of the light or object ... glistening
12. What was its apparent shape ... swept wing
13. Was any detail of structure observed.
    too blurry
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ... no
15. Was there any sound ... could have been
*16. Height or angle of elevation ... 80°
*17. Speed or angular velocity ... approx a couple of degrees in the time

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Mr. FORREST

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

NIL

NIL

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the flight and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moves, and the time taken to do so.

19. Direction of flight with reference to land marks or points of compass.

West

20. Did object remain on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre.

Straight Path

21. Was any tail of exhaust vapor or light seen ..No.....

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

beyond eyesight in distance

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

24. Weather conditions .....Fine and clear.....

25. Location of air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. DC8 in area.

26. Location of any meteorological station in the area. none

27. Any additional information.

Note: 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by the interrogator.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer CLIFFORD WILTON LANHAM
2. Address of observer "CONVILLE". 218 PACIFIC PARADE, PHONG TWEED HEADS 1246 BILINGA VIA COOLANGATTA
3. Occupation AIR CHARTER OPERATOR.
4. Date, time of observation 22/0247
5. Period of observation (the time interval) TWO TO THREE MINUTE
6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.
   BY ORDINARY SITE FROM TARMAC OF LONGREACH AERODROME.
7. Where was object observed e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, cloud or over horizon etc.
   ALMOST OVERHEAD - A LITTLE TO SOUTH OF AERODROME AND ABOUT OVER TOP OF LONGREACH TOWN.
8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.
   SOUND OF JET (DC8) FLYING OVERHEAD SIMULTANEOU
9. Did object appear as light or as a definite object.
   DEFINITE OBJECT. — AIRCRAFT SHAPES - SWEPT B WING
10. How many objects and what was their formation.
    I, PERSONALLY, OBSERVED SIX - THEN PROCEEDED TO AERADIO OFFICE T CH
11. What was the colour of the light or object.... LIGHT ALMOST WH
12. What was its apparent shape ... SWEPT BACK WING AIRCRAFT.
13. Was any detail of structure observed.
    AIRCRAFT SHAPE.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ... NO. - ASSUMED JETS.
15. Was there any sound ... UNDECTABLE
*16. Height or angle of elevation. ABOUT 70° ABOVE HORIZON.
*17. Speed or angular velocity. MY ESTIMATE ABOUT TWICE SPEED OF BOEI

Mr Lanham



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C.W.L

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

— COMMERCIAL PILOT - AIR CHARTER.

— 5 YEARS IN R.A.A.F.

19. Direction of flight with reference to land marks or points of compass.

— TRAVELLING FROM EAST TO WEST.

20. Did object remain on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre.

MOST OF THEM REMAINED ON STRAIGHT PATH. - AT LEAST TWO MANOUVERED ALMOST AS THOUGH BREAKING LOOSE FORMATION THEN STRAIGHTENED UP.

21. Was any tail of exhaust vapor or light seen

NO VAPOUR TRAIL

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

DISAPPEARED OUT OF SITE.

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

24. Weather conditions PERFECT WEATHER. CLOUDLESS & VERY BLUE SK

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

26. Location of any meteorological station in the area.

27. Any additional information.

Note: 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by the interrogator.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mr Robert Stephen Ireland

2. Address of observer 21 Eagle St Longreach

3. Occupation Taxi prop

4. Date, time of observation 1248 22/7/64

5. Period of observation (the time interval) one look after being sho

6. Manner of observation (give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmark and description of equipment used in the observation.

on tarmac loading luggage no glass

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

overhead

8. What first attracted observers attention e.g. light or noise.

shown

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

definite

10. How many objects and what was their formation.

just an object

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

12. What was its apparent shape not noticed

13. Was any detail of structure observed.

no

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious no

15. Was there any sound could

*16. Height or angle of elevation approx 80°

*17. Speed or angular velocity —

Mr Ireland only had one look at the objects and could not fill in page 2.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of Observer ..... Cw Lanham + 6 others .....
2. Address of Observer .....
3. Occupation of Observer .....
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 22 0247Z .....
5. Period of observation(S) ..... between 1 + 2 mins .....
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..... Naked eye Longreach Tamar .....
.....
.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
..... overhead Longreach .....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
..... Sound of light at acft .....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
..... Definite object of medium size .....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
..... 6 to 10 in loose formation .....
11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... white .....
12. What was its apparent shape .....
..... Apparent acft shape .....
13. Was any detail of structure observable .....
..... 2 observers suggested swept back wings .....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious : ..... Not obvious .....
15. Was there any sound ..... No apparent sound from objects .....
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation ..... 70° .....
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity ..... Lanham assessed as approx twice high flying 707 .....
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
..... Lanham experienced charter pilot .....

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

Re[illegible]t on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

Westerly direction

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

Remained on straight path, some objects appeared to manoeuvre laterally within formation

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

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

disappeared out of range of vision

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

Nil supporting evidence

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

Clear blue sky

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

KML DC8 overhead hangreach 0247 FL330 for Manilla via Normanton

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

Nil met station

27. Any additional information .....

Observers stood in one group, Lanham assessed size to be approx half that of a light (?) Boeing 707 and probably observed for less than one minute - Full reports following

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

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RESTRICTED A001 ATTENTION DAFI PD REPORT ON UFO OVER LONGREACH PD (1) MR C W LANHAM AND SIX OTHERS (4) 220247Z (5) BETWWEN ONE AND THREE MINUTES (6) NAKED EYE FROM LONGREACH TARMAC (7) OVERHEAD LONGREACH TOWNSHIP (8) SOUND OF HIGH JET AIRCRAFT (9) DEFINITE OBJECTS OF UNIFORM SIZE (10) SIX TO TEN IN LOOSE FORMATION (11) WHITE (12) APPARENT AIRCRAFT SHAPES (13) TWO OBSERVERS SUGGESTED SWEPT BACK WINGS (14) NO POPULSION OBVIOUS (15) NO APPARENT SOUND FROM OBJECTS (16) SEVENTY DEGREES ELEVATION (17) LANHAM ASSESSED SPEED AS APPROX TWICE THAT OF A HIGH FLYING BOEING 707 (18) LANHAM EXPERIENCED CHARTER PILOT (19) WESTERLEY DIRECTION (20) FORMATION REMAINED ON STRAIGHT PATH CMM SOME OBJECTS APPEARED TO MANOEUVRE LATERALLY WITHIN THE FOR-

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MATION (21) NO TRAILS (22) DISAPPEARED OUT OF RANGE OF VISION (23) NIL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE (24) CLEAR BLUE SKY (25) KML DC8 OVERHEAD ~~LONGREA~~ LONGREACH 0247Z FL330 FOR MANILLA VIA NORMANTON (26) NIL MET STATION (27) OBSERVERS STOOD IN ONE GROUP CMM LANHAM ASSESSED SIZES TO BE APPROX HALF THAT OF A HIGHT BOEING 707 AND PROBABLY OBSERVED FOR LESS THAN ONE MINUTE PD FULL REPORTS FOLOWING

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~~C WA OVERHEAD~~ LONGREACH

Wg Cdr RABAN 0830

Mon 27th July

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Assess to be ~~Aquired~~ Meteor Shower (folio 32 refers)

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THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED. YOUR REPLY OR REFERENCE MUST BEAR A MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION OF RESTRICTED.

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CONFIDENTIAL AI552/SO INTELL UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTING PD FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM BRISBANE ACC PD MR C LANHAM PLUS SEVEN OB SERVIERS REPORTED TEN OBJECTS RESEMBLING SWEPT WING AIRCRAFT OVER LONGREACH 230240Z PD OBJECTS IN LOOSE FORMATION AT HIGH ALTITUDE HEADING WEST PD SKY CLEAR CMM VIS UNLIMITED PD COR OPCOM CMM TVL ACC CMM BN ACC AND SY ACC NO REPORTED TRAFFIC PD LANHAM COMMERCIAL CHARTER PILOT MAY BE CONTACTED PHONE LONGREACH 76

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Rang S.O. Int Op Com requesting Amberley arrange for Lanham and each observer to fill in U.F.O. pro-forma independently

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WpCdr
D/D Ops

A "thing" leaves its mark

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MACKAY.—Hotel licensee (Mr. Jim Tilse) said at his hotel on the Eton Range, about 40 miles from Mackay, last night: "If I had only seen it by myself I would keep my mouth shut."

He was talking about a mysterious "thing", circular in shape and bearing some 30 lights, which he and two other men say "landed" near the hotel on Sunday night.

Constable B. Self, of Nebo police, confirmed yesterday there was evidence of scorching the treetops and a section of grass near the Retreat Hotel.

Photographs

Mr. Tilse has taken coloured photographs of marks made by "the thing" including a circular scorch mark about 20ft. across.

He said he had reported the matter to police and the Civil Aviation Department.

The three men who said they sighted "the thing," Mr. Tilse, who is a commercial pilot with 11,500 hours' experience, and Mr. John Burgess and Mr. Eric Judin residents at the hotel, have made a sketch of it and have signed it.

"All sober"

Mr. Tilse said last night: "It was about midnight on Sunday and I was clearing up around the place. We were all sober.

"One of the blokes ran in and said come and have a look at this. I went out and said: 'It's just the moon.'

"But when I saw it moving towards us I ran inside and called the police.

"The policeman at Mackay nearly died laughing and said: 'I bet it's still not there.'

"I went and had another look and said, 'Yes it is and it's coming towards the hotel.' That must have taken the smile off his face.

Spotlights

"The object was about 300 yards from the hotel and it was moving over the treetops at one stage. It had a great bank of spotlights, about 20 or 30 of them, above a circular platform.

"When it was coming towards us somebody said 'Get the rifle and shoot at it,' but I said 'No fear they might shoot back'."

Mr. Tilse said that he and the two other men watched the object for about 40 minutes.

When it took off and flew away they saw it had three legs.

"I saw it. We all saw it. It disappeared in a north-easterly direction," Mr. Tilse said.

"If I had seen it by myself I would have kept my mouth shut so that I would not make myself a laughing-stock," Mr. Tilse said.

"I have read about these things and scoffed," he said.

"Not a plane"

"It wasn't an aircraft—of that I am sure," he said.

Mr. Judin confirmed Mr. Tilse's story.

He said: "I have never seen anything like it . . . those lights . . . and those legs."

In Brisbane last night the Regional Director of Civil Aviation (Mr. Seymour) said that so far he had not received a report on the sighting.

"But if Mr. Tilse says he has seen something then I believe him, as he is an experienced pilot," he said.

The sighting would probably be investigated by the Air Force, as other sightings were, Mr. Seymour said.

BRISBANE COURIER MAIL THURSDAY 27TH MAY 1965

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24 JUL 1964

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Mr. Hamish Robson
26 Watson Avenue
Rose Park
ADELAIDE SA

Dear Sir,

1. I refer to your letter dated 14th July, 1964, regarding reported sightings of unidentified flying objects.

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

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

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

5. This Department has no knowledge of the report in a 1950 edition of "Readers Digest" that the United States Air Force was constructing and launching discs similar to "flying saucers" to test air flow. However, attached is an extract from "Newsweek" dated 5th August, 1963, which may be of interest to you.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)

W. Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)
Att: 22 Jul 64

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14/7/64

26 Watson Avenue
Rose Park
Adelaide
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To the secretary,
Air Board
Canberra, A.C.T.

DAAFI(S)

Dear Sir,

Recently I became engaged in a long argument with a friend about the existence of unidentified flying objects and in particular so called "flying saucers". The argument reached a stalemate and while searching for additional material I was advised by several librarians to write to you.

If it would not inconvenience you could you please inform me whether any objects vaguely resembling "space craft" have been sighted by any Australian astronomical observatories, and if so has any explanation been given for their presence? Could you also verify or enlarge upon a report in a nineteen fifty "Reader's Digest" that the United States Air Force was constructing and launching discs similar to "flying saucers" to test air flow? If these questions are not relevant to your department could you suggest an alternative department to write to?

I would be exceedingly grateful if you could comply with any of these requests or give any additional information on the matter,

Yours Sincerely

Hamish Robson (16)

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The Secretary,
Air Board,
Canberra,
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Sender: 26 Watson Avenue
Rose-Park
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The original of folio 53 has been transferred to a DAH file.

Subject: Unidentified Aircraft - Papua and New Guinea.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer PASSMORE. MESSRS A + J M.
2. Address of Observer BALLADONIA HOTEL EYRE HIGHWAY.
3. Occupation of Observer PUBLICAN + WEATHER OBSERVERS.
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
Monday 24th February 10.55 p.m. 2nd March 7.50 pm. & 3rd March 7.30 pm
5. Period of observation(S) 20 minutes to times like 1 hour or more
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
From Balladonia Hotel looking West. Approximately 2 degrees North of West
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
as above — Between the trees in the distance
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
The first appearance was like a burning object, like aliget or something burning about 2 miles away and no smoke.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
as a fire first. Other times as a light as big as the headlight of a car in the distance
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
only one
11. What was the colour of the light or object fire first time, bright white light after
12. What was its apparent shape no shape
13. Was any detail of structure observable no
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious no but it rose, dung in the air, then sank again
15. Was there any sound no
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation 100 ft from the distance
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity rising up & hanging
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17. copy of report attached

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

.....2 degrees North of West.....

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

.....no straight path.....

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

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

.....earth wise.....

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

.....no only other observers.....

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

.....clear.....

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

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

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27. Any additional information .....

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

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REC'D.
29 APR 1964
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer GALE Peter John
2. Address of Observer C/O Box 12 Roaseman
3. Occupation of Observer School boy
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   Monday 24th Feb 6-30 PM
5. Period of observation(S) 30 seconds
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   178 Mile Peg Eyre Highway
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   Overhead Travelling N.W. to S.E.
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
   Light
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   ~~Moving Object eg.~~ Light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
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11. What was the colour of the light or object Whitish
12. What was its apparent shape As of previous rockets sighted
13. Was any detail of structure observable Nil
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious Nil
15. Was there any sound Nil
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation As of previous rockets (approx)
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity 1800
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    Newspaper reports etc & previous sightings

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

N.W. to S.E.

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

Straight Path.

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

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

Mid air.

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

Nil.

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

Clear.

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

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

27. Any additional information All questions answered are based on a vivid interest and close following of Sputniks etc. This object appeared in every aspect the identical to a Sputnik & USA Rocket.

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

Copy as
given to Inspector
Anderson of Kalgoorlie
Police.

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On 24th day of February 1964 at 10.55pm
Mr + Mrs Passmore were standing outside the
hotel when they noticed what appeared to
be a small bush fire burning about
2 miles distant in a 2 degrees North of West
angle from the front of the Hotel.

This was definitely in all appearances
in one persons opinion a bush fire, another
either a fire ball or some such + in the back
of my mind I felt it could be a light
air-craft down.

Mr Mc Eachran the Barman also came
out + observed it.

Mr + Mrs Passmore walked the 100 yards
down to the road to view this "fire" more
clearly. it still appeared to be burning
steadily but in the couple of minutes it
took to walk back to the Hotel the "fire"
had completely disappeared.

We listened to the news to hear if
there was anything about it, but there
was n-

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The following Monday 2nd Mar at 7.05 pm we were again outside when we saw hanging above the tree tops in exactly the same place as what had appeared as a fire the week before, a very bright light.

This light sank to the ground between the trees to the same spot as the week before, rose again hung in the sky & eventually sank again & went out.

Mr & Mrs Passmore & Mr Mc Eachran also saw this light, but Mr Mc Eachran who was being driven home this night observed the light through the rear ~~moon~~ window of the car in which he was a passenger.

To Quote Mr Mc Eachran = At about 8 pm he was a passenger in his father car returning to Balladonia when as they descended the 74 mile hill there appeared to be a light like the headlight from another car following them. They kept watching for the car but realised it was the light ~~the~~ in the sky. This light disappeared after

3 or 4 miles, + on returning here + being told we had watched the light he told us of the strange light he had seen also in the same place.

On Sunday 8th March about 7.30 p.m this light appeared again in exactly the same place + the staff from the Hotel all observed it too.

On Monday 9th Mrs Hillier the cook sat on the step + observed the light. To Quote her "The light was like the headlight of a car in the distance, it hung in the sky at exactly the same spot, + took about three quarters of an hour to slowly sink between the trees where she could still see it between the trees + it gradually went out.

No car was in the vicinity at that time.

Every one was intrigued + more so when one of the rabbit trappers came in + advised us that while driving along his children who were in the back of his ute

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all were very excited as they saw what appeared to them a sputnick in the sky which they described as a bright light travelling across the sky but they knew it wasn't a comet as it took too long to sink.

A man working on the road was in the hotel at this time, heard the story & said that he too had seen this light whilst travelling West to Norsemans & the light had kept to the left of him right up to the 70 mile hill when it disappeared.

On Tuesday I reported the whole story to the D. C. P at Boulder.

On Tuesday night at approximately 7 p.m the light again appeared but was not as bright altho it definitely was bigger than a star or comet & this time there was a small light next to it.

It did the same thing. Took ¾ of an hour to 50 minutes to sink, rose again, hung over

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the tree tops sank & then went out.
As it went out it appeared as a
cigarette does when you observe it in
a dark spot & can't see the smoke.

TELEPHONE :

Melb 69-0550

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1

27 APR 1964

5/6/Air(48)

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Attached for information is a newspaper report of an object seen in the sky near Norseman West Australia on 22 April 1964.

2. The incident was published in the "West Australian" dated 23rd April 1964.

(S.W. DALLYWATER)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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28 APR 1950
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

Wagin Man Wins Tour

Wagin dry cleaner L. P. Nelson (30) has been awarded a £1,000 scholarship to study dry cleaning management and technology in the United States.

He will leave W.A. in June for a four-week study course at Silver Springs, Maryland. When he returns he will pass on information to dry cleaners throughout W.A.

ing at the requir...

Some of the over... firms interested in nitr... genous fertiliser produc... tion in W.A. had ap... proached the Govern... ment. Others had been approached by the Government after they had indicated their interest.

The Government had not been able to judge whether local companies could meet W.A's future demands because it had not received any firm proposal.

[West German and American firms are to send

Mystery Light Startles Man

NORSEMAN, Wed: A Main Roads supervisor has reported sighting a strange red light last night over the Eyre-highway, about 146 miles east of Norseman.

The man's vehicle had broken down at the spot.

At 7.30 p.m. he saw the strange light almost directly above him. It appeared to touch the earth then climb at an angle of about 30 degrees several times in about 10 minutes.

The man said the object appeared quite close to him and that his dog almost went berserk.

He busied himself fixing his car to take his mind off the incident and forwarded a report to the police by wireless from Balladonia.

Mrs Passmore, proprietress of the Balladonia Motel, 120 miles east of Norseman, said that a strange light had been seen on several occasions by herself, her husband and employees at the motel and appeared to follow a similar pattern to the object sighted last night.

The object appeared in the same position almost due west from the motel each time. The Main Roads supervisor confirmed the direction.

Mrs Passmore has previously forwarded a detailed report on sightings to Inspector Anderson of the Kalgoorlie police.

Norseman police have sent a preliminary report on the incident to Inspector Anderson, of Kalgoorlie.

The "West Australian" but Apr...

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IN REPLY QUOTE 21/1/387

10 APR 1964 DAFI 2/4/64

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

DAFI

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Forwarded for your information, and investigation if considered warranted, is a copy of a report received by our Perth office.

(M.D. Evans)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION.

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REC'D.
17 APR 1964
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

COPY

33 William Street,
ARMADALE

22/3/64.

Department of Civil Aviation,
88 St. George's Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

I would like to report the sighting of an object this morning of which I was unable to identify. I have listed a general description under the headings below.

Sighting	9.57 a.m.
Height	About 2,000 - 4,000 ft.
Colour	Brown
Description	It was cigar shaped and travelling sideways. It would resemble a large bird but seemed to be travelling too fast and also the direction was straight. It did not appear to be an aeroplane as there was no apparent noise associated with the object and also was not shaped like an aeroplane. I first sighted it after it had passed overhead and it was between an overhead position and the horizon before I observed it. I then proceeded to watch it for about 10 secs. or more before I rushed inside to get a pair of binoculars, however by the time I came outside again, it had disappeared.
Direction	N.N.W.
Speed	Around about 400 mph.
Size	About 40' long.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (R.V. Marsh)

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14 APR 1964
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Mrs. J.M. Magee
18 Hanley Street
Brighton S51
VICTORIA

Folio 48

Dear Madam,

1. I refer to your letter dated 30th March, 1964, in which you requested details of an unidentified flying object sighted by astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, Jr. over West Australia during the 15th orbit of his space flight. This sighting was not reported through RAAF channels and, therefore, it is regretted that this Department is unable to supply any details of the incident.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

W/Cdr
D/DOps
15 Apr 64

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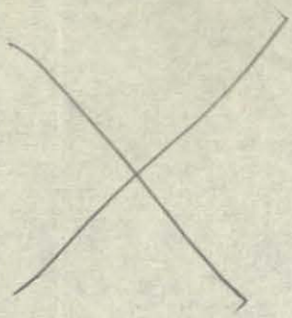



18 Hanby Street,
BRIGHTON. S.5
VICTORIA.

30th March, 1964.

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

DAFI

Dear Sir,

When Astronaut Gordon Cooper was in his 15th orbit over Western Australia, north of Perth, he sighted an Unidentified Flying Object 100 miles high. His sighting was confirmed by Muchea Tracking Centre and about two hundred known witnesses.

I am requesting information regarding details of the findings of this incident in particular, and what the R.A.A.F. is doing to solve the mystery of these objects in general.

Yours faithfully,

Judith M. Magee

(Mrs.) Judith M. Magee.

Note: / Action
1. No copy of NASA report on this flight held and no reports of U.F.O. sighting received.
2. Major Finney US Asst Air Attaché endeavouring to obtain information
MER Wg Cdr. 6 Apr
3. NASA ~~report~~ publication received 13 Apr. "The Training of Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr. and the Faith 7" — no mention of U.F.O. sighting.
MER Wg Cdr 14 Apr


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6 APR 1964
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3 APR 1964
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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The Proprietor
Belladonia Motel
BELLADONIA WA

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. This Department has received a report from the Department of Civil Aviation concerning sightings of lights in the Belladonia area by yourself and rabbit trappers.

2. To assist this Department in the investigation of these sightings, the attached pro formae are forwarded. It is requested that one pro forma be completed for each sighting made by yourself and by the rabbit trappers, and then returned to this Department.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Atts:

W. Cdr.
D/DAFI (Ops)
31 Mar 64

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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IN REPLY QUOTE 21/1/387

20 MAR 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR

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

DAFI

UNIDENTIFYING FLYING OBJECT

Forwarded for your information and investigation is a copy of a memorandum received from the West Australian Divisional Office of the Bureau of Meteorology which in turn forwards a report of lights observed in the vicinity of Balladonia, W.A.

2. The covering memorandum of our Regional Director indicated that the phenomena reported could not be associated with the operation of any aircraft in the area at the time.

3. Would you please advise the proprietor of the Balladonia Motel in due course of the result of your investigation.

M.D. Evans.

(M.D. Evans)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

Att.

(COPY)

WA Divisional Office of Bureau of Meteorology.

64/69/9

12th March, 1964.

The Regional Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
St. Georges Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

The following has been received from my Officer in Charge at Kalgoorlie.

"Following received from Balladonia Motel today. Three weeks ago a hot night at approximately 9.30 pm a light with the appearance of a burning tree trunk was noticed at an angle of 45 degrees and southeast of the Motel. Last Monday week one large and one small light appeared at approximately same time and place appeared to sink to ground and then rose again and disappeared. Sunday night and last night same lights appeared they appeared to move in the direction of Esperance. These last sightings were confirmed by Rabbit Trappers who were 50 miles further out. The Motel Prop. would like any information possible on this phenomenon."

Advice has been furnished to Kalgoorlie that there was no information available to identify the sighting report, but it would be forwarded to the appropriate authority, who would advise Balladonia in due course.

There is no astronomical explanation for this sighting, nor would it have been a satellite.

It could possibly be a reflection of car lights on a slope being focused on a cloud, similar to a cloud search light, but in view of the fact that two sightings were made from distances fifty miles apart, it seems difficult to believe that a light spot on a cloud would be sufficiently intense to be seen at such distances. There have been bush fires in this area, but again it is unlikely that a single light would be seen, but if there was any visible effect at the distances said, it would be more likely a reflected glow from the sky.

This leaves only the possibility of Aircraft operating in the area.

(G.W. MACKEY)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 128/1/21 dated 13th March, 1964

1. The letter from Mrs Cook in which she reports noises in the vicinity of her home in Minlaton, South Australia, has been noted.

2. As approximately 12 months has passed since the noises were heard, and the fact that no sightings were made and no definite dates given this Department can offer no explanation about this phenomena at this late stage.

3. It is suggested that Mrs Cook be advised that should such a phenomena recur, it should be reported immediately to this Department or to the nearest RAAF base.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 128.1.21 dated 13th March, 1964

1. The letter from Mrs. Cook in which she reports noises in the vicinity of her home in Minlaton, South Australia, has been noted.

2. ~~It is to be regretted that~~ As approximately 12 months ~~have~~ has passed since the noises were heard, that no sightings were made, and that no definite dates are given. In view of the lack of details and the time elapsed no explanation can be offered by this Department.

3. It is suggested that Mrs. Cook be advised that should such a phenomena recur, it should be reported immediately to this Department or to the nearest RAAF base.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Wg Cdr.
D/D AFI(Op)
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

13 MAR 1964

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA

DAFI

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Minister for Defence has received a letter from Mrs. V. Cook of Minlaton, South Australia (copy attached) in which she reports noises which she associates with UFOs. The Minister wishes to know if there is any explanation of the noises which Mrs. Cook and her son heard and we would be grateful if you would look into the matter and let us have your comments as soon as possible.

2. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the Department of Civil Aviation for information.

Secretary.

12 months ago!
No sightings!


REC'D.
13 MAR 1964
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

Box 6,
Minlaton, S.A.

3.3.64

The Minister of Defence

Dear Sir,

I have at last decided that I should report something I heard over my home about 12 months ago. The delay in reporting it is because I have been frightened of being laughed at, but I heard it and one son later heard it and I leave it to you to decide what it could be. It was about the time the odd ball was found near Broken Hill.

On two occasions I woke to hear a frighteningly loud bell like whining noise flying over the house. The third occasion I did not hear it quite so loudly but a son and family said they heard it and it made the little children (who are not unduly nervous) cry, and their father to comfort them said "Its just a big truck" but he only said that so they wouldn't be frightened. He like myself had no idea what it could be. It appeared to be flying over head at terrific speed S.W. to N.W.

I live about 1½ miles north of Minlaton on the Curramulka Road.

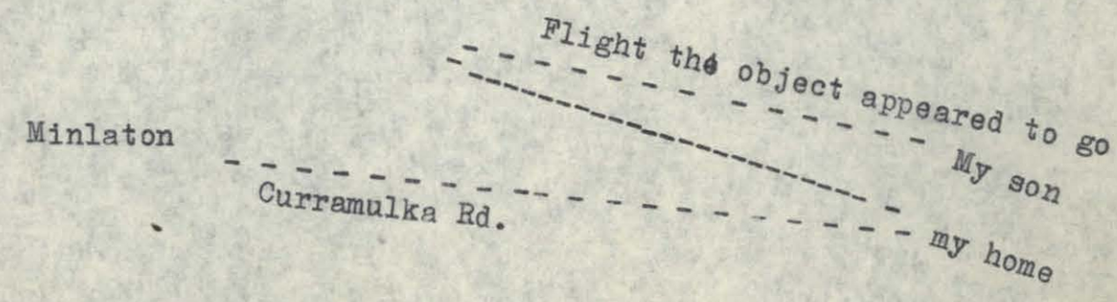
I have stayed at Elizabeth where jets of all kinds fly over head but I have never heard anything like this. What it was I don't know but I quite made up my mind that the next time I heard it even if in the middle of the night I'd do my best to get out and see it (It went over about 2.30 a.m. twice and one about 6 p.m.)

My daughter was a plane spotter during the war years, couldnt something similar be used in peace time with so many strange reports going the round!

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Vera M. Cook

My son lives several 100 yds NW of me.



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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

A report is forwarded concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial object at BRIDPORT Tasmania by Mr R. Osborne.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

REC'D.
13MAR 1964
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer. R.Osborne.
2. Address of Observer. Emily St: Bridport: Tasmania.
3. Occupation of Observer. Fisherman
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   0355 3/3/64
5. Period of Observation (s). 5 Minutes.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   At Bridport: W of BDP elevation 75° travelling S E direction.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behin' a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   As in 6.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Bright light (steady) like a planet.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   Light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    One
11. What was the colour of the light or object. white
12. What was its apparent shape. like a planet
13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.
15. Was there any sound. No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation. 75°
17. Speed, or angular velocity. Disappeared horizon 5 mins.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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Report on Aerial Object observed (Contd.)

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

W of BDP travel NNW to SSE

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

No. deviation.

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

No.

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

Over Horizon.

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

No.

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

Cloudless.

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

Nil

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

Launceston

27. Any additional information.

Nil.

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

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DARWIN NT

5 FEB 1964

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

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Forwarded herewith is a report of an ususual sighting made by the crew of the Landing Craft "Loellen/M".

2. The craft is currently weather bound in the Cadell Straight, and a firm ETA is not known.

3. The crew of the vessel will be interviewed upon their return, and all further information will be despatched to your headquarters as soon as it becomes available.

Further report awaited. WLH 7 Feb

(B.J. PARRISH)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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L/C ' LOELLEN/M '

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REPORT ON STRANGE PHENOMENA SEEN AT SEA ON THURSDAY 23rd. JANUARY 1964, BETWEEN 01[redacted] hrs & 0245 Hrs BETWEEN CAPE GREY AND N.E. POINT OF GROOTE EYLANDT, BY J. JOHNSON C.J. WOOLER A.A. SCOTT HENRY BAK AND J.R. DAVIES.

J. Johnson was on wheel house watch, C. Wooler was on engine room watch, At 2100 hrs J. Davies reported when changing watch that he found difficulty in steering a straight course by the compass. A. Scott took the wheel and found the compass was unsteady, however, he passed it off as he being overtired and steered by the stars. At 2400 hrs, J. Johnson relieved A. Scott. At approx. 0045 hrs the compass swung 90°off course. At the time J. Johnston was steering by a star. The compass swing became greater. At approx 0140 hrs. J. Johnson sighted a light extending right across the bow on the horizon. He handed the wheel over to C. Wooler and went to Monkey Island to have a better look. He came down to the wheel house and told C. Wooler to have a look. C. Wooler turned out the compass light and saw a glow on the horizon. Both J. Johnson and C. Wooler could see under and over the light patch. C. Wooler turned on the compass light and found the vessel approx 60° off course. The compass went 'Haywire' As soon as he had corrected the vessel as best he could, he switched off the compass light and found the un-natural light was about 6Ft on the Starboard side. The light was in the water. It was described as a ghostly white light, in the centre was a shadow which rotated in a clockwise direction causing the light to pulsate. The light appeared to draw away to the stern. It is estimated that it was miles across and afew hundred yards through. J. Johnson saw another light patch coming. He immediately woke A. Scott. The light was coming straight at the barge at a considerable speed. Henry Bak was woken up. J. Johnson was steering by compass. As the light, which was pulsating, came close, the barge swung away to Starboard through 90°. J. Davies was then woken up. The light on the water passed about 100 yds to port. As the barge began to return to course, another light was seen coming at the barge at an angle of about 45° which the Bow. It came to whithin inches of the starboard side and appeared to rebound at 45° with the stern and moved away. It disappeared in a few seconds. The second light appeared to be about 400 yds long by 100 yds wide, and the third light slightly smaller. Three more patches appeared on our starboard side and passed in a few seconds. These patches were quite small. The light passed at approx. 0230 hrs. Faint glows were seen on the horizon until 0245 hours. At approx 030 the compass settled down and we had no further trouble.

All lights were the same colour, with this strange rotating shadow, causing the lights to pulsate. The pulsations timed at 12 for 9 seconds, then completely irregular, then settled down to 12 for 9 seconds.

The compass swung out of control, but became worse as the light approached.

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All members of the crew who were off duty were sleeping on deck.

The moon had set and the sky was scattered with light clouds. A thunderstorm was over the horizon to the North East and a squall on the horizon to the South West.

Course steered 205° true.

REPORT COMPILED BY MASTER J. JOHNSON & A.A. SCOTT

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
(Your BS 5/6/Air(89) dated 31st December 1963)

1. The photographs which were the subject of the above referenced letter have been studied at this department.

2. The images on the negative were caused by a static electrical discharge occurring during the unwrapping of the packaged cut film. The protective coating around the film shielded the emulsion from visible damage, but the light-sensitive emulsion, effected by the discharge, was thus unable to record the image of the building rail under the discharge marks (see photograph) because of its then reduced sensitivity at that spot.

3. The likely colour temperature of such a static electrical discharge is in the 8,000° Kelvin region.

4. This correspondence has been downgraded to RESTRICTED.

(C. F. READ)
Group Captain
For Chief of the Air Staff

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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1. Reference folio 39.

2. The marks appearing on the negative, and thus on the prints were caused by static electricity affecting the emulsion when the piece of cut film was originally removed from its soft paper wrapping and loaded into a dark slide prior to exposure.

3. The suggestion that it was caused by some light source in the 1800-2000° Kelvin range is close - but the source (a static electrical discharge) was much higher in the Kelvin Scale nearer the blue light end, probably above 6,000° K.

4. Such static prior to exposure will ~~show~~ after subsequent exposure and ~~printing~~ development as a black image on the negative and a white one on the print. Close study of the attached print shows the white mark obliterates the railing on the building, that is, the mark existed before exposure, and had reduced the emulsion there prior to the major exposure.

5. For the photographer's benefit I would like to drop him an explanatory note, which may be additional to yours. Could I downgrade my reply to Restricted? ~~Yes~~

Johnston
SQNLDR
OR(PHOTO)

21 JAN 64

N.S.A. Spoke to Sqn Ldr Pratt re para 5. Agreed downgrade to Restricted. Pratt to write to HQ Darwin and ask them to pass comments to Cpl Nyika

21 Jan 64

WCdr
D/S Ops

TELEPHONE: Darwin 499

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

31 DEC 1963

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Forwarded herewith are photographs and a covering letter by A219252 Cpl NYIKA A.A. Photographer Base Squadron Darwin, received at this Headquarters.

2. It has been suggested that the objects appearing on the film may be reflections from the water tower in the left hand corner of the film.

Dear Bill,
DAFI can take this one out of their unsolved mystery sheet. This is a good example of static electricity caused during loading of the film. When the film was being removed from the box it received slight rubbing as it was removed from the paper. The absence of scratch marks on the negative is explainable by the fact that the rubbing was so slight the protective coating on the emulsion [illegible] of the problem. The boys at Darwin was near the solution when he was fiddling with some mysterious light around 2000 o'K. However this light was much higher in the blue region. Suffice it to say however, the mysterious objects are caused by static electricity. Their colour (Black or white) on the positive dictates whether the static was caused before or after exposure. In the case it happened before.

(R.J. PARRISH)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Regards
[illegible]

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(Photo) Would you look at these photos
give me your opinion please

13 Jan 64

[illegible] Wp Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)

Len

1. any suggestions? JP OR(PHOT)

14 JAN 63

2. Answered & replysent to DAFI + request downgrade to RESTD. Request approved. JP 21 JAN 64

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TELEPHONE: Darwin 499

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(B.J. PARRISH)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

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O.R. (Photos)

Would you look at these photos and give me your opinion please

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A219252 Cpl NYILA A.A.
Base Squadron
RAAF
DARWIN NT

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Commanding Officer
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

Sir,

1. Whilst taking photographs for the Inter-Unit Photographic competition on the 24th December 1963 between 1635 hours and 1650 hours, I recorded on film some strange marks which I cannot identify or explain.

2. These objects were not visible to the naked eye as I was taking the photograph.

3. The camera, a Linhoff 5 x 5 Mod was and is fully serviceable.

4. An "A" Wratten No 25 (Red) Filter was used for contrast effect of the building storm.

5. Film Cut Royal Pan Professional 6.1/2 x 4.3/4 was used at an exposure setting of f/11 at 1/100 second with focussing slightly of the infinity mark.

6. Both negative and positive were processed under ideal conditions and neither were interfered with in any way.

7. I am not in the position to identify any of the objects on the photograph, however I estimate that an object moving very fast and reflecting extremely strong light in the 1800° - 2000° Kelvin range would record the same type of trace on a Panchromatic Emulsion.

8. My Section Commander Flt Lt PARRISH was notified immediately the negative was exposed.

A Nyika.
(A.A. NYIKA)
Corporal

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O.H.M.S.

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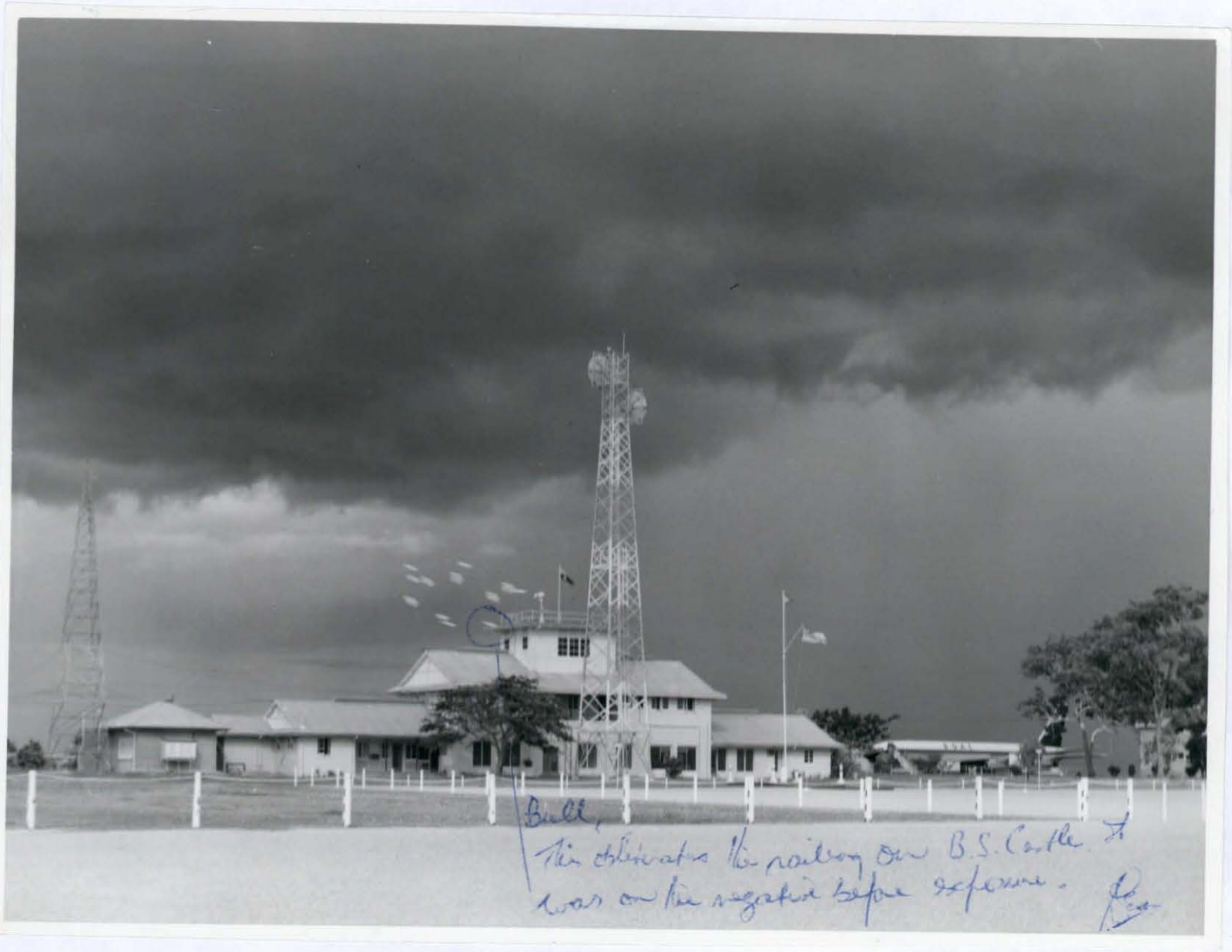
Bull,
This obliterates the railway on B.S. Castle. It
was on the negative before exposure.

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SIGHTING OF UN-IDENTIFIED AIR OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report by Mr Paul ANTON giving his impressions of an aerial object sighted in the area of Beaumaris/Sandringham, Melbourne.

2. Mr ANTON's companions who witnessed the sighting have been asked to complete a questionnaire form in the interests of the RAAF, but so far have not done so.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. PAUL H. ANTON.

2. Address of Observer .. 471 KOOYONG RD. GARDENVALE.

3. Occupation of Observer .. GOODS CHECKER (VICTORIAN RAILWAYS)

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 1963. 9-20. PM. 17-20 Hours

5. Period of Observation(~~s~~) .. (7) SEVEN MINS.

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
OVER THE SOUTH ~~WESTERN~~ EASTERN COAST OF MELBOURNE.
OVER THE BEAUMARIS, SANDRINGHAM AREA.

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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
OVER HEAD. 35° ABOVE HORIZON.

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
AS A LIGHT AT FIRST BUT GRADUALLY BECAME DEFINITE.

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape .. NO DEFINITE SHAPE.
LOOKED LIKE A STAR MOVING, SEEMINGLY SWAYING.

13. Was any detail of structure observable .. NONE.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .. NONE.

15. Was there any sound .. NONE.

16. ** Height, or angle of elevation .. ?

17. ** Speed, or angular velocity .. ?

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
NONE.

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

Mrs C Intello 28/8/63

C Intello 5/6

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

IN A CIRCULAR COURSE TOWARDS SOUTH.

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

IT MANOEUVRED ALONG ITS CIRCULAR PATH E.G. →

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen NONE

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

MID-AIR.

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

NONE.

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

VERY CLEAR FEW CLOUDS.

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

NO RAF AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME.

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

27. Any additional information

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

P.T.O.

....SORRY BUT THE OTHERS HAVNT ....

FINISHED THEIRS YET AND ONE

DOES NOT WISH TO FILL HIS IN AT ALL.

AIR REGISTRY CANBERRA

TELEPHONE :
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SIGHTING OF UN-IDENTIFIED AIR OBJECTS

Attached is a report on an aerial object observed by Mr L.K. ARCHIBALD at Moorabbin which he was unable to identify. The object was sighted on 19 Nov 63.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ARCHIBALD. L.K.

2. Address of Observer 5 Cooma Street, Moorabbin.

3. Occupation of Observer PHOTOGRAPHER.

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

1911402.

5. Period of Observation(s) 3 minutes.

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

Naked eye.

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

From west approached to elev. 45 and then head N.W.

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

Noise - jet engine noise - deep rumble.

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

Light - bright orange.

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

One.

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

12. What was its apparent shape —

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound Jet engine noise.

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity Approx. light aircraft speed.

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

Nil

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

Approached from west, made turn to head N.W. at 45° elev.

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

Straight - apart from turn described above.

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

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

In mid air (?)

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

Nil.

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

Calm. Vis 20. Five.

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

Local fly at Moorabbin. Military jets operating from LAV.
VH-BAB ML-LT Dep. 1130 eta CWS. 1153. including 1 ILS at Melbourne.

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

Melbourne.

27. Any additional information Mr. Archibald appeared vague in respect of flight path and elevations on sighting. Mrs. Archibald also signted light.

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

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

POSSIBLE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN THE SKY

... Attached hereto is a report received through army channels of a possible sighting of an unidentified object in the sky at 2119 hrs on the 23 Oct 63.

for Maj
Colonel
Directorate of Military Intelligence

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. RAYMOND...M...BENTLEY.....
2. Address of Observer ..19..YVONNE...AVE...CROYDON..STH..
3. Occupation of Observer ..PHOTO-ENGRAVER.....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   .23-10-63.....21:19..Eastern..Standard.....
5. Period of Observation(s) ...2 minutes.....
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   ..TELESCOPE..ON.FIXED.TRIPOD..(POWER.40x60MM).....
   ..MAP.23.DANDENONG.RANGES...UNFORTUNATELY..
   ..I.DON'T.KNOW...MY..EXACT..POSITION.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   ...OVERHEAD.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
   ..LIGHT..TRAVELLING.AT..VERY..HIGH SPEED.....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   ....DEFINITE.OBJECT.....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    .....
11. What was the colour of the light or object ..WHITE..STARLIGHT
12. What was its apparent shape ..BULBOUS.FRONT..WITH.....
    .TAPERED.ELONGATION...BULBOUS.PART..WAS..A.3RD.OF.LENGTH
13. Was any detail of structure observable ....NO.....
    .....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .. NO.....
15. Was there any sound .....NO.....
16. ⁂Height, or angle of elevation ...80°.(APPROX).....
17. ⁂Speed, or angular velocity ...90°.to..35°.(APPROX)..2 MINUTES
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    .ASTRONOMY..HAS.BEEN.MY.HOBBY..FOR..18.MONTHS..

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

WEST (APPROX) TO T.V. TOWERS ON MT. DANDENONG.

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

STRAIGHT

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

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

ABOVE CLOUD

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

MY WIFE SAW IT JUST BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED.

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

SMALL ELECTRICAL STORM APPROACHING (EAST) OTHERWISE CLEAR.

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

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

27. Any additional information

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

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21 NOV 1963

Mr. Paul Norman
Staff Mess
PO Box 8
YALLOURN VICTORIA

Dear Sir,

Refer 34

1. In reply to your letter dated 9th November, 1963, I confirm that the RAAF is interested in unidentified flying objects, and all well-reported sightings are investigated. However, details of individual investigations have not been made public.

2. This Department has received no reports of the sighting near Wonthaggi, Victoria, to which the newspaper cuttings, forwarded with your letter, refer. It has not been possible, therefore, to carry out an investigation in this instance, and the cause for apparent interference on TV and electrical equipment, not previously noted in our records for Australian sightings, is not known.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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W/Cdr.
D/DAFI (OM)
20 Nov 63

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Yallourn, Victoria
Staffs Mess
P. O. Box 8
9th November, 1963

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

DAFI

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed two news accounts of an Unidentified Flying Object near Wonthaggi, Victoria. Will you be kind enough to tell me if the RAAF is interested in investigation of these objects and if so, what is the reason or theory for the interference or effect on TV and electrical equipment.

Any information on the objects in general and this incident in particular will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
Paul Norman
Paul Norman


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12 NOV 1963
MIB REGISTRY
CANBERRA

O.H.M.S.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

If not delivered within 7 days, return to
DEPARTMENT OF AIR,

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THE EXPRESS, Wonthaggi.

WHEN UFO'S ARE ABOUT

Radio and T.V. are the first things affected when an U.F.O. (unidentified flying object) is about. T.V. sets failed in a mile-wide radius when a U.F.O. appeared over South Dudley last month.

Here are some other instances, provided by the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society:

A C-46 had engine trouble near Iwo Jima, and lost altitude when three U.F.O.'s passed nearby.

Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada: Car motor quit as U.F.O. crossed highway ahead of car.

St. Jean d'Asse, France: Car motor and headlights failed when U.F.O. in sky above road.

Forli, Italy: Conventional and diesel tractors driving side by side; conventional (ignition) failed, diesel did not.

Valera, Venezulea: Commercial airliner en route from Barquisimeto: radio went dead as pilot started to report U.F.O. sighting.

Washington D.C.: Airport ceiling lights went out as U.F.O. approached. U.F.O. caught in searchlight beam. Searchlight went out.

Tokyo, Japan: T.V. interference while U.F.O. in sky.

Joinville, Brazil: Airline cabin lights dimmed and engine spluttered during U.F.O. sighting.

Ararangua, Brazil: A.D.F. (direction finder) right generator, and transmitter - receiver burnt during U.F.O. sighting.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada: T.V. interference. Viewers called out by neighbours to see U.F.O.

Orogrande, New Mexico: Car motors of 11 cars failed as U.F.O. passed low over highway. Motors restarted after U.F.O. left.

Ottawa, Canada: Battery radio and portable short wave radio failed as U.F.O. hovered below overcast sky. Radios worked normally after U.F.O. left.

Tamaroa, Illinois: Power failed for ten minutes in a four-mile area just after a U.F.O. hovered and flashed.

Mogi Mirim, Brazil: All city lights failed, as three U.F.O.'s passed overhead.

SOUTH DUDLEY'S "SAUCER"

THEY'RE SEEING THINGS AGAIN AT SOUTH DUDLEY, NEAR WONTHAGGI.

In January a silver object turned out to be the planet Venus.

But last Thursday night it was nothing short of a flying saucer.

It was first sighted by children in a playground at 6.45. They hurried home and told their parents. Soon half of South Dudley's 140 residents were watching an orange ball the size of a beach ball a mile away in the west. It made no sound.

Tom (Sos) Lymer, 45, P.M.G. linesman, says: "It was flashing on and off like an aeroplane light. But it was many times bigger and brighter. It was also moving much slower than a plane. Suddenly flame shot out, and it travelled at a tremendous speed. We all lost it for a few moments. Then the kids picked it up in the south. It was hovering. I ran inside to the wife, and told her there was a flying saucer outside. She laughed at me. But when she came out and had a look she changed her mind."

Tom Ruby, 48, truck driver, of South Dudley, said that after hovering, and still flashing on and off brightly, the strange object moved over the sea and disappeared.

DURING THE 25 MINUTES IT WAS ABOUT EVERY T.V. SET IN WONTHAGGI AND SOUTH DUDLEY BEHAVED CRAZILY.

Some screens went blank, others produced a double picture, others only lines, and some were just snowy.

Members of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society visited South Dudley on Sunday, and obtained detailed accounts from eye witnesses.

SAUCERS: THE MYSTERY OF THE CENTURY

Unidentified flying objects are the 20th century's greatest mystery. That is what astronomers, scientists, air pilots and service chiefs say.

Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto: "These things, which seem to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed."

Dr. J. J. Kalizkewski, cosmic ray scientist on Navy project who, with other scientists, sighted cigar-shaped UFO's near Minneapolis: "They were strange and terrifically fast. I think the Government should set up a 24-hour alert with radar, telescopes, sky cameras and other instruments."

Capt. Richard Case, American Airlines, who with other pilots and thousands of people in Indianapolis, sighted a large UFO speeding over that city: "It was a controlled craft of some kind, going three times faster than we were."

Capt. Richard Adickes, TWA pilot who with crew and seven passengers saw a glowing UFO pacing their plane near South Bend: "Before then I wasn't convinced by the saucer reports. Now I know they exist."

Capt. James Howard, British trans - Atlantic pilot with 265 crossings who, with crew and 12 passengers, saw a huge UFO and six small ones pacing their plane: "It must have been some weird form of spaceship from another world."

Professor Hermann Oberth, co-designer of the V-2 rocket, foremost authority on space travel plans: "It is my thesis that flying saucers come from other worlds outside our solar system."

"Metallic"

Flight-Lieutenant J. R. Salandin, RAF, whose Meteor jet almost collided head-on with a disc-shaped UFO in daylight: "The main body was like two saucers pressed together. It appeared metallic. The object was travelling at tremendous speed."

Frank Halstead, professional astronomer, curator of Darling Observatory in Duluth, Minnesota: "Many professional astronomers are convinced that the saucers are interplanetary machines. I believe they come from another solar system, but they may be using Mars as a base."

Rear-Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney, U.S.N., retired, known as "The father of guided missiles": "Reliable reports indicate that there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. The way they change position in formation indicates that their motion is directed."

"Not hostile"

Col. Frank Milani, Director of Civil Defence in Baltimore, who has personally sighted UFO's: "It is a calculated risk to assume that the so-called saucers do not constitute a threat to the welfare and security of our citizens. We are given to believe that they are not hostile, but information on UFO's is classified."

Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways, who, with his co-pilot, saw a formation of six huge discs manoeuvre below their airliner in Virginia: "I believe the discs were intelligently controlled machines from outer space."

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- 5 SEP 1963

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Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - DARWIN
Your 5/2/1/Air (35) 22nd August, 1963

1. A copy of the newspaper extract from the Northern Territory News of 10th August, 1963, together with the sighting reports of unidentified objects seen over the Northern Territory during the night of 8th August, 1963, were forwarded to the Director of Mount Stromlo Observatory, CANBERRA for comment.

2. Attached is the reply received from Mount Stromlo. The reply suggests that Mount Stromlo believes that the sightings were connected with meteor showers which occur during this time of the year.

MCR

(M.C. RABAN)
Wing Commander
For Chief of the Air Staff

MOUNT STROMLO OBSERVATORY

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

DEPT OF AIR 580-1-1

Telephone: Mt. Stromlo 511

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PA:MM

August 30, 1963.

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

DAFI

SIGHTINGS OVER NORTHERN TERRITORY - 580/1/1(31)

1. There are two major meteor showers in the period during which these sightings have occurred. I enclose copies of pages from Meteor Astronomy, by A.C.B. Lovell, Oxford, 1954, with details of the δ-Aquarids and the Perseids. As will be seen from the graphs of hourly rate, objects from both showers may be expected on the night of August 8. Precise observations of the point of origin in the sky of the meteors, called the radiant, would be needed to distinguish members of the two different swarms, one of which, as the name indicates, comes from a point in the constellation Aquarius, and the other from a point in Perseus. In addition to the shower meteors of known orbit, random or sporadic meteors may fall at any time.

2. The descriptions given are consistent with the appearance of bright meteors.

3. The reports of "swishing" noises are not unusual in connection with meteor observations. They are often reported by untrained observers, but are believed to be entirely subjective by astronomers. As the mean height for visible meteors is some 80 kilometres, no sound could propagate to the ground during the few seconds of visibility, with the exception of the usual explosion-like shock wave from large bodies which penetrate close to the Earth's surface at hypersonic speed. In meteor terms, a "large" body is the size of a small pebble.

M. J. Miller
Positional Astronomy Section
for the Director.


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2 SEP 1963
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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THE MAJOR METEOR SHOWERS—II

THE PERMANENT STREAMS OF JULY AND AUGUST

After the η-Aquarid shower in early May, the night-time activity remains very low until late July, the major events being concentrated in the day-time sky (Chapter XVIII). The period of late July and August is, however, one of the richest of the whole year, and contains two major showers (the δ-Aquarids and the Perseids) and a large number of streams of a minor character, some of which—such as the α-Capricornids, Cygnids, and Lacertids—are the best known and the most active of the minor streams.

1. The δ-Aquarid shower

(*a*) *History*

The δ-Aquarids attain a maximum about July 28. The shower has a low declination and is most readily observed in the southern hemisphere—it is, in fact, perhaps the most prominent of the showers visible in the southern hemisphere. In his records of ancient showers, Newton† lists two (A.D. 784 July 14 and A.D. 714 July 19) which correspond to the epoch of the δ-Aquarids (1850 July 29 and 1850 August 2 respectively) and which Olivier‡ considers to be notable past occurrences of this shower. Apart from this, there are no records of unusual occurrences of the shower during the period of its observation by trained observers since the second half of the nineteenth century.

(*b*) *Activity*

Plots of the hourly rate of the shower according to observations made by Denning§ in the northern hemisphere between 1869 and 1898, and by McIntosh‖ in New Zealand between 1926 and 1933 are shown in Fig. 133. Both sets of observations agree in showing a rather rapid rise to maximum on July 28 followed by a slow decrease. Information on the shower has also been given by Hoffmeister,†† who, whilst agreeing with the general trend of the activity as shown in Fig. 133, places the maximum at $\odot = 130°$ (August 3). In the accompanying diagram,‡‡ however, the

† Newton, H. A., *Amer. J. Sci.* (*II*), **36** (1863), 145; **37** (1864), 378.
‡ Olivier, C. P., *Meteors*, ch. 5 (1925).
§ Denning, W. F., *Mem. Roy. Astr. Soc.* **53** (1899), 203.
‖ McIntosh, R. A., *Mon. Not. Roy. Astr. Soc.* **94** (1934), 583.
†† Hoffmeister, C., *Meteorströme* (Weimar, 1948), ch. 9.
‡‡ Hoffmeister, C., ibid., ch. 9, fig. 29.

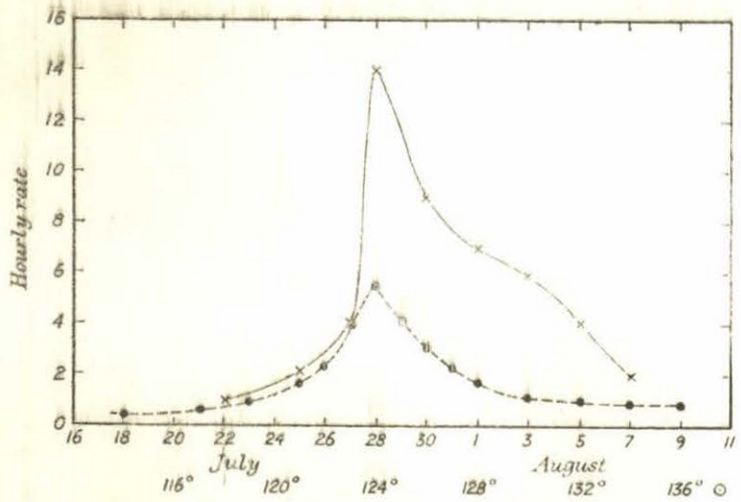

FIG. 133. The epoch of maximum of the δ-Aquarid shower.
–●––●– – Denning 1869–98. –×–×– McIntosh 1926–33.

maximum is shown at ⊙ = 122° (July 26); hence it is not possible to attach any significance to this discrepancy. Moreover, the recent radio-echo observations† give data in agreement with the Denning–McIntosh results as follows:

Maximum	⊙	*Hourly rate (see note in text)*
1949 July 29	125°·8	24
1950 July 28	124°·5	38
1951 July 27	123°·4	41

As regards the hourly rate given by the radio-echo observations, owing to the low declination of the radiant it was not possible to separate the δ-Aquarid stream from the appreciable sporadic background rate. Hence these figures include both the sporadic and δ-Aquarid rates, and are to be compared with the total rates given by McIntosh,‡ at the maximum, of 34 per hour. Lindblad§ has published details of some radio-echo observations of the δ-Aquarid shower made in 1950. He interprets the results as indicating a maximum on July 28–29 in agreement with the visual results, but he also finds evidence that a large number of very faint δ-Aquarids crossed the earth's orbit 3·5 days before the main stream. Lindblad attributes this separation to the Poynting–Robertson effect (see Chap. XX).

† Hawkins, G. S., and Almond, M., *Mon. Not. Roy. Astr. Soc.* **112** (1952), 219.
‡ McIntosh, R. A., loc. cit.
§ Lindblad, B. A., *Meddl. fr. Lunds Astronom. Obs.* (1950), Ser. I, no. 179 (1952).

measurements and the McIntosh radiant. The various results are given in Table 93.

TABLE 93

Orbital Elements for the δ-Aquarid Meteor Stream

	Ω	π	ω	i	e	q	a	*Velocity heliocentric*
	deg.	*deg.*	*deg.*	*deg.*		*a.u.*	*a.u.*	*km./sec.*
McIntosh (1934 July 28) . .	304·7	104·3	..	55·8	1·0	0·0393	..	assumed parabolic
Watson .	305	..	..	56	1·0	0·039	..	assumed parabolic
Hoffmeister (Aug. 3) .	310·0	97·0	147·0	23·7	0·9264	0·118	1·5995	34·64
Lindblad (July 29) .	305·6	..	152·2	28·4	0·956	0·080	1·807	35·4
Almond (July 28) .	304·6 ± 1	101 ± 2	156 ± 2	24 ± 5	0·96 ± 0·2	0·06 ± 0·015	1·5 + 0·6 −0·3	..
Comet 1948 n	233·0	..	183·8	13·25	0·809	0·558	2·922	..
1566 Icarus	87·777	..	30·875	23·02	0·82697	0·187	1·0784	..

The orbits given by Lindblad and Miss Almond are very similar, and since they are based on actual velocity measurements they must be regarded as significant. The errors given in Table 93 for Miss Almond's orbit indicate the effects of the spread in the measured velocity. The mean orbit, projected on to the plane of the ecliptic, is shown in Fig. 135. This orbit is very similar to that of a prominent day-time stream—the Arietids—and the relationship between the two will be discussed in Chapter XVIII. On account of the very elliptical nature of the orbit, there are few bodies in the solar system with which the stream is likely to be associated. Rigollet† suggested that the shower might be associated with Comet 1948 n which has a markedly elliptical orbit, but the closest approach is 0·22 a.u. and the association does not seem plausible. Rigollet‡ has also suggested that the stream may be associated with the minor planet 1566 Icarus discovered on 1949 June 26 by Baade. The orbital elements for the comet and for Baade's object are tabulated in Table 93 and also shown in Fig. 135 for comparison with the δ-Aquarid orbit.

2. The Perseid shower

(*a*) *History*

The Perseid meteor shower is one of the most regular visible meteoric events, yielding hourly rates of about 50 over the period of maximum

† Rigollet, R., *Ann. d'Astrophys.* **14** (1951), no. 2.

‡ Rigollet, R., *Documentation des Obs. Inst. d'Astrophys.* **6** (Paris, 1952).

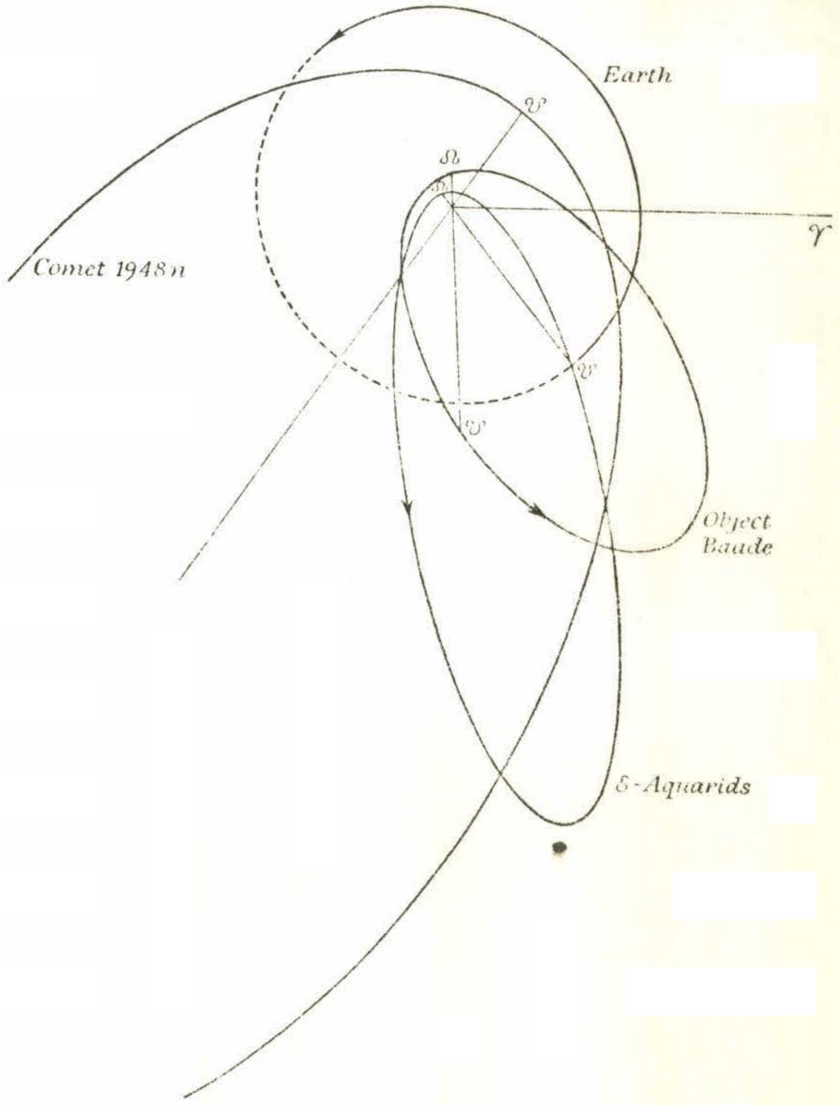

Fig. 135. The orbit of the δ-Aquarid stream, computed from the radio-echo observations by Miss Almond. The orbits of comet 1948 n and of Baade's object 1566 Icarus are shown for comparison. Projection is on the plane of the ecliptic.

from August 10–13 each year. It also extends for a considerable time on either side of the maximum with reduced hourly rates. The history of the shower, which can be traced back for over 1,200 years, has been described by Olivier.† The existence of the regular display in August

† Olivier, C. P., *Meteors*, ch. 5.

was first recognized in the period 1830–40 by Quételet, Herrick, and others, since when the shower has been observed systematically. The shower is particularly noteworthy because the computation of its orbit by Schiaparelli† between 1864 and 1866 led to the establishment of the connexion between it and Comet 1862 III, this being the first occasion on which any plausible relation was established between meteors and other celestial objects.

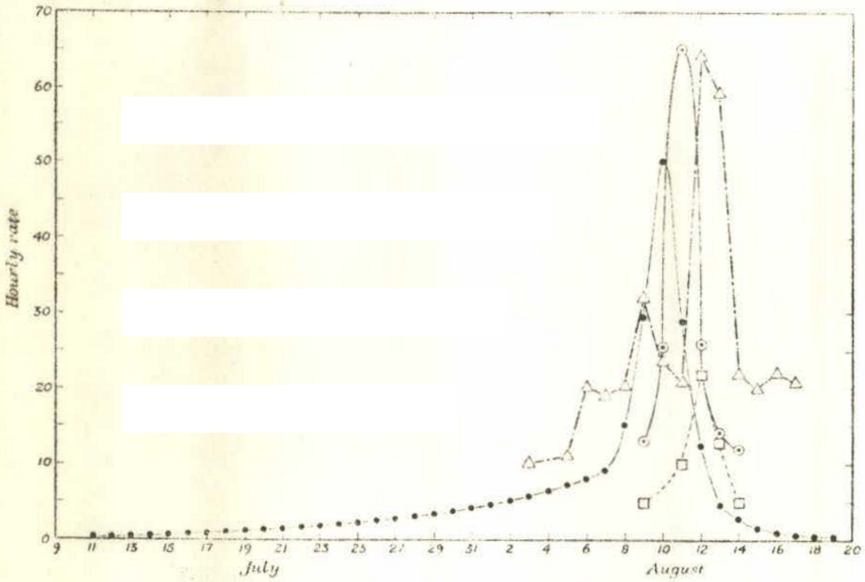

FIG. 136. Epoch of maximum of the Perseid meteor shower.
–●–● Observations by Denning, 1869–98. –⊙–⊙ Observations by Öpik, 1921. (The ordinates of Öpik's hourly numbers have been reduced by 3 for ease of comparison, see footnote to Table 94.) –△–△– Radio-echo observations, 1950. –□–□– Visual observations, 1944–7.

(*b*) *Activity*

One of the most complete investigations of the Perseid shower was made by Denning‡ during the years 1869–98. Between the dates of July 11 and August 19 he observed 6,479 meteors, 2,409 of which he identified as members of the Perseid stream, with hourly rates as shown in Fig. 136. The motion of the radiant point during this period will be referred to in (*c*). Subsequent observations have confirmed the general shape of the epoch of maximum as given by Denning. For example, Fig. 136 also gives the results of Öpik's§ observations made in Esthonia in

† Schiaparelli, G. V., *Sternschnuppen.*
‡ Denning, W. F., *Astr. Nachr.*, no. 3546.
§ Öpik, E. J., *Publ. Tartu Obs.* **25** (1922), no. 1.

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29 AUG 1963

Director
Mount Stromlo Observatory
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OVER NORTHERN TERRITORY

1. Attached is a newspaper extract from the Northern Territory News of 10th August, 1963, together sighting reports of unidentified objects seen over the Northern Territory during the night of 8th August, 1963.

2. A similar series of sightings were reported from this area about the same time in 1961. The explanation given to these 1961 sightings is stated in the last two paragraphs of the newspaper extract. It is thought that this explanation is also valid for the sightings this month, but this Department would be pleased to receive any further comments you may be able to offer.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

McFarlane
W/Cdr
D/DAFI (Opn)
28 Aug 63

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 5/2/1/Air (35)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

22 AUG 1963

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - DARWIN

1. Enclosed is a report on sightings of unidentified objects seen over the NORTHERN TERRITORY during the night of 8th August 1963,

2. A similar series of sightings were reported about the same time in 1961. The explanation for these was that they were a shower of AQUARIDS known to bombard the earth at particular times.

3. A copy of a paper on this subject is enclosed as is a copy of Darwin's original report which was apparently not forwarded at the time.

4. Your opinion as to the reason for the present phenomenon would be appreciated.

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

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Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - DARWIN - 8th AUGUST 1963
Our A015 9th August 1963
Your A1350 13th August 1963

1. Further investigations have been carried out into the numerous reports of an unidentified flying object seen over a wide area of the Northern Territory on the night of 8th August 1963 at approximately 2000 hours.

2. Attached as appendices are a list of persons from Darwin and surrounds who claim to have seen the occurrence, an extract from the Northern Territory News and copies of individual reports and a copy of the DCA Log.

3. It is evident to the writer, who conducted interviews with most of the viewers, that all claim to have witnessed the same phenomenon. All seemto agree on the general shape, brilliance, TRAIL affect and altitude of the object.

4. Neither No 2 CARU nor Met radar were working at the time.

5. There was no known civil or military aircraft movement in the area at the time.

6. It is requested that if any explanation of the phenomenon can be offered for release to the public, then this Headquarters be notified accordingly.

(B.J. PARRISH)
Flying Officer
For Officer Commanding

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ENCLOSURE A TO
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DATED 15 AUG 63

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EXTRACT FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS DATED 10th AUGUST 1963

"Meteors or Martians? Mysterious Lights Startled Darwin. Mysterious lights and an object in the sky startled dozens of Darwin people on Thursday night.

Sightings were made between 8.15 and 8.45 pm. People told of seeing 'reddish' or 'greenish' lights and a 'silvery object' which went overhead with a swishing noise. The RAAF said the lights were a 'metior shower'.

But in Hobart convenor of the Unidentified Flying Objects Panel (Dr G.R. BREEKHURST) said 'We are not satisfied with the official explanation. We think there is more to it than a meteorite shower and we are studying reports from our Darwin observers'. "There is more in this than meets the eye. Similar sightings have been made recently in other parts of the world. All refer to the 'swishing noise'.

Reports poured into the News Office, the RAAF and the Meteorological Bureau on Thursday night and yesterday morning of the sightings of the lights in the sky over the lights in the sky afield.

One of the first reports came from a group of six people sitting on the verandah of the Darwin Golf Club. They were Mr and Mrs Eric Ford and Messrs Lionel Dennis, Ron Snowdon, Tom Wise and Wally Dalton.

Over Harbour. About 8.15pm they saw a bright light crossing thesky from the general direction of West Point towards Fannie Bay beach. It remained visible for about ten or twelve seconds and was at a height of about twenty degrees from the horizon. Mrs Ford said that it looked like a comet but was reddish in colour, it moved slowly and as it crossed the shoreline it idsappeared as if the light had gone out.

At Douglas Street Fannie Bay about the same time, eight year old Rhonda Hann drew the attention of her mother and a friend to the object. They described it as a silvery-black, at first changing to orange red and then to a bright green.

Sausage shape. It was at a height of about 40 degrees from the horizon and as it passed overhead they heard a loud swishing noise and the object disappeared.

These people went to a nearby public telephone to report the sighting and and about 20 minutes later a neighbour, Mrs Wise,whose husband has seen the object from the Golf Club saw a similar light but travelling in the opposite direction.

She said that it was like two lights, one behind the other and shaped like a sausage. The lights glowed like oranges and disappeared behind a next door house.

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From Noonamah, Mr Snowy Best also reported a sighting and a swishing noise as the object went overhead. Other reports came from nurses at the hospital and from Arafura hostel.

The RAAF received reports from Adelaide River and from Batchelor, some of them told of an explosion. A RAAF spokesman said that similar sightings were reported in Darwin about this time last year and the Air Force had sent details of the reports south. In reply they received a note which referred to 'an annually recurring shower of meteorites'. The shower usually occurred about 29th July or a little later, and was sometimes followed one or two nightsl ater by another.

It appeared as if these showers had been occurring each year since about 1957. The report mentioned that the usual effect of the entry of a meteorite into the earths atmosphere was an explosion."

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REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR ERIC BATTERN
DCA METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER DARWIN

On the night of the 8th August 1963 at approximately 2020 hours whilst sitting at my home in Parap I observed a very bright object appear over my house travelling in a North to South direction.

It was about the size and shape of a rugby football, with a tail effect about twice the length of the main cone. The centre glowed brightly and the trail emitted a bluish light.

It did not disappear over the horizon but faded out like a Magnesium flare.

It appeared to me to be at a height of approximately 15-20,000 feet.

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REPORT RECEIVED FROM MRS WALLENT
SECRETARY WONSONS ELECTRICS

8 Aug

Time - 2015 hours (approx)
Place - Nightcliffe
Direction of travel - North to South
Length of sighting - About 5 seconds

Description

A round Ball, bright yellow in the centre with the trail having a reddish tinge, the main body having a shape and size roughly like a carving plate. Disappeared behind some trees.

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REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR L. DENNIS MANAGER WONSONS ELECTRICS DARWIN

Substantially the same as the report from Mr Battern.

8th Aug

Time 2030 Hours (approx)

Position Golf Club

Direction of travel North to south

Length/sighting 12 to 15 seconds

Description It was very fast and very high, about half the height of a high flying aircraft. Glowed bluish white in the centre with the tail deepening to an orange colour. Fizzled out like a rocket.

Other people present at the time and also saw the object:-

Mr Tom WISE	Forrestry Department
Mr Ron SNOWDEN	TAA
Mr Eric FORD	Radio Tech

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EXTRACTS FROM DCA OPERATIONS CONTROL JOURNAL

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Report received from Miss Olive ROBERTS/Mrs YANN; five people saw object - orange vivid yellow in colour making swishing noise travelling north to south, 8.10pm in sight for about 30 seconds from Arafura Hostel.

1105Z

Wg Cdr BROWNE received two reports of objects white and blue giving light in Manton Dam area - no noise before a crumbling rumbling explosion. Had been in sight for about 10 seconds before explosion (Mrs BEST Noonamah).

1110Z

Report received by Met. Object from SSW then faded out Adelaide River area.

1125Z

Report from Golf Club - 8 men saw object 12 seconds over Fannie Bay travelling North to South. L. DENNIS report to police.

1125Z

Police informed of reports and that no aircraft were in area.

1130Z

Golf Club reported object travelling north/south across Fannie Bay bright light in sight 12 to 15 seconds. No noise heard. Approximately angle of elevation 27° decreasing to about 30° until it disappeared from sight.

1135Z

Eric BATTEN of Met Office reported that approximately 1135Z a bright light, impression of an oval centre of light also with a meteor like tail travelling north to south, nil deviation over top. Duration of about 5 seconds. Appeared to be about similar to a Very Flare.

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UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS - ~~DARWIN AREA~~

1. The brighter heavenly ~~bodies~~ bodies are as follows:-

VENUS	Magnitude	-	3.4
JUPITER	Magnitude	-	1.8
SIRIUS	Magnitude	-	1.6

2. In comparison, numerous sporadic meteors are swept into the earth's path daily.

Approx 10,000 are	magnitude	- 5	(four times brighter than VENUS)
Approx 1,000 are	magnitude	- 7½	
Approx 100 are	magnitude	- 10	
Approx 10 are	magnitude	- 12½	(Equal to FULL MOON).

3. Careful investigation of meteors throughout 24 hour periods began only in 1947, and the hourly rates of occurrence have now been found to be surprisingly high. Extensive increases are known to occur regularly in May, June and July, when the count may rise from 2-4 per hour, to 50 plus per hour at an observing station.

3. An annual recurring shower called AQUARIDS occurs on July 28 approx, which has a mean hourly rate of occurrence of 10. An associated shower, AURIGIDS, with a rate of 20 per hour, sometimes occur on July 25 approx.

4. As electrical ionisation, and its complementary incandescence takes place at a height of about 60 miles, and as any particle larger than .006 inches can create ionisation, the 10 billion particles per day are certain to produce ~~the~~ large particles which are known to persist for periods of 20-30 seconds.

5. Although sporadic meteors collide with our atmosphere at all angles, their ionised columns tend to take East-West directions, because of the Earths direction of travel through space. Also, as ionisation takes place at a height of about 60 miles, visual observation of such occurrences is to be expected within a radius of about 400-600 miles of the point of entry.

6. It would be instructive to check the dates of UFO reports with the dates of these known major meteor showers. Daytime reports of UFO's would be expected to coincide with such visitations as PERSEIDS June 3, 40/hr, ARIETIDS June 8, 60/hr, and PERSEIDS June 25, 50/hr. On July 12 or there-abouts UFO reports may show an increase, as at that period, the ORIONIDS and the GEMINIDS can produce an hourly count of 142. Night time rates of arrival are recorded as QUADRANTIDS Jan 3, 35/hrly; PERSEIDS Aug 10-14, 50/hrly; AND GEMINIDS Dec 13-14, 60/Hrly.

7. The arrival of meteors on earth, is generally accompanied by a loud noise, and sometimes by explosions. Consequently reports of this phenomena are not unduly significant.

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8. It is unfortunate that the present reports are incomplete, and perhaps there should be a debriefing pro-formae available to ensure that proper assessment can be made. Accurate details of time, quadrant, elevation, shape and colour are essential for evaluation. In the absence of these, I consider the present report refers to 2 AQUARIDS, one at Pt Keats, the other near TENNANT CREEK.

(C.G. HARVEY)
Wing Commander
CNCO

1 Aug 61

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT

BS/5/6/Air (66A)

16th August, 1961

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - DARWIN 27TH JULY, 1961
Our A422 28th July, 1961 and A423 29th July, 1961

1. Further investigations has been carried out into the numerous reports of an unidentified flying object seen over a wide area of the Northern Territory on the night of 27th July, 1961 at approximately 2000 hours.

2. Attached as appendices are the copies of individual reports showing, where applicable, diagrammatic representation of the impressions gained by observers.

3. It will be noted that in the main diagrams made by observers are consistant. All observers seem to agree on the general shape, brilliance, size, trail effect, speed and apparent low altitudes of the object. Many of the observers claim to have made previous observations of satellite movements.

3. A satellite has been moving S to NE over Darwin each evening between 1800 and 2200 hours since approximately 25th July, 1961. Many observers when questioned about the comparison between the phenomenon of the 27th and the recurring satellite state categorically that there is no comparison in size, height or brilliance. The recurring satellite is described in Appendix "A" attached.

5. As most observers report the object as moving from West to East it was initially thought that the object must have been a satellit of consid rable size and brilliance with an orbit very close to the earth. This would explain the general West-East movement as seen from Wyndham, Darwin and as far South as Alice Springs. However, the obvious speed of the object and the time variation between observeations make this answer unlikely. Listed below are the reported times at major areas :-

(a)	Wyndham	2000	Central	Standard	Time (TD)
(b)	Port Keats	1950	"	"	"
(c)	Darwin	1953	"	"	"
(d)	Tennant Creek	2005	"	"	"
(e)	Alice Springs	2015	"	"	"
(f)	Wonarah Station	2040	"	"	"

Note: The only time listed above which cannot be confirmed or fixed as reliable is that stated at Wyndham, ie 2000 hours.

6. Co-ordinates of reporting centres are as follows :-

(a)	Top Springs	16 36S 131 53E
(b)	Port Keats	14 14S 129 32E
(c)	Wave Hill	17 26S 130 53E
(d)	Wonarah	19 54S 136 21E

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(e) Kalumburu 14 18S 126 37E

(f) Yuendumu 22 16S 131 47E

(g) Mainoru 13 09S 134 06E

6. Many observers were closely questioned regarding any possible noise, but all those questioned were quite adamant that they heard no noise at all. The only reference to noise is contained in Appendixes "H" and "P".

7. Attached as Appendix "B" is a newspaper account as appeared in the Northern Territory News on Saturday 29th July, 1961.

8. Neither No. 2 Control and Reporting Unit nor Meteorological radar was working at the time.

9. The only aircraft movement was the arrival of RAAF Hercules at Darwin which was in circuit at the time the object was sighted. Three of the groups of observers were watching the Hercules making its approach when the object appeared. There is therefore no possibility of confusion between aircraft movements. No other civil or military traffic were in areas from which reports were received at the time observations were made.

10. It is significant that several of the observers are very experienced in the aviation field. This applies particularly to Mr Muir a qualified pilot and aircraft engineer who has operated his own air service in the Territory for many years.

11. An intense amount of interest has been aroused as a result of radio and newspaper reports, and it is requested that if any explanation of the phenemenon can be offered for release to the public that this Headquarters be notified accordingly. It is believed that official explanations of unusual sightings helps maintain public confidence in the RAAF and is reassuring evidence that the effort of making reports is worthwhile.

(R.A. BRAZIER)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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APPENDIX "A" TO
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REPORT OF RECURRING SATELLITE

1. An orbiting satellite has been observed over the Northern Territory since approx 25th July, 1961.

2. Definite observations were made by F.I. (S).O. on Friday 28th July between 2014 hours and 2035 hours and on Sunday 30th July 1961 between 1930 hours and 1945 hours.

3. The satellite was travelling in a line from SE to NW and appeared as a star of the first magnitudex. A smaller object was travelling approx 5° behind in the same course and apparently at the same speed. The latter was barely visible to the naked eye but could be clearly seen through a telescope.

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APPENDIX "B" TO
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EXTRACTS FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS
DATED SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1961

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SPACE SHIP SEEN IN NT SKIES?

Many people are convinced they saw a "flying saucer" or new type of rocket-propelled aircraft over Darwin and other parts of the Territory on Thursday night.

The strange "space ship" glowing bluish and with a flaming white tail hurtled across the sky from the west at terrific speed, then turned south.

RAAF officers here confirmed late last night, that they were still checking reports but were unable to give an explanation.

After questioning a dozen or more people who sighted "the saucer" this is the account of what was seen between 7.55 and 8.40 p.m. on Thursday night.

A saucer-shaped glowing object appeared from a westerly or north-westerly direction over Darwin Harbour at about 7.55.

It glowed with a blueish light. A brilliant white tail flashed from the trailing end.

The saucer appeared to be flying at only about 1000 to 2000 feet.

'BUZZED' TRAIN

It moved in a wide circle across the harbour then moved in southwards.

A few minutes later the "saucer" practically "buzzed" a train travelling north from Larrimah to Darwin at the 285 mile.

Diesel train driver Doug Clarke said he suddenly caught sight of "a big ball of fire" coming in towards the train from behind them.

The train was travelling west at the time and Mr Clarke believes the "saucer" was moving in a northerly direction.

He shouted to his fireman George Fomin.

"It gave us quite a turn" Clarke said.

Fomin estimated the object's height at only about 1000 feet.

"NOT A COMET"

It appeared to be heading straight for the train at one stage..

"Ive never seen anything like it, Clarke said. "I dont believe it was a comet. I dont know what it was".

Pretty Emma Parker of the Esplanade, Darwin, was among a group of people who saw the "saucer" when it appeared.

"We were all at the wharf when it appeared", Miss Parker said. "It was a big thing and travelling very fast with a long tail", she added.

Miss Parker's mother said she saw what looked to be windows or "panels" in the object.

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She thought it was coming in "quite low".

Mr and Mrs Zdenek Hostalek also saw the "saucer" from the wharf.

"We watched it for probably thirty seconds", Mr Hostalak said, "and I believe it was manually controlled by the path it took".

Experienced Territory airman Doug Muir and Mr Lou deCourcey were among others who watched the strange object fly across Darwin.

Only ten minutes later it was seen over Tennant Creek.

INCREDIBLY FAST

Mr and Mrs Lou Pilfrim saw it from their home and Messrs Bruce Burton and Alan Murray spotted it while driving into Tennant Creek along the Peko road.

It is reported to have passed directly over the town at an incredibly fast speed about 8 p/m/ moving from west to east.

Mr Pilgrim who is employed by TAA, estimated the objects height over Tennant Creek as about 12,000 feet.

Then the "saucer was sighted at Wonarah telegraph station 100 miles east of Tennant Creek on the Barkly Highway.

It then moved in a wide arc and headed towards the north-east.

The mystery deepened when Rev. Cozier of the United Church in Tennant Creek reported that native children at Warrabri Welfare settlement 180 miles south of Tennant had seen a similar object the previous night.

Authorities here are considering an idea the saucer was a new type of manned aircraft that actually circled Darwin at terrific speed and toured the skies around the Territories.

A number of people were on the watch for the object again tonight.

Reports received by the RAAF are being linked and logged. A full report will go to the Department of Air.

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APPENDIX "C" TO
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A11464 SGT MURPHY

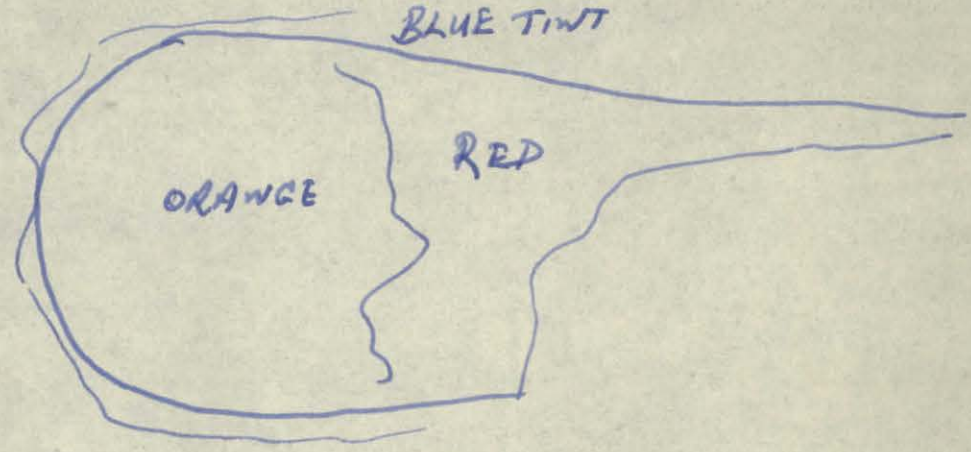
On the night of 27th July, 1961 at approx 1950 hours whilst standing on the tarmac adjacent to the refuelling pipe I observed a very bright object appear from the north-west heading in a Southerly direction, veering slightly south-south east as it progressed past.

It appeared about 2 feet long and slightly oval in shape with the rear portion not completed. It glowed brilliantly being white around the front thence to a light blue - then amber blue then merging to a blue red with a streaking intermittant tail at the top of the rear.

I estimate the height at about 1000-1500 high and a speed of 150 mph. The distance the object appeared from me was about 1000 yards.

Other observers with me were :-

Cpl Young
Cpl Davies
Cpl Naughton
LAC White
LAC Hannah
LAC Cook
LAC Humphrey



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APPENDIX "D" TO
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UNITED CHURCH IN NORTH AUSTRALIA

REPORT RELATED TO SIGHTING OF BRIGHTLY LIT OBJECT SEEN ON 27TH JULY 1961

To Whom it may Concern
C/- Australian Broadcasting Commission
Darwin.

Dear Sir,

Along with other people in Tennant Creek, I observed the movement of the brightly lit object travelling rapidly across the night sky.

At approximately 7.54 p.m. last night, I left the house to attend a meeting at 8 pm. Almost at the instant of walking outside, I noticed a large brightly shining object rising rapidly over the signal station hill to the west of the town. This was in the vicinity of the Tennant Creek airport. At first I thought it was an aircraft with its landing lights turned on. But then I realised that there was no sound, and the speed too great.

The object moved rapidly towards the east, following what would appear to be the take-off path of the west to East runway at the airport, but the speed was too great and the trajectory did not tally with the normal path of aircraft using the runway described.

As the object approached, it appeared to be much more intense in its light glow, and interittendtly, short trails of sparks appeared to follow behind it. Soon after reaching its zenith, its brillance began to fade rapidly. But dull intermittent spark trails were noted at this point. It faded completely in the vicinity of 1 O'Clock high as indicated in attached diagrams.

At the time of viewing, I was standing near the corner of the car shed, and could make position comparisons in relation to that structure as it appeared against the sky line. The rising of the object could also be pin pointed by the rock formations over which it came.

Thus, today, I have taken approximate compass bearings, and estimated degrees of trajectory by use of a protractor. The noted bearings and degrees are as follows :-

1. Approx. rising point was a compass bearing of approx 284-5 degree.
2. Approx zenith of trajectory was 55 - 60 degrees.
3. The object moved west to east .... rising at approx 7.55 pm and fading within approx 30 to 40 seconds at the point of fade.

My immediate reaction was to note the times, as I thought that it could be a satellite re-entering the upper atmosphere. I trust that this information will be of help.

Perhaps you may wish some check to be made on my readings etc. If so I would be pleased to assist. My estimates etc. were made on the basis of my position at the time and on the relationship of the object to fixed landmarks within the field of vision.

Yours faithfully,

(R. COSIER)

Encl. A page of diagramtic representations is attached.

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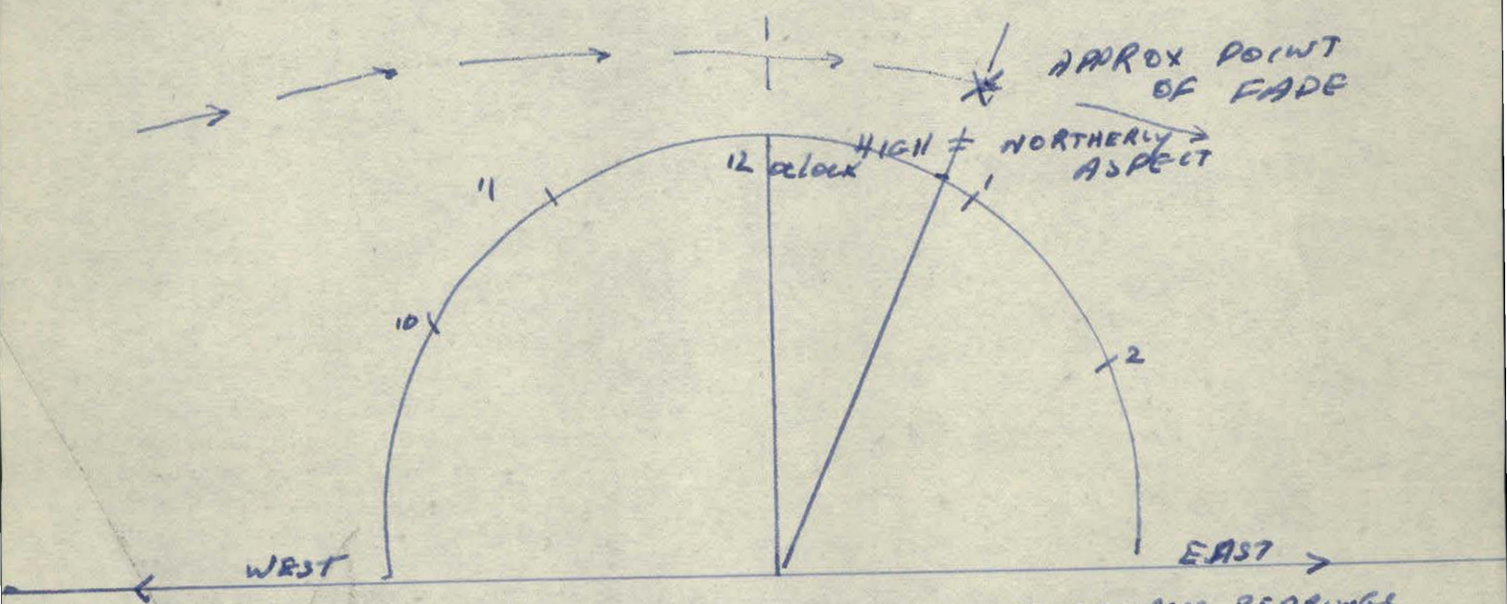
PS A satellite was seen by native children at Warrabri Reserve on Wednesday Night at approx 7.30 pm while I was speaking to them.

Then again tonight (Fri) my wife and I observed a satellite travelling from south west to north west at about 8.20 pm. It remained in view for about 10-15 minutes. It was obviously very high and appeared as a star of medium brilliance.

Perhaps the phenomena of last night was this same satellite on a much clearer strjectory and nearer course.

ESTIMATED TRAJECTORY OF OBJECT

ZENITH OF TRAJECTORY APPROX 55--60 degrees ABOVE HORIZON



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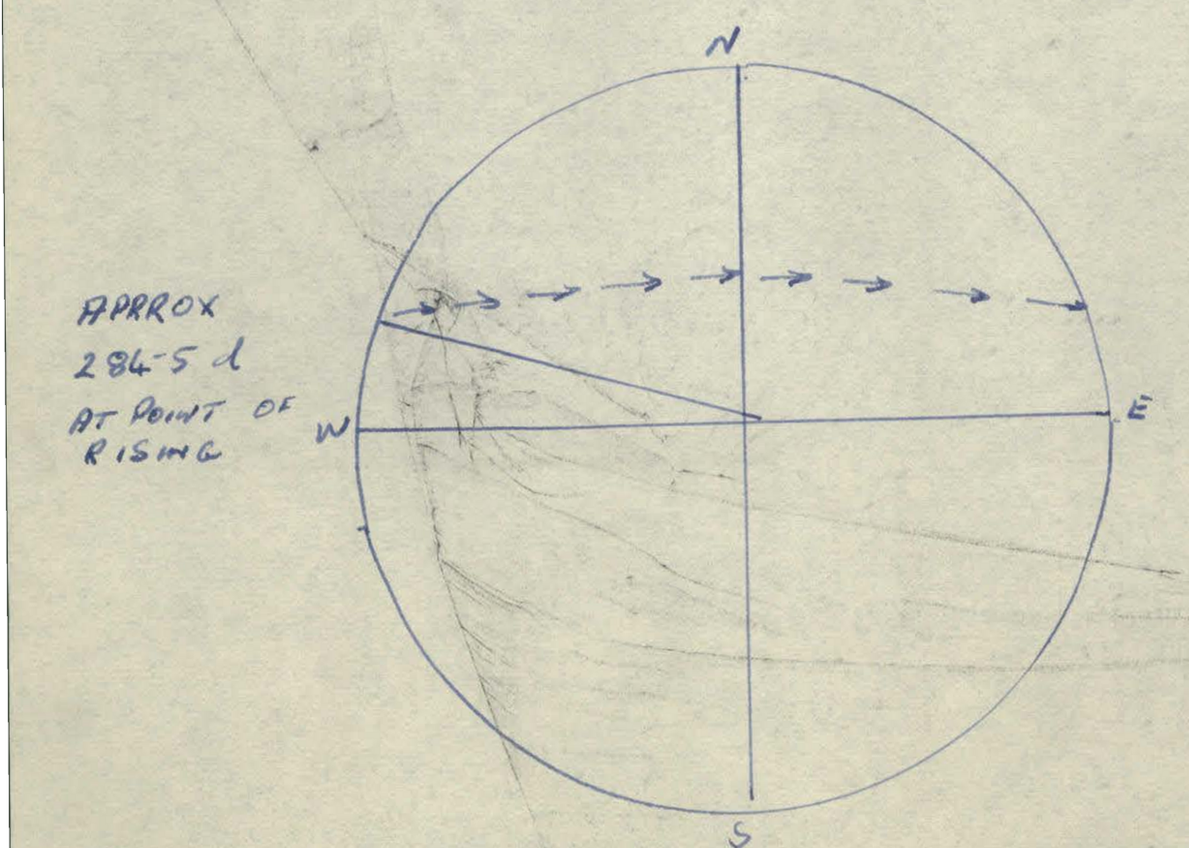

APPROX 284-5 d AT POINT OF RISING

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APPENDIX "E" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM WAVE HILL POLICE

"Wave Hill Police 9-45 AM 29/7 RAAF OPS DN.

On the evening of 27th July noticed large flying object travelling from west to east at very fast rate stop this object very large and appeared to have a long tail on it (stop) Last night at 8.20 PM noticed a bright star travelling from west to east this sta gradually turned to the north travelling at a fairly fast rate (stop) The star like object was watched through binnoculars and it appeared to fade out in a NNWesterly direction (stop) Natives from here also saw last night similar object to previous night travelling from west to east (stop) This object appeared not long after dark at 8-20 last night was seen by myself and six other persons (stop)
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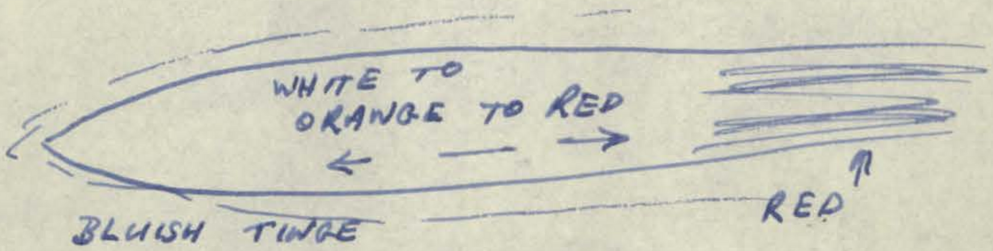
APPENDIX "F" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT BY MR DOUG MUIR

Long white glowing object with slight blueish tings and long flaming tail sighted due south of operations room. Heading west to east. Track slightly north of east. Low angle of elevation angle of depression about 5° sighted for 5 to 6 seconds.

Drawing by Mr Muir.



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APPENDIX "G" TO
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REPORT BY MR DE COURCEY

At 271020 very bright object sighted. Firey tail 30-40 feet long 3° to right of Myily Point heading in direction of Government House . Very low elevation. In view for about 8 seconds.

Mr De Courceys position at time of sighting was East Point road near Fanny Bay Goal.

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APPENDIX "H" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT RECEIVED THROUGH TELECOMMUNICATION UNIT

TOP SPRINGS 8PM 28th

UFO IN SE SECTOR ANGLE 65° TO HORIZEN TRAVELLING EAST FROM SOUTH OF WEST SEEMED TO FOLLOW CURVATURE OF EARTH. WAS BRIGHT WHITE UNTIL WITH FIREY TRAIL. ONE MAN HEARD LOUD HISSING SOUND

SIGNED REV STEWART LANG

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APPENDIX "J" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT BY MR ALAN BARCLAY

OBSERVATION MADE FROM 49 MILE PEG (FROM DARWIN)

MR BARCLAY AND WIFE OBSERVED LARGE OVAL OBJECT MOVING WEST TO EAST LOW IN THE SKY. OBSERVERS FACING SOUTH. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE 80-100 FEET LONG WITH A BRI GHT GREEN TRAIL AND TURNING TO ORANGE.

OBSERVATION TIME 7-55 OM APPROX AND IN SIGHT FOR FIVE TO SIX SECONDS

DIAGRAM DESCRIPTION

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APPENDIX "K" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT FROM KANUMBURU MISSION

DATE 27th July 1961

Time 1830 Local (271030Z) 2000 hrs Central.

Object sighted travelling West to East - very low. Whitish blue in colour - visible for 30 seconds. Also report by observer 12 miles from Kalumburu.

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APPENDIX "L" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT FROM YUENDUMU MISSION

Thursday 27th 8-15 PM

By DCA inspector from Alice Springs plus three other reliable witnesses.

Appearance as brilliant light towards SW travelled wide arc through West and North to North East. Time visible 3-4 minutes. Gave impression of being about 5,000 feet but ?????

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APPENDIX "M" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT FROM ENTERPRISE EXPLORATION AT MAINORU (40 Miles NE of MAINORU)

UFO sighting 27th July.

Time 7-53 PM Central

Object travelling SE - sighting between 220^0 - 170^0 - mean elevations 5^0

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APPENDIX "N" TO
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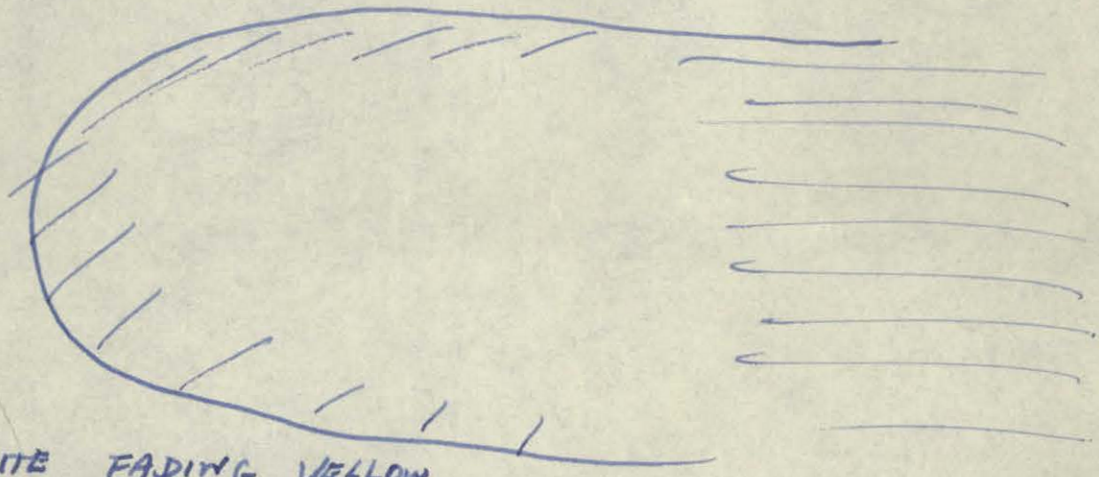
REPORT BY A PARTY WHICH SIGHTED OBJECT IN DARWIN AREA

PARTY INCLUDED Mrs and Mrs Parker
Mr and Mrs Hostalick

Party interviewed by Intelligence Officer.

Object described as very bright white object with long trail. Trail colour ranged from yellow near object andorange at the end. The main structure of object appeared to have a bluish tinge. The effect was similar to the flame of oxy-aceteline. The object appeared to come straight toward the party then veered to the right. It appeared to be losing height and the party thought it would attempt to land on the water of Darwin Harbour. The object continued to move off in an arc and began to rise rapidly before dissapearing.

Diagram as made by Mr Hastalick and approved by the remainder of the party is shown below.



WHITE FADING YELLOW AND TO ORANGE

BLUISH TINGE

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APPENDIX "Q" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORTED TO NEWSREPORTER BY MR LEW PILGRAM CARE TAA TENNANT CREEK

At 271035Z object over Tennant Creek travelling West to East. Estimated height 12,000 feet, high speed, no noise. Secreiption - Ball of fire with yellow and white tail.

Also sighted by Mr Bob Burton - son of TC Theatre Owner, and

Mr Allan May - Schoolteacher.

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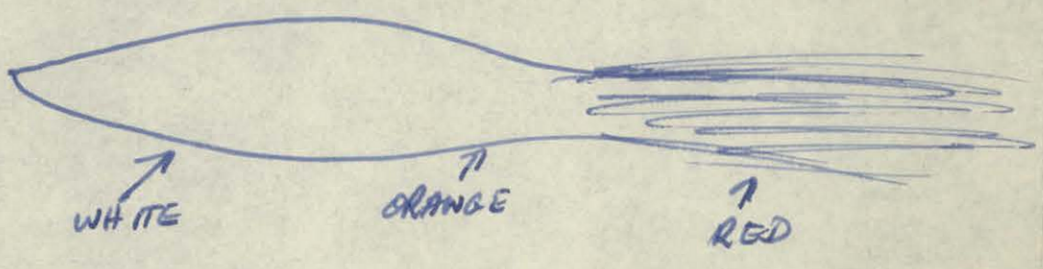
APPENDIX "P" TO
BS/5/6/Air (66A)

REPORT FROM PORT KEATS MISSION

At 2710202 object appeared from bearing 300 degree and dissappeared toward bearing 130°., Object sighted by 300 natives and all mission staff including two priests, four brothers, and four nuns. Mission staff initially reported that object sighting was accompanied by loud noice which frightened natives.

Intelligence Officer interviewed mission staff at Port Keats on Saturday 29th July. Priest in charge stated that the object appeared as a bright star on the horizon at first then as it came closer it became larger and brighter and was clearly visible overhead, before fading again as it dissappeared/ The objects was visible for approx one minute from horizen to horizen. Mission staff do not place much reliance in the statement by natives that a loud noise was heard but consider that they were frightened by the strange sight and imaginations did the rest. Some elderly natives were asked if they had seen anything like it before and replied negatively.

The senior nun at Port Keats mission reported that a satellite had moved across the sky from SW to NE some fifteen minutes afterthe first sighting.



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REPORT BY MR GEOFF DUTTON, TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN FROM WONARAH STATION (APPROX 150 MILES EAST OF TENNANTS CREEK)

Unidentified object sighted over Wonarah Station. Object climbed vertically overtop then carried out wide arc (not orbit as initially reported) before heading off the the north-east object was in sight for approx 10 seconds after appearing from due north-west. It was white with atinge of blue and a longtail which changed from yellow to orange.

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See folio 578 58 on 410/1/81 Americans believe sightings probably were of entry of Cosmos II into atmosphere.

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FOR OFFICER COMMANDING FROM DAFI PD REPORTS RECEIVED FROM TURNER STATION 1749 SOUTH 12821 EAST AND ORD RIVER STATION OF EXPLOSION IN ATMOSPHERE AT 200035Z SUFFICIENT TO SHAKE BUILDINGS PD TWO EYE WITNESSES REPORT SEEING SILVER OBJECT TRAILING SMOKE THEN EXPLODING PD NO KNOWN CIVIL OR SERVICE AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME PD REQUEST ADVISE WHETHER ANY CONNECTION WITH TRIALS AT WOOMERA

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OFFICE: D/D(OPS)

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PAGE TWO RAYR ØØ4/2Ø

SMOKE FOR 1 MIN PD TIME 2ØØØ35Z PD ROBERT LEE ORD RIVER WAS 5 MILES SW OF HOMESTEAD STATES HE SAW AN OBJECT FALL WITH SMOKE AND VAPOUR POURING FROM IT PD MABEL DOWNS AND ALICE DOWNS STATIONS BOTH REPORT SEING FLASH AND SMOKE BUT HEARD NO NOISE UNQUOTE

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CIVIL OR SERVICE AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT IN AREA AT TIME 2ØØ38Z PD FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND DETAIL WILL BE ADVISED

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 0164 ATTENTION DAFI UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS PD UFO REPORTED EXPLODED OVER ORD RIVER CMM TURNER RIVER STATION AREA W A AUGUST 20 PD REPORTED SIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE SUBSTANCE

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Secretary

In answer to Senator CAVANAGH's question on 21st August, 1963, Folio 6 refers, whether the dossier of investigations on reported sightings of unidentified flying objects could be made available to interested organizations or individuals, the following is suggested:-

> "All well reported cases of unidentified flying objects are investigated and only about 3 or 4% cannot be explained on the basis of some natural phenomenon. However, such investigations often necessitate reference to classified sources and the conclusions reached often express views which are of a confidential nature. You will realize therefore, that the dossiers must themselves be classified documents and for this reason, I regret that they cannot be made available to the general public."

23 Aug 63 A Sec A

Copy given to BAO 23.8.63

See also 579/1/13

TELEPHONE :
Melb 69-0550

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
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DEPT. OF AIR
580/1/1

19 AUG 1963

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

P. P. S.

DAFI.

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Mr B.W. ASHCROFT of Warragul reported by phone to RAAF Base East Sale that, whilst working on a hill near Warragul on 25th July at approximately 1930 hours, he witnessed a flying object which he was unable to identify.

2. Mr ASHCROFT has been asked to write details of his impressions of the object in the interest of the Air Force, and a completed questionnaire paper is attached.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REC'D.
21 AUG 1963
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. B. W. Ashcroft

2. Address of Observer .... 30 Queen St. Warragul. Vic -

3. Occupation of Observer .... Postal Officer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
25 July approx 9.30 am

5. Period of Observation(s) .... approx 20 seconds

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

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

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
noise, similar to that of Jet Aircraft

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape circular

13. Was any detail of structure observable yes
The upper section of object appeared to have a smaller diameter

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .. no

15. Was there any sound yes

16. ⁂ Height, or angle of elevation .... approx 400 ft

17. ⁂ Speed, or angular velocity .. disappeared out of sight in approx 10 sec.

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

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

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

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

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

.....Mid. air.....

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

.....no.....

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

~~cold Air~~, cold, light fog ascending.....

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. A check by HQ Support Command reveals no air traffic in vicinity at that time. The nearest point of operating aircraft being between East Sale and Eildon Victoria from 0830 to 1000 hours that morning.

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

.....MELBOURNE AND SALE.....

27. Any additional information .....The upper part of the object appeared to be revolving. While the object was in sight, the air was unusally warm.

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

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580/1/1(22)

Mrs. W. Jones
347 Brunswick Road
West Brunswick
MELBOURNE VIC

9 AUG 1963

Dear Madam,

1. I refer to your letter in which you reported sighting some form of celestial phenomenon on, or about 1st July, 1963.

2. The details of your sighting were forwarded to the Director, Mount Stromlo Observatory who has replied to this Department as follows:-

"This observatory has no definite information on the object sighted on or about July 1.

Most objects sighted are meteorites, which may appear to move in any direction in any part of the sky, the visible path being, of course, merely a projection of their true three-dimensional motion against the celestial sphere. Explosion and fragmentation of meteors is a common phenomenon, recent research having shown that most meteors are composed of relatively fragile materials. Many meteors leave luminous trails behind them, consisting largely of ionized atoms of atmospheric origin. A very bright meteor may result from an object having a mass of only a few grams."

3. It would appear, therefore, that your sighting was of the explosion and fragmentation of a meteor.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

MCR
Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (Opr)
8 Aug

MOUNT STROMLO OBSERVATORY

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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MOUNT STROMLO
CANBERRA
A.C.T.

DEPT. OF AIR
580-1-1

August 4, 1963

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

Dear Sir,

Sighting of Celestial Phenomenon. 580/1/1(19)

This observatory has no definite information on the object sighted on or about July 1.

Most objects sighted are meteorites, which may appear to move in any direction in any part of the sky, the visible path being, of course, merely a projection of their true three-dimensional motion against the celestial sphere. Explosion and fragmentation of meteors is a common phenomenon, recent research having shown that most meteors are composed of relatively fragile materials. Many meteors leave luminous trails behind them, consisting largely of ionized atoms of atmospheric origin. A very bright meteor may result from an object having a mass of only a few grams.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. Miller
for the Director

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6 AUG 1963
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26 JUL 1963

Secretary
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CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report of the sighting of an unusual aerial object at DELORAINE TASMANIA on 19th July 1963.

2. The report was received from the Department of Civil Aviation MELBOURNE and is forwarded for information.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of observer MT. B. KIRKMAN & MR. D. RICHMOND.
2. Address of Observer C/- H.E.C. DELORAINE.
3. Occupation of Observers H.E.C. LINESMEN.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) 192100/K.
5. Period of Observation (s) 7-8 seconds approx. Max. 12 secs.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   REEDY MARSH. 5-6E OF DELORAINE.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   STATIONARY OVER TIMBERED HILL NORTH OF OBSERVER INITIALLY THEN MOVED EASTERLY.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   NO SOUND - LIGHT SEEN.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   APPEARED AS RED LIGHT STEADY LIKE OBSTRUCTION - V/BRIGHT.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    ONE.
11. What was the colour of the light or object RED.
12. What was its apparent shape BRIGHT STAR.
13. Was any detail of structure observable NO.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO.
15. Was there any sound NO.
16. Height, or angle of elevation APPROX. 30°.
17. Speed, or angular velocity SLOW AT FIRST THEN V/FAST.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    CHILD IN ENGLAND DURING AIR RAIDS - USED TO HEAVENLY INSPECTION.

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

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19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
APPROX. DIRECTION OF BIRRALEE.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
SLIGHT WEAVING COURSE LIKE SATELITE.

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

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

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

24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)
VERY CLEAR, STARRY, (CLOUDED OVER ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER SIGHTING).

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
NO AIRCRAFT HEARD BEFORE/DURING/AFTER SIGHTING.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
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27. Any additional information. OBSERVERS WERE ON SHOOTING EXPEDITION.

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

Compiled by

A.V. Piesse.
Senior Operations Officer U/T.

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Director
Mount Stromlo Observatory
CANBERRA ACT

31 AUG 1963

SIGHTING OF CELESTIAL PHENOMENON

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received by this Department from a Mrs. W. Jones of Melbourne reporting an unusual celestial occurrence sighted on, or about 1st July 1963.

2. It would appear that some form of astronomical phenomenon was sighted and, in view of the interest being shown by the public in unidentified flying objects, it would be appreciated if your comments on this sighting could be forwarded to this Department.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Wg Cdr.
D/DAFI (Ops)
29 July '63

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R.A.A.F.
Space Research Dept
Canberra

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RAAF
Space research Dept.

after reading your article of flying saucers in Kelb Herald 17-7-63, I feel you may be able to identify what I saw in the sky on approx July 1st (could be a day either way, but no more) at 6.35 p.m.

I was hanging washing on the line when something made me look upwards, and I witnessed an awe-inspiring sight.

The sky was about 50% cloudless and a long way up there appeared a terrific explosion of stars, thousands scattering over a large area, then a great bright light shot upwards from the center and left a wide trail behind. It lasted no more than three seconds, and my first impression

was a huge falling star and I came in to take a time check.

Then I realised stars do not fall upwards, and I don't know whether comets behave this way.

Next day I rang the "Herald" and they could tell me nothing, then the meteorology dept, who gave me a number to ring which turned out to be the Space Research Society. They invited me to attend their annual meeting but I was unable to go.

I wish you could tell me what it may have been as it was magnificent.

The Army told me they never experiment over Melbourne.

yours sincerely

(W.) W Jones

347 Brunswick Rd West Brunswick Melb

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PLEASE PLACE THE ATTACHED NEWSPAPER CUTTING ON FILE 580/1/1 WHICH IS CURRENTLY MARKED PA.

12. 7. 63

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Daily Mirror July 10 '63

UFO File 16

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CLOSER LOOK AT SAUCER REPORTS

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ADELAIDE, Wednesday. — There were too many recent reports of unidentified flying objects to discount them, Mr. Colin Norris said today.

Mr. Norris is vice-president of the Flying Saucer Research Society.

Mr. Norris said that he and other people had been afraid of being called crackpots for reporting flying saucers.

But at least 12 separate reports of unidentified flying objects had come in this year describing six different types of object.

"There are far too many sightings on record recently for anyone to dismiss them lightly," he said.

The descriptions include oval shapes glowing with red and green lights, teardrops rising and falling near the ground; round, flashing lights in the sky; cigar-shaped objects hovering and the now frequently reported saucer shape like a flattened bell

Space balls

There have been many reports in South Australia of unidentified flying objects.

At least three unidentified "balls from space" ranging from 5 oz. to two balls 14in. in diameter, have been found on outback properties in the north.

Mr. Norris said he was expecting a call today from a man in Willaston, S.A., who said yesterday that he had seen a bright red object across a roadway in the small township of Sandy Creek.

Mr. Morris said: "By all accounts this man is a reasonable, responsible citizen.

"For him to be frightened to the extent of trembling and shaking indicates that what he saw was no figment of the imagination."

CASH PURCHASE OR TAKE OVER

An internationally established group of Companies is interested in acquiring a N.S.W. Manufacturing Organisation.

Preference will be given to an engineering company with some products suitable for export . . . with present turnover in excess of £50,000 . . . in an A class area suitable for general expansion.

Enquiries strictly confidential.

Telephone Mr. Brown — 61.4197
for appointment.

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R E S T R I C T E D A828 RECEIVED FROM IRON RANGE QUEENSLAND

AS REPORTED BY WORKS DEPT ENGINEER H PECHEY SIGHTING OF LARGE METEOR OR UFO IRON RANGE AERODROME 1110PM Ø3 JUL 1963 PD FIRST SEEN BEARING TRUE Ø3Ø DEGREES ELEVATION Ø15 DEGREES TO Ø2Ø DEGREES PD APPEAR-ANCE BRIGHT GEEEEEEE BRIGHT GREENSIH BLUE LIGHT SIMILAR TO GREEN VEREY LIGHT 2ØØ/3ØØ YARDS DISTANCE PD COURSE GENERALLY NORTH TO SOUTH LAST SEEN BEARING TRUE 12Ø DEGREES ELEVATION 1Ø DEGREES TO 15 DEGREES PD DURATION OF SIGHTING 4Ø/5Ø SECS PD NOISE NIL HEARD DURING OR AFTER SIGHTING PD LASTAPPEARANCE APPEARED TO BREAK UP LEAVING RED HOT FRAGMENTS FINALLY BURNT OUT OR DISAPPEARED MORE LIKELY

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FORMER AS EXTINCTION OF LIGHT WAS SUDDEN AND SKY WAS CLEAR AND CLOUDLESS 3/4 MOON ALMOST OVERHEAD

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-4 JUN 1963

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Attached is a report by Mr R.J. BUSBRIDGE who observed an unusual aerial object at night on 19th May 1963 near Mount Gambier.

(W.T. TAYLOR)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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5 JUN 1963
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Robert John Burbridge

2. Address of Observer 11 Playford Street Mt Gambier

3. Occupation of Observer Law Doctor

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) 9.30
Sunday 19th May 1963 (Approx 2130 hrs)

5. Period of Observation(s) 1-1½ minutes

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
On the side of the road about 1-1½ miles from or Piggery on the Old Glencoe road

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

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

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

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object Bright Red - White

12. What was its apparent shape ~~Light~~ Like a Bull Dozer

13. Was any detail of structure observable There could have been but I didn't take that much notice

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16. ✱✱Height, or angle of elevation It came across the road

17. ✱✱Speed, or angular velocity & then it went straight up

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

It went straight up.

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

No.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen It was a bright light.

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

In mid air.

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

No.

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

Dull & foggy

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

NIL

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

ADELAIDE AND MT GAMBIER

27. Any additional information This report was raised as a result of a telephone conversation between the observers mother (when in Melb during last week in May 63) and the C Intell O office. Observer's mother stated that the object followed the route of her son's car for approx three miles, then disappeared when an on-coming car approached.

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

TELEPHONE :

Melb 69-0550

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. A report has been received from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial object at DILSTON Tasmania on 4th April 1963.

2. The report is forwarded for information.

W.T. Taylor.

(W.T. TAYLOR)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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23 MAY 1963
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: Mr. James S. Roxburgh.
2. Address of Observer: Dilston. Tasmania. 75A
3. Occupation of Observer: Car Salesman.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time): 4/4/63 - 0530 E.S.T.
5. Period of Observation (s): Approximately 30 minutes.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Observed through balcony window of residence at Dilston on the East Tamar. Direction of observation E.N.E.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Sighted when observer first looked out of window.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
Light.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
As lights.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Two objects estimated to be 8 feet apart in the horizontal plane.
11. What was the colour of the light or object: Bright almost white light/
12. What was its apparent shape: As stars. The observer compared them in size to large telegraph pole insulators which he could see nearby.
13. Was any detail of structure observable: No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: No.
15. Was there any sound: No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation: Approximately 20 degrees above the horizon.
17. Speed, or angular velocity: None.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Observer considers he is an average intelligent person.

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

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

Stationary.

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

Stationary.

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

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

Did not move.

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

None.

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

A fine clear calm and frosty morning.

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

Nil.

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

Launceston Airport. (BRG. 158 (T) 13½ NM).

27. Any additional information. Both Mr. Roxburgh and his wife sighted the objects and described the sensation they had watching them as "eerie". He stated that he had seen similar objects on previous occasions about 12 to 15 months ago and had reported them to Senator Henty. Some correspondence had been received by him regarding these previous sightings.

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

G. F. TURNER
INTERROGATOR.

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REPORTED - SIGHTING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. The attached copy of correspondence was received from Headquarters RAAF Base WILLIAMTOWN.

2. A suitable reply has been forwarded to Mr Emerton.

(F.K. CARRICK)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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P.A. EMMERTON
6 LOUIS STREET
TAREE. NSW

Commanding Officer
R.A.A.F. Station
WILLIAMTOWN NSW

Dear Sir,

I would like to report an object seen last Sunday by 6 people, and which is described as accurately as possible below.

Time ; 12.55 p.m. Sunday, 7th April 1963.

Location : Off Black Head beach/Halliday's Point, which is 9 miles north of Forster.

The object was visible for approx. 10 seconds, and appeared as a long, slender, pencil shaped object, silvery white in colour. It seemed to be about 100 feet long, and the same distance above sea-level. The most remarkable feature was the complete lack of sound, and also that the fact that the object had no apparent wings.

It was ¾ to 1 mile away from us and heading in a southerly direction. It was in straight and level flight and we estimate its speed at between 400 and 500 m.p.h.

This object was sighted by 2 adults sitting on the beach, about 15 feet above sea-level and by 2 adults and 2 children who were in the surf approx 100 yards away, thus giving 2 groups of people sighting it from 2 slightly different angles.

We were all very intrigued by this mysterious man-made ? object, but we are all certain it was not an aircraft in the ordinary sense of the word, mainly because of the lack of sound and wings, and also because it appeared so large, and was at such a low altitude.

We would therefore appreciate it if you could advise us what this object might have been. We look forward to hearing your comments in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

P.A. EMMERTON

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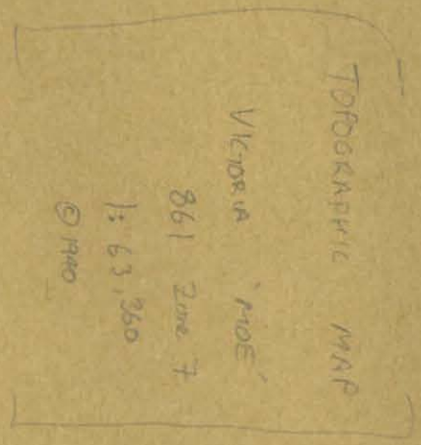

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Mrs. S. Sutton
Hon Sec
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society
PO Box 32
TOORAK VICTORIA

Dear Madam,

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1. I refer to your letter dated 8th March, 1963, regarding the investigation of a sighting of an unidentified object by Mr. Charles Brew.

2. Our investigation and enquiries reveal that there are scientific records of certain tornado-like meteorological manifestations which have a similar appearance in many ways to whatever was seen by Mr. Brew.

3. The information available is such however, that while we accept this as a possibility, we are unable to come to any firm conclusion as to the nature of the object or manifestation reported.

Yours faithfully,

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Wpl
D/DAFI (Ops)
28 Mar 63

TELEPHONE:
Melb 69-0550

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED
NEAR MOE VICTORIA BY MR C. BREW
Our 5/6/Air(24) 8th March, 1963

Forwarded is a joint report by two RAAF officers following an interview with Mr C. BREW concerning the sighting of an un-identified aerial object at a farm property at WILLOW GROVE via MOE on 15th February 1963.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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1 report
1 sketch
1 map

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REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT MOE, VICTORIA

1. Flt Lt N. HUDSON and Sqn Ldr A.F. JAVES were detailed to investigate an un-identified flying object which was reported in daily papers on 16th February 1963.

2. Contact was made with the observer (Mr C. BREW) and he was visited at his property on Monday 4th March 1963. The location of the property is shown on the attached map.

Description of Object Sighted

3. The following is a description of the object by Mr C. BREW:-

(a) At 0710 hours on Friday 15th February 1963 whilst milking cows, he noticed an object descending from an easterly direction to about 75 ft (estimated against height of adjacent trees), hovered for a brief period of time and then accelerated away at high speed to the West.

(b) The structure of the object appeared to be man-made. It was about 25 ft in diameter and about 9 ft high (sketch attached). The lower portion, about 3 ft high, was rotating in an anti-clockwise direction and was of blue-ish appearance. The upper portion appeared to be stationary, battleship grey in colour with a transparent dome. Protruding out of this dome was something which resembled a broom handle. No figures were visible in the dome. Then Mr BREW stated "It looked like a flying merry-go-round"! "There was a swishing and burbling-type sound".

Personal Observations of Observer

4. Manages property at WILLOW GROVE for Cr KILPATRICK. Aged about 50-60 years. Has been farmer all his life and has never served in the forces. Doesn't read books or write very much. Did not ascertain whether he reads comics. Watches television and films occasionally. Appears to be genuine because story continues to be repeated without any detectable variations. Property is some 1,500 acres and runs only 150 cows of which he milks 80-85 per day. He also stated that he is teetotal and does not suffer any abnormalties to his health.

Meteorological Conditions

5. Mr BREW stated that it was raining heavily and continuously with very low cloud and poor visibility. He did not observe any thunder or lightning. The wind was fresh and easterly in direction.

6. The Meteorological Department provided the following Yallourn observer's report for 0900 on 15 Feb 63:

(a) Wind direction - Westerly at 8 knots.

(b) Visibility - 4 miles.

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(c) Moderate rain. (19 points recorded in 24 hours 0900 14th to 0900 15th)

(d) Cloud. 6/8 Cloud Fracto-Stratus.

CSIRO - Meteorological Physics Discussions

7. On 6th March, Dr BERSON and Mr CLARK were interviewed to see if clouds could give this type of phenomenon. They agreed that a tornado condition could give this effect. The direction of rotation of BREW's report of the object was consistent with known facts for the Southern Hemisphere. The blue-ish colouring has been reported previously and is probably due to electric discharge and there would be a smell of ozone. The only difference in BREW's report was that the object moved from East to West because all previous reports to the CSIRO Met Section of this nature have been from West to East. Mr BREW stated that the wind was fresh from an easterly direction. However, meteorological report states that wind was westerly at 8 knots.

Aircraft Movements

8. Enquiries have revealed that there were no Service or Civil aircraft authorised to operate in the area at the time.

Conclusion

9. There is little doubt that BREW did witness something, and it is most likely that it was a natural phenomenon. The phenomenon was probably a tornado. There was no reported damage along its path, therefore one could assume that it was weak in nature.

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(A.F. JAVES)
Squadron Leader

Neil Hudson FLT LT

(N. HUDSON)
Flight Lieutenant

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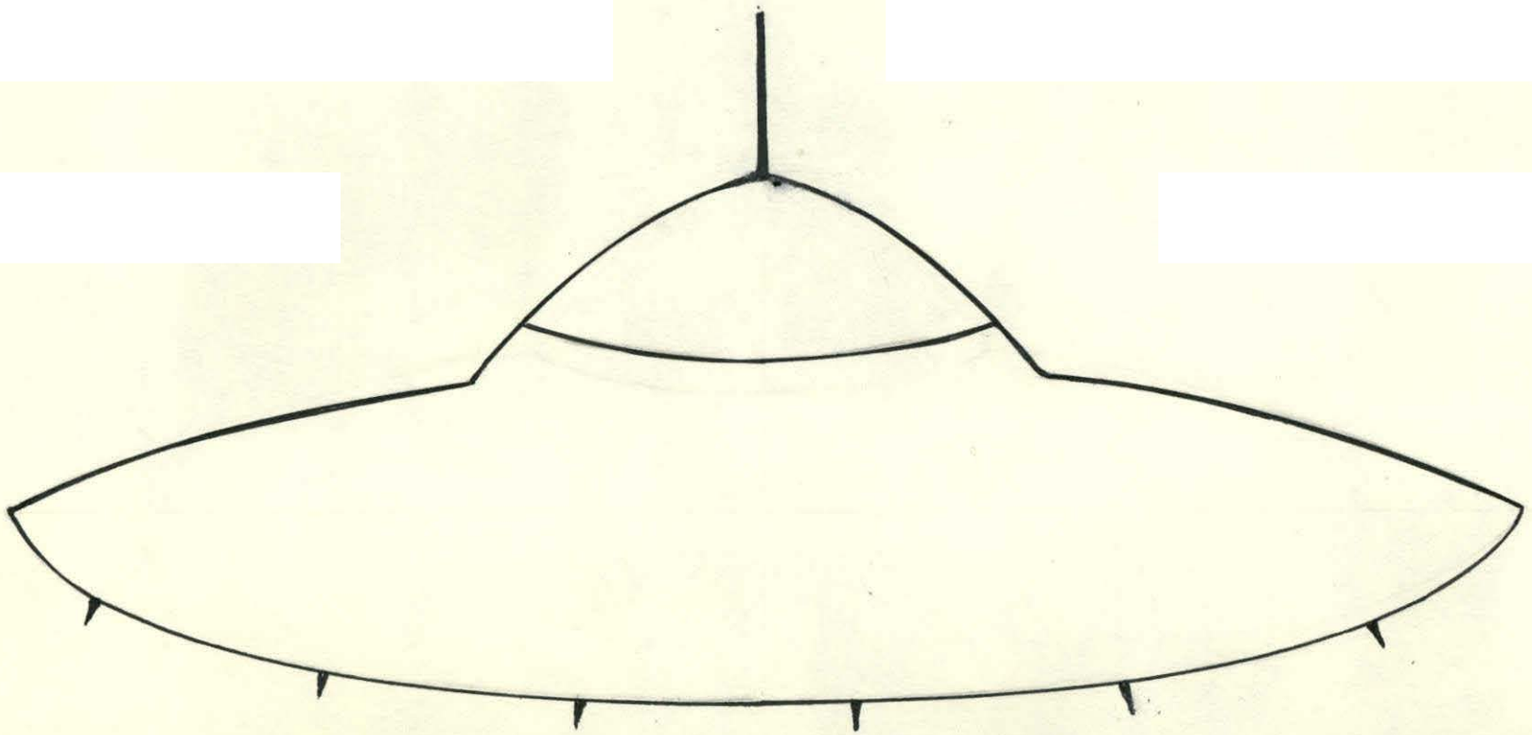
1 map



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Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS
Your 580/1/1 (4) 11th February 1963

Enclosed are completed pro formas by Mr W.H. Bieman and his son Terence Bremen of 115 George St, East MAITLAND relating to sightings of unusual aerial objects.

(F.K. CARRICK)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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ing will close on Wednesday.

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DISC-SHAPED OBJECT A MYSTERY

Many racegoers at Canberra Racecourse on Saturday were mystified to see a large, disc-shaped object rise from behind Mount Ainslie.

The object, which appeared in a direct line with the grandstand and the barrier, was first seen at 2.35 p.m.

It rose at an angle of 45 degrees about the same height as Mt. Ainslie.

The object, which was visible for 30 seconds, dipped and turned several times before returning behind Mount Ainslie.

It appeared again, rising from the same angle, staying visible for about the same length of time before disappearing slowly out of sight.

A racecourse patron who had seen it through his binoculars said the object appeared to be white and disc-shaped.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer: Mr. William Henry Edward BIEMAN

2. Address of Observer: 115 George street East Maitland NSW

3. Occupation of Observer: Carpenter.

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
Am not sure of the date but it was at about 2030 hours.

5. Period of observation (s): Approximately 3 minutes.

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

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Seen as an object at first, then as a light.

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape: Sphere.

13. Was any detail of structure observable: No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: Not sure.

15. Was there any sound: None.

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation: 150 feet, on level flight.

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity: Approximately 500 MPH.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Employed as a Carpenter with the Allied Works Council at RAAF Garbutt from 1942 to 1944, and with the Department of Works at RAAF Bankstown from 1944 to 1945.

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

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

Travelling in a circle, East of the sighters home.

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

When in the North East it broke off its normal circular course and proceeded in the direction of RAAF Williamtown.

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

None

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

Last seen heading towards RAAF Williamtown about 25 miles from the sighters home

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

None

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

Very little cloud formation, generally clear night.

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

Several Service Aircraft were night flying over RAAF Williamtown and the surrounding countryside on the night in question.

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

Nobbys Head. RAAF Williamtown.

27. Any additional information.....

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

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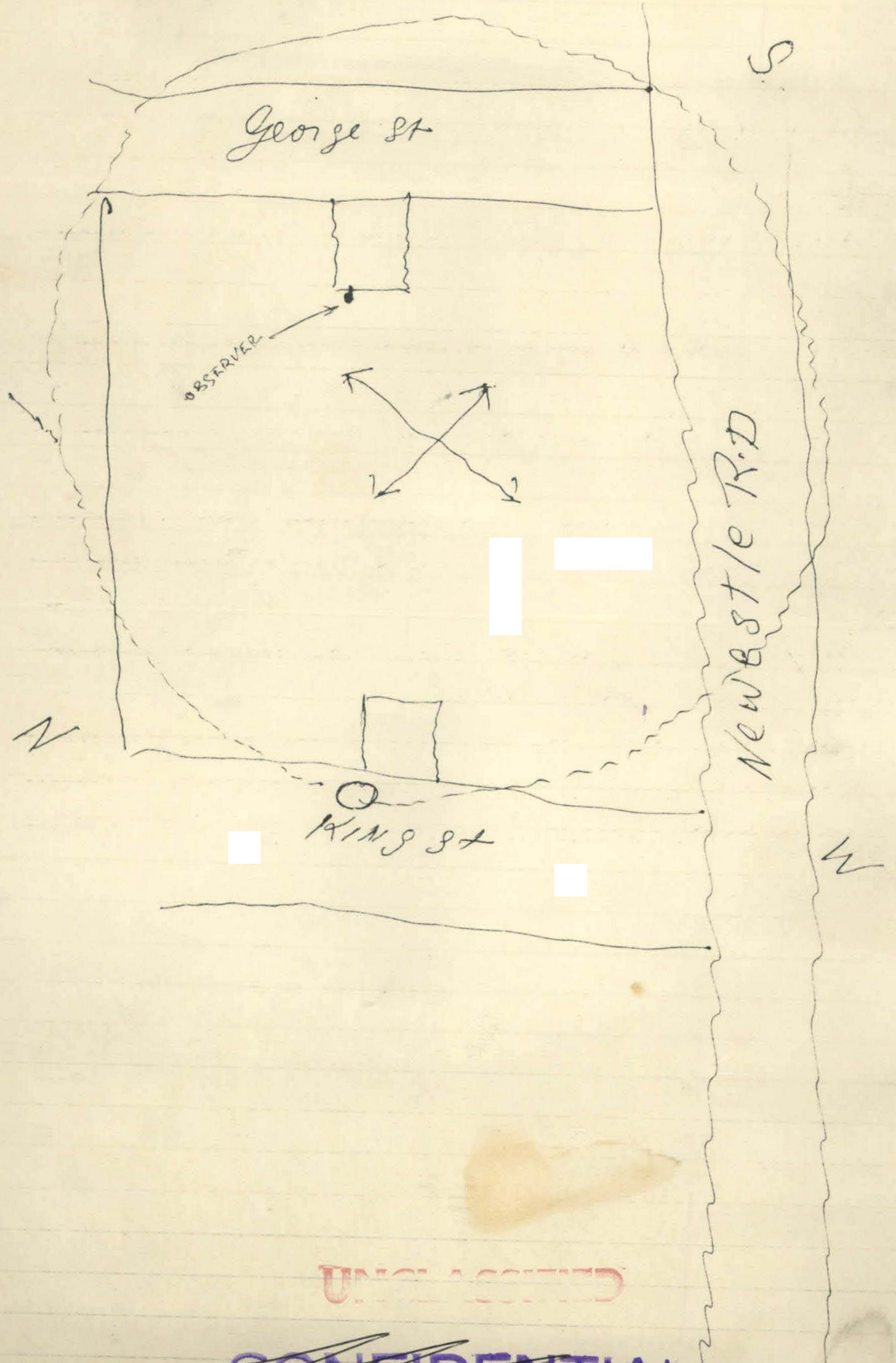

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer: Terrence William BIEMAN

2. Address of Observer: 115 George street East Maitland NSW

3. Occupation of Observer: Carpenter - Joiner

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
Not sure of the date but the time was about 2030 hours.

5. Period of observation (s) Two to three minutes.

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

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

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Father called observer who was outside house at the time.

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
As a light - White to yellow and very bright.

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object: White to yellow

12. What was its apparent shape: Round

13. Was any detail of structure observable: Nil

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: No

15. Was there any sound: No

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation: unable to access (could be 200 ft)

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity: 1600 MPH

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

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

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

Due East

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

Straight path

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

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

Mid-Air

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

None

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

Fine weather with a cloudless sky.

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

Several Service Aircraft were night flying over RAAF Williamtown and the surrounding countryside on the night in question.

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

Nobbys Head. RAAF Williamtown.

27. Any additional information. Observer was watching Television when his father called out "come out and have a look at the thing flying around in the air", he walked outside the house and immediately saw an object before his father pointed it out to him. He claimed the object was very clear but faded out as it went to the East.

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

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

The Sun, Saturday, Feb. 16, 1963 — Page 5

Jumping cows! It's a "saucer"

MOE, Fri. — A dairy farmer has reported seeing a "flying saucer or something" which sent a horse and his herd of cows into a panic early today.

The farmer, Mr Charlie Brew, of the Old Sale-rd., Willow Grove, north-west of Moe, said the object was about 25 feet wide and looked like a thick disc.

"It was battleship-grey in color and appeared to have a band of glass or plastic around the circumference and a number of protrusions which looked like scoops," Mr Brew said.

"My son Trevor and I were milking the cows shortly after 7 a.m., and it was raining heavily at the time when I looked out and saw the object coming down fairly slowly and steeply to a height of between 75 and 100 feet.

"I thought it was going to land, but it suddenly shot off in a westerly direction at two or three times the speed of a jet and disappeared into a cloud."

Although Trevor did not see the object, he heard the pulsating, whooshing sound it made as it revolved overhead.

"The cows turned somersaults and the horse reared up in panic," Mr Brew said. "The whole visit lasted only a matter of seconds."

Mr Brew admitted that he had often laughed at people who said they saw such things, but he swears that this was the real thing.

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VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC.

PHONE XX 1288

8th March 1963,

Squadron Leader Syme,
Directorate Air Force Intelligence,
Air Department,
CANBERRA. F.C.T.

Dear Sir,

We understand that you investigated the sighting report made by Mr Charles Brew of Willow Grove, concerning an unidentified flying object which flew over his dairy farm early on the morning of Friday, 15th ~~March~~ Feb last.

We would be obliged if you will advise us of your evaluation on this sighting.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply,

Yours faithfully,

S. Sutton

(Mrs.) Sylvia Sutton.
Hon. Sec.

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TELEPHONE :
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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED
NEAR MOE VICTORIA BY MR C. BREW

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Sqn Ldr G.L. WALLER of Department of Air, and Flt Lt N. HUDSON (C Intell O) on 21st February 1963.

2. Mr C. BREW of MOE has since been interviewed by Sqn Ldr A.F. JAVES (Technical Branch) and Flt Lt N. HUDSON of this Headquarters, at his property, and a full report on the outcome of the interview will be forwarded as early as possible.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. The sighting of lights in the sky at NORTH ALTONA VICTORIA on 27th February 1963 has been made the subject of a report by Mr B.A. HILL of Myalla Street BRAYBROOK VIC.

2. It has been determined that no air traffic was operating in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Report by Mr B.A. Hill

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer BENJAMIN ASHTON HILL

2. Address of Observer 29 MYALLA ST BRAYBROOK W19

3. Occupation of Observer SECURITY OFFICER

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
27-2-1963 21.12 HRS

5. Period of Observation(s) 3 TO 5 MINUTES

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Visual observation from ground Level. No equipment used. Observation made from west side of engine room. At Australian Carbon Black Millers Rd Nth Altona

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Overhead slightly South west of my observation point

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
My attention was first attracted by two lights which had been observed by two other employees

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

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
There was two Lights which appeared to be in Line Ahead formation pointing in a North Easterly direction. They were very close together

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

12. What was its apparent shape The Lights were very bright and constant and appeared to be oval in shape

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No but Lights appeared to have similar propulsion to a Helicopter in that they could ascend & descend at a very acute angle

15. Was there any sound Owing to noise of engine room it was impossible to discern any particular noise

16.** Height, or angle of elevation Approx 20 000 to 25000 Ft

17.** Speed, or angular velocity Speed not known but it appeared to be in the fast jet craft range.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Being an ex serviceman with approx 16 yrs Army service at home & Abroad I have on many occasions observed aircraft in flight. But these calculations are only approximate

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

P.S. I have sighted these Lights on three occasions in this area but in the past they have appeared later at night or in the early morning

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

From South west of Altona to North East of observation point.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. When first sighted, lights appeared to hover one above the other. The top object then moved off in a straight course in a North Easterly direction.

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

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

In Mid-air North East of observation point.

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

Lights ~~was~~ were sighted by two other employees

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

Fine clear weather no cloud formation visible.

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

~~No Air Traffic sighted~~

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

27. Any additional information

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

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580/1/1 (5)

The Secretary
Prime Minister's Department
East Block
Queen Victoria Terrace
PARKES ACT

13 FEB 1963

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Receipt is acknowledged of the report on the sighting of an unusual aerial object by Mr. W.H.E. Bieman, of 115 George Street, East Maitland, forwarded under cover of your note dated 5th February, 1963.

2. This Department will seek an interview with Mr. Bieman, and you will be advised of any conclusions reached as a result of this.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

12 Feb 63 D/DAFI (Ops) W/Cdr

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE:
M 9

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE CANBERRA"

IN REPLY QUOTE 580/1/1(5)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

The Secretary
Prime Minister's Department
East Block
Queen Victoria Terrace
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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Receipt is acknowledged of

~~1.~~ The report on the sighting of an unusual aerial object by Mr. W.H.E. Bieman, of 115 George Street, East Maitland, forwarded under cover of your note dated 5th February, 1963, ~~was received 11th February in this Department.~~

This department will seek an interview with ~~Headquarters Operational Command have been asked to arrange further interrogation of~~ Mr. Bieman, and you will be advised of any conclusions reached as a result of this ~~further investigation.~~

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

LO.
It was rec'd on
6th Feb @ 9am
The delay occurred
between Registry &
DAF!.

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580/1/1

11 FEB 1953

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. W.H.E. Bieman of 115 George Street, East Maitland, has been forwarded to this Directorate by the Prime Minister's Department.

2. It is requested that your Headquarters arranges for further interrogation of Mr. Bieman on this sighting, and that the standard proforma, "Report on Aerial Object Observed" be completed.

(M.C. RABAN)
Wing Commander
For Chief of the Air Staff

Att:

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA.

5 FEB 1963

With the Compliments

of the Secretary

Prime Minister's Department.

For information

Received
1400 hrs
11 Feb.

almost 3 wks. since sighting - further interrogation unlikely to produce more data in view of period since sighting
WCT.

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

DAFI

(3A)

PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT
BOX 15, G.P.O.
SYDNEY

61-226.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for information and such action as may be considered necessary copy of a communication addressed to the Premier by Mr. W.H.E. Bieman of 115 George Street, East Maitland, concerning his sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Mr. Bieman has been informed that his letter is being brought to the attention of the Commonwealth Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary.

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

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23/1/63
115 George Street
East Maitland

RECEIVED
24 JAN 1963
PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT

Premier's Dept.
61-226

Hon Mr Heffron
Dear Sir

On the night of the 22/1/63
3 Between the hours of 8pm and 9pm.
I went to the Back Verandah of my home. about 10 degrees North East I was attracted by a silver disc light at about 350' which I observed was moving Bearing to the South on Reaching Between N and South app 60 degrees it seemed to turn appearing to have a smoke cap and Burning Base this could have been due to fraction
I identified this at first has a fireworks Baloon Contraption and thought no more of the matter going inside. I told the wife and family who passed the matter off has a joke of course I was in this. I had made a decision to watch has the course seemed to be circular the object giving no indication of spending itself after one minute I returned to the Verandah two minutes later it appeared again at the same height being about two to three miles away the conditions of Rage of Vision it appeared to be about a 1'-6" circle this night in close up viewing give it a circle of about 8' to 10' the speed could be estimated at over 100 miles per hour I had called the family out who also witnessed the phenomen at this stage I thought it might be a mystorite but after some quick thought I had quickly dispelled
(These things could mean enemy softening up and call for an immediate defence alert.)

This having witnessed such a fall there was no extensive green blending illumination
The manner in which the object was performing and holding such a accurate course off the N. and S. magnetic pull could lead to one of two conclusions the object was either manned or under some form of remote controle
On this occasion of its second circle so far has I am concerned between N. and S. it broke the circle at about 50 degrees to fly off about 85 degrees south on further tracking by my son this would place it making direct for William town R.A.A.F airfield or the coast
Should Williamstown deny any knowledge of the object then it would probably place some form of controle base in this area could there be some form of enemy scientific experimental station situated there or somewhere along that course far out to sea or could some far off probeing of Williamstown be in progress believe me sir this is no joke there is something open for throughter scientific or intelligence combined urgent investigation
having for many years paid a lot of attention to the night sky I have never seen anything like it before or have I heard any previous reports it would also appear these mystery lights have drifted from the point of their original detection about three years back over a wide area and far afield and then at great height to have last night become more daring and venturesome

Yours Sincerely faithfully
William H. E. Beeman & JP

TELEPHONE :
Melb 69-0550

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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580-1-1

Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

5/6/Air(16)

-9 JAN 1963

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

The attached report, received from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne, concerns the sighting of an unusual aerial object at PENNA TASMANIA, and is forwarded for information.

(W.T. TAYLOR)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

D.A.F.I.


REC'D.
10 JAN 1963
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: John Vallance. (Shark Pt. Rd.) (Penna.)
2. Address of Observer: 129 Warwick St. (APPROX 4 MILES N.E. FROM CAMBRIDGE.)
3. Occupation of Observer: Camera Store.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   01502
5. Period of Observation (s): 5 mins. probably.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   At Penna.
   A30 Binoculars.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   45° alt. facing N.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Sighting.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   No light.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    One.
11. What was the colour of the light or object: White vapour.
12. What was its apparent shape: Bottom part pherical.
13. Was any detail of structure observable: No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: No.
15. Was there any sound: No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation: See above.
17. Speed, or angular velocity: " "
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    Nil.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

NW from Mt. Lord.

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

Straight line downwards.

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

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

Vicinity Richmond.

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

Nil.

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

Fine and clear 1/8 cu. 4500.

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

LSAF B57 @ FL 290 climbing to FL 400 over HBT HeadyNG.

towards DVN @ 0154.

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

HBT airport.

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

All known and possible acft movements checked.

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

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