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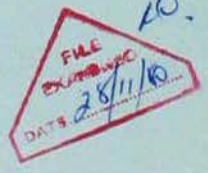
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(74)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH NW NSW

15 DEC 1966

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Rang Flt Lt Green he will send down a copy of Mr. Tambling's letter

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

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INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 580/1/1(36) 6th December 1966
Our 5/15/1/Air(70) 7th November 1966

1. A request for publication of material from an address given by Mr B.G. ROBERTS of the Operational Research Office Department of Air is forwarded for your information and for action by the Directorate of Public Relations.

2. Mr R. TAMBLING who made this request is an active member of UFO Society in SYDNEY. This Society recently appeared on the ABC television programme "FORUM", and several references were made by Mr TAMBLING and others to the fact that they rarely received any results of their sightings submitted to the RAAF. It is noteworthy that the majority of the members of this society, including Mr TAMBLING, are New Australians.

3. Mr TAMBLING has been informed that he may expect a reply direct from the Department of Air.

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REC'D. 19 DEC 1966 C.A.S.

A Green
(A. GREEN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

DAFI O/R

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DIRECTORATE OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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6 DEC '60

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

1. Enclosed are three (3) copies of a reported sighting of a flying saucer for investigation in accordance with the laid down policy. Three copies of the previous letter referred to are also enclosed. Both letters were initially sent to the Department of Civil Aviation which forwarded them to this Department.

2. It is noted that WON WRON is within the RAAF Base, EAST SALE control zone which may well account for the sightings seen.

(N.G. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

Encls:

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DIRECTORATE OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

6 DEC '66

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Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - 1966
Your 5/15/Air(69) - 7th November, 1966

1. Enclosed is a list of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) received by this Department during 1966.

2. You are reminded that, while this material is being given to the public on request, all releases of UFO sightings are made by Directorate of Public Relations at this Department and any request received by you should be forwarded to Department of Air.

(N.G. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

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Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

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580/1/1 Pt 6(36)

6 DEC '66

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Reference is made to the letters, 5/Air 7 and 8 dated 23rd November and 2nd December respectively in which the Queensland Squadron ATC forwarded reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). You will no doubt have observed that in neither case has the investigating officer made an assessment as to the likely nature of the sighting, which of course is the main purpose of the investigation. It is agreed that there are occasions on which, even after the fullest possible investigation, no reasonable explanation of the sighting can be offered, and the investigating officer on these occasions is fully entitled to say so.

2. It is requested that these incidents be given further attention in an effort to arrive at a reasonable explanation of their origin. For example it would appear reasonable that the sighting of 12th November could have been a passenger aircraft of the 727 type, but this possibility is not covered by the investigating officer. Similarly the incident of 24th November could possibly have been caused by a meteorological balloon.

(N.G.S. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
for Director of Air Force Intelligence

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Queensland Squadron ATC
RAAF Centre
Box 526H GPO
BRISBANE QLD

5/Air(8)

2nd December 1966

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE VIC

For Information

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
HQSUPCOM 5/6/Air(121) - 6APR66

Forwarded herewith is a report by a civilian in accordance with your above referenced letter.

(G.C.FRENCH)
Flight Lieutenant
for Commanding Officer

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27. DETAILS PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: No

28. EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVER: Nil

29. MEMBER OF ORGANISATION: None

30. ADDRESS OF ORGANISATION: N/A

31. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See attached sketch

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: J B Wallace

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED
Reference HQSUFCOM 5/6/Air(121) - 6APR66

1. NAME: James WALLACE Age: 29
2. ADDRESS: 8 Oliver Street Kedron Brisbane
3. OCCUPATION: Salesman
4. DATE & TIME SIGHTED: 24NOV66 0315K
5. DURATION: 20 minutes
6. LOCATION: Lutwyche Road and Kedron Road
7. WEATHER: Clear Night
8. AIDS: Nil
9. WHERE OBSERVED: Over the Horizon
10. ATTRACTION: Light
11. STATE OF OBJECT: Definite Object
12. NUMBER: Single Object
13. COLOUR OF OBJECT: White then directley overhead changed to incadescant grey then Easterley reddish then black in horizon
14. SHAPE: Circular for most of observation but changed to boomerang shape.
15. STRUCTURE: No
16. PROPULSION: No
17. SOUND: Slight Hum
18. Height: 500 Feet-1000Feet
19. SPEED: Speed varied from slow to quite fast then stopped and then moved away slowly
20. STATIONARY: Yes for approximately 15 minutes
21. DIRECTION: West to East
22. MANOEUVRE: Straight Path
23. EXHAUST OR VAPOUR: No
24. DISAPPEAR: Near the Horizon
25. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: No
26. PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: No
27. DETAILS PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: No
28. EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVER: Nil
29. MEMBER OF ORGANISATION: None
30. ADDRESS OF ORGANISATION: N/A
31. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See attached sketch

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: J B Wallace

32. LOCATION AIR TRAFFIC: No known traffic

33. METEOROLIGICAL STATIONS: Commonwealth Meteoroligical Bureau Wickam Terrace Brisbane.

34. COMMENTS: There would appear to be no reason to doubt the authenticity of this report.

SIGNATURE OF INTERROGATOR:

(G.C.FRENCH)
Flight Lieutenant

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
5 May 66	Radar plot from Melbourne Control Tower held for 9 mins. Contact travelled SW at 87 kts.	Crop dusting aircraft.
6 May 66	A light moving steadily in ENE direction near Ballarat	Satellite
8 May 66	Light reflection observed near Melbourne through field glasses. Est height 8,000' distance 20 n.m. Noted for 10 mins, stationery at first, then descended to 4,500'	Probably an Aircraft.
9 May 66	Circular shaped light with halo effect. Apparent slow movement. Seen near Sale, Vic for about 30 mins.	Astronomical
16 May 66	Object moving from E to W appeared to explode like a green flare and disappear. Duration 3 secs at Daly Waters.	Astronomical
17 May 66	Object observed near Daly Waters at 10.30 pm hovering between two stars for 10 mins.	Incomplete data
18 May 66	Met observer at Daly Waters saw object size and shape of met balloon at azimuth 243° elevation 23° altitude 40,000' moving 243°/46 kts. Noted reversal in track 1 - 1½ mins. Under magnification appeared to be two balloons touching. Time 9.45 a.m.	Probably met balloon from another station
26 May 66	Six red lights which appeared to be at 1500 ft. were sighted at Lismore NSW at 10 pm.	Unknown. Reported too late for investigation.
29 May 66	Silver object glinting in sun seen near Melbourne for 5 - 8 mins. Steady object similar to aircraft climbing.	Probably an aircraft.
~~26 May 66~~	~~Six red lights which appeared to be at 1500 kt. were sighted at Lismore NSW at 10 pm~~	~~Unknown. Reported too late for investigation.~~
2 Jun 6	Stationary light, which later appeared to move, was sighted at Lismore NSW at 9.50 pm.	Unknown Reported too late for investigation.
4 Jun 66	Unidentified lights, which appeared to move slowly were sighted at Lismore NSW at 9.50 pm for about 2 mins.	Unknown Reported too late for investigation
7 Jun 66	Luminous white cloud like sky writers' trail. Flash of light at front end. Time 0845-0905 at Wangaratta Vic.	Aircraft.
8 Jun 66	"Beeping" heard in early hours of morning by woman in Won Wron area.	Incomplete data
9 Jun 66	Incandescent white sphere with a blue tail was sighted at Port Augusta SA at 7.30 pm for about 2 secs.	Meteorite.
13 Jun 66	Near Springvale Vic at 8.05 p.m. Flashing red green and white light proceeding E to W seen for 5 - 10 mins.	Aircraft.
26 Jun 66	A moving red and white light was seen at Exola WA during p.m. hours.	Incomplete data.
Jun-28, 29, 30 July,1,2, 4,6,7,14, 22,23,26,27 31. Aug - 1,5.	During p.m. hours at Balliang, Vic, some flashing lights were seen; sometimes only a single light, sometimes in groups just above the ground. All reports from same source.	Lights of aircraft and vehicles.

The foregoing summary of information prepared in the public interest, includes the final assessment of each sighting reached by Department of Air, CANBERRA, and it is regretted that no further correspondence can be undertaken on this subject.

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting.	Possible Cause.
9 Jul 66	Moving light sighted at Charleville Qld for about 5 mins. at 4.55 a.m.	Satellite
10 Jul 66	Moving light at high altitude was sighted at Kurnell NSW for about 5 - 8 mins. between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m.	Probable aircraft.
12 Jul 66	Moving bright light, at elevation approx 60° sighted Murarie Qld for about 1 hr at 6 p.m.	Incomplete data.
28 Jul 66	Moving light at elevation about 45° sighted Paddington NSW for about 15 secs at 4.40 p.m.	Probable aircraft
17 Aug 66	Two moving red lights blinking steadily sighted Sunshine Vic for about 10 mins. at 8.40 p.m.	Aircraft
27 Aug 66	Aerial light followed by an explosion with general movement from W to E sighted Madang PNG at 4.30 a.m.	Meteor
4 Sep 66	Stationary light near horizon seen at Yarram Vic for about 5 mins between 10 and 10.30 p.m.	Astronomical
4 Sep 66	Stationary light near horizon seen at Yarram Vic for about 5 mins at 4.15 a.m.	Astronomical
6 Sep 66	Light which moved from horizon to horizon seen at Middle Park, Vic at 6.55 p.m.	Satellite
6 Sep 66	Light moving in the sky seen at Elternwick at 7.05 p.m.	Satellite
22 Sep 66	Bright light at elevation about 45°, seen at Gymea NSW for about 25 mins at 9 p.m.	Astronomical
6 Oct 66	Moving light at elevation about 20°, seen at Chadstone Vic at 8.30 p.m.	Probable balloon
7 Oct 66	Moving light at great height, seen at Murarie Qld for about 10 mins at 6 p.m.	Satellite
10 Oct 66	Light estimated moving from SE to NW seen at Laverton Vic at elevation approx 15° for 43 mins at 8.22 p.m.	Satellite
12 Oct 66	Very fast light moving from W to E seen at West Footscray Vic for about 5 - 10 mins at 8.35 p.m.	Aircraft
19 Oct 66	Slowly moving light, at elevation approx. 45°, seen at North Melbourne, Vic for about 5 - 10 mins at 7.45 p.m.	Probable met balloon
19 Oct 66	Moving light seen at Pymble NSW for about 5 mins at 8 pm.	Incomplete data
20 Oct 66	Moving light, at extreme height, seen at Flinders Bay WA at 1.30 a.m.	Incomplete data.
21 Oct 66	Stationary light, elevation approx 20°, seen at Canley Vale NSW for about 5 mins at 9.10 p.m.	Astronomical
22 Oct 66	Moving light seen at Kangaroo Valley NSW for about 7 mins at 7.40 pm	Satellite
23 Oct 66	Light at elevation about 80° moving from S to N seen at West Pymble, NSW at 7 p.m.	Incomplete data
26 Oct 66	Moving light seen in Port Headland WA area for about 15 mins at 7.55 p.m. About 1½ hours later a light was sighted for a short duration.	Met balloon
26 Oct 66	Seven WA cattle stations reported a moving object rising in the sky between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m.	Satellite.

The foregoing summary of information prepared in the public interest includes the final assessment of each sighting reached by Department of Air, Canberra and it is regretted that no further correspondence can be undertaken on this subject.

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Queensland Squadron ATC
RAAF Centre
Box 526H GPO
BRISBANE QLD

5/Air(7)

23rd November 1966

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE VIC

For Information

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
HQSUPCOM 5/6/Air(121) - 6APR66

1. Attached is a report on a sighting in accordance with your above referenced letter. The Police Officer who made the report appears to be a particularly reliable and sober type. The observer was in the company of his wife and daughter aged 14 years and young son. At the time of the observation he was showing his family satellite's passing overhead.

2. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that the duty controller at Eagle Farm Airport had sighted a bright light in the same area and at approximately the same time. The light disappeared, after approximately 10 seconds. He was only able to describe it as stationary light in the sky.

G C French

(G.C.FRENCH)
Flight Lieutenant
for Commanding Officer

REC'D. 28 NOV 1966 C.A.S.

27. DETAILS PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: N/A

28. EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVER: Observation of Sattellites

29. MEMBER OF ORGANISATION: None

30. ADDRESS OF ORGANISATION: N/A

31. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Nil

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: L. L. Mary

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED
Reference HQSUPCOM 5/6/Air(121) - 6APR66

1. NAME: Leslie Robb GRAY Age: 36
2. ADDRESS: 17 Hinkler Street Kedron Brisbane
3. OCCUPATION: Police Officer
4. DATE & TIME SIGHTED: 12NOV66 1955K
5. DURATION: 10 Seconds
6. LOCATION: Above Address
7. WEATHER: Clear Sky Nil Cloud
8. AIDS: NIL
9. WHERE OBSERVED: Overhead
10. ATTRACTION: Observed it
11. STATE OF OBJECT: Definite Object
12. NUMBER: Single Object
13. COLOUR OF OBJECT: Was slightly illuminated by lights it carried
14. SHAPE: Boomerang Shape
15. STRUCTURE: Shape and lights only
16. PROPULSION: None
17. SOUND: None
18. HEIGHT: Very High
19. SPEED: Extremely Fast
20. STATIONARY: No
21. DIRECTION: Object travelled North to South directly overhead observer
22. MANOEUVRE: Straight Path
23. EXHAUST OR VAPOUR: No
24. DISAPPEAR: Object disappeared approximately 30° above horizon
25. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: Nil
26. PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: None
27. DETAILS PREVIOUS OBSERVATION: N/A
28. EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVER: Observation of Sattellites
29. MEMBER OF ORGANISATION: None
30. ADDRESS OF ORGANISATION: N/A
31. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Nil

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: L. R. Gray.

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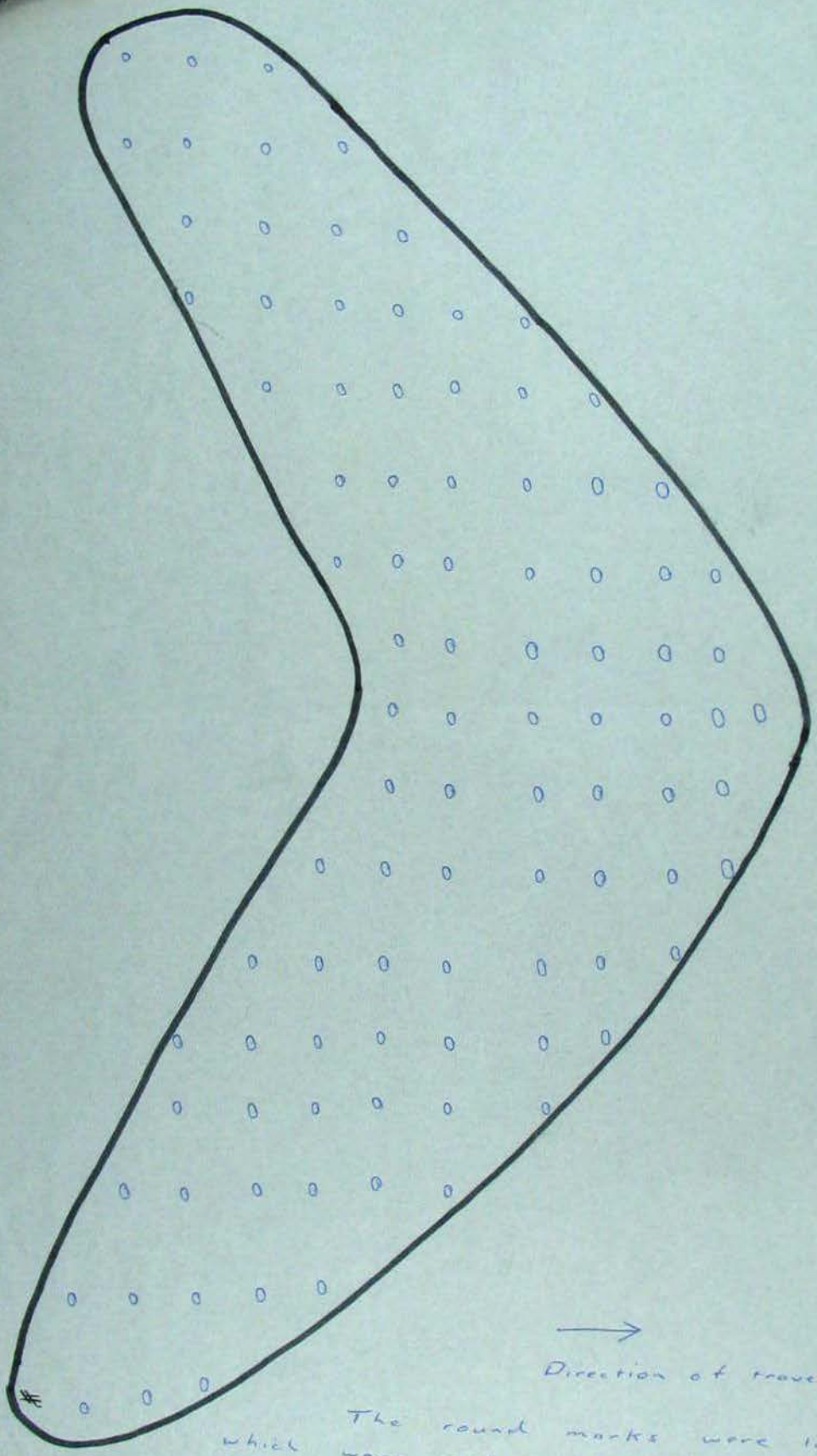
32. LOCATION AIR TRAFFIC: No known aircraft in the area

33. METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS: Brisbane Airport, Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau Wickham Terrace Brisbane.

34. COMMENTS: See Attached

SIGNATURE OF INTERROGATOR: _____

(G.C.FRENCH)
Flight Lieutenant



The round marks were lights which were rather dull but illuminated the outline of the object adequately

"Age" Thursday, 1st December 1966

Sparta shot glows for 100 miles

CANBERRA. — Useful data has been gained from the first launching of Project Sparta at Woomera on Monday.

Project Sparta is a tripartite project between the aimed at obtaining information on the re-entry of U.S., Britain and Australia, rockets into the atmosphere.

As parts of the rocket fired on Monday re-entered the atmosphere, a fiery glow could be seen from 100 miles.

The first stage was a Redstone rocket, similar to the one that boosted the first U.S. satellite into space.

28 Nov 66

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Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING AT BALLIANG

1. Reference is made to the report submitted by Flight Lieutenant P.S. Hubbard on his visit to BALLIANG in connection with unusual sightings made by Mr A.S. Ricketts. Flight Lieutenant Hubbard is to be congratulated on the very thorough, clear and well presented report.

2. This Department is in agreement with the conclusions reached and considers that no useful purpose would be served by further investigation. It is requested that Mr Ricketts be advised that the Department of Air is satisfied that the sightings do not constitute a threat to the security of AUSTRALIA and that from the evidence submitted by Mr Ricketts and from the report on Flight Lieutenant Hubbard's visit, the Department sees no reason to doubt that the sightings originated from normal sources. The Department does not therefore wish to investigate the matter further at this time.

(N.G. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

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UNCLAS A134 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTED TO THIS UNIT BY POLICE OFFICER PD OBJECT SIGHTED 1955 12NOV66 OVER KEDRON BRISBANE PD FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOWING

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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10 NOV 1966

IN REPLY QUOTE 21/1/387

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

DAFI

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Attached is a copy of a letter received on 7th November, 1966, from a Mrs. Jeffs of Won Wron, via Traralgon, Victoria. This letter is referred for any action you consider necessary.

Notwithstanding the lack of time/date information it is unlikely that civil aircraft movements would account for any sighting in the area concerned.

The previous letter Mrs. Jeffs referred to was forwarded to you under cover of our 21/1/387, dated 27th May, 1966.

I have informed Mrs. Jeffs that her letter has been forwarded to you.

(H.J. MOLLOY)
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

Att.

REC'D
15 NOV 1966
C.A.S.

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Won Wron,
via Traralgon,
VIC.

Dear Sir,

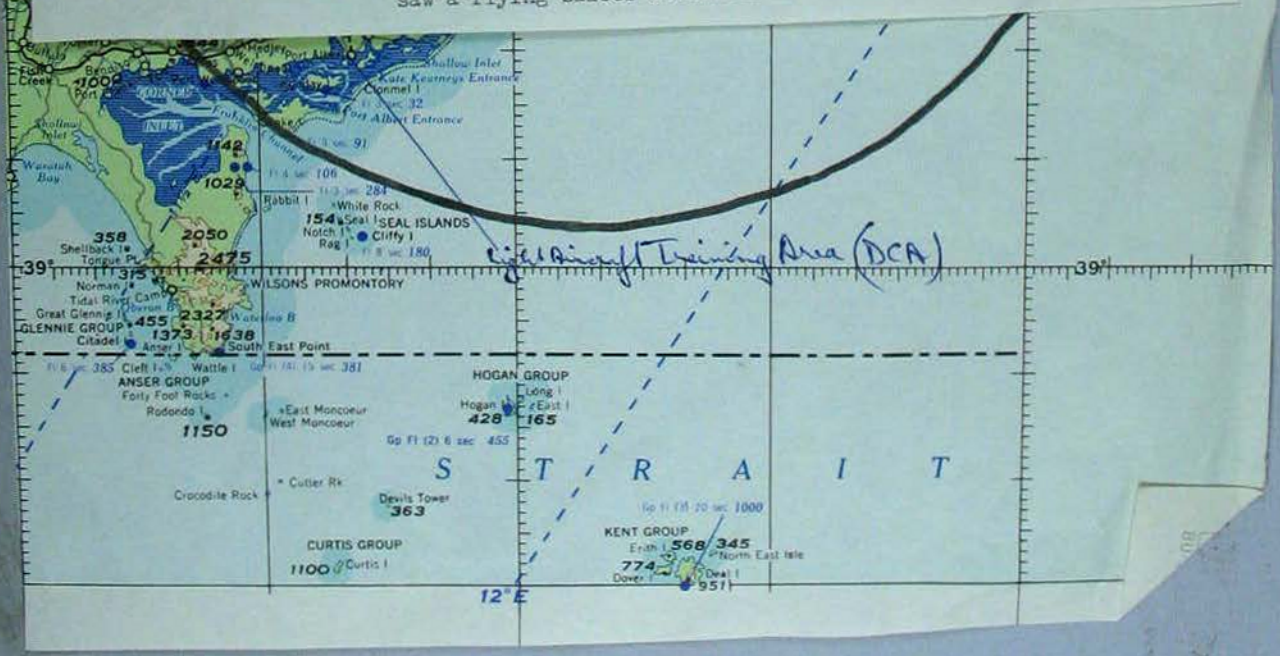
I wrote to you a while back telling you that I saw what I thought to be a rocket or satellite which came down about a mile from where I live in Won Wron. Since I last wrote to you there was a jet plane flying low in front of our house but it didn't go anywhere near where I saw this object go down. Also since then we have seen a flying saucer hovering just above the trees round about where I saw the object come down. Please don't think I am imagining these things, because all I have told you is the honest truth.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

SGD.
(Mrs. Beryl Jeffs)

P.S. Just lately a man from Yarram was coming home from Toora about 10.30 at night and saw a flying saucer at Alberton.




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Light Aircraft Training Area (DCA)
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UNCLAS A185 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTED TO THIS UNIT BY CIVILIAN PD OBJECT ~~SIGHZD~~ SIGHTED Ø315K 24NOV66 OVER KEDRON BRISBANE PD FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOWING

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA Naval Intelligence Division

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "NAVY CANBERRA"

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, CANBERRA, A.C.T.

17 NOV 1966

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A report received from a coastwatcher at Flinders Bay, Western Australia has indicated that a Mrs Jaggers of Augusta, Western Australia sighted an unidentified flying object on 20th October 1966.

2. Witness stated that "the object came out of the north-east at 0130H and disappeared from view at 0300H. It was whitish in colour with two bright lights like stars together and on one occasion appeared to give off a flash of light like lightning".

3. Our Base Intelligence Officer in Western Australia has assessed the sighting as "possible satellite".

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for Director of Naval Intelligence

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(5)

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

10 NOV 1966

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

INVESTIGATION OF
UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Our 5/6/Air(167) 16 Sep 1966

1. In compliance with a telephone call from D/DAFI (Ops) to SO Operations Headquarters Support Command, it was arranged for C Intell O to visit Mr A.S. Ricketts of Balliang Victoria, for the purpose of discussing his sightings.

2. Attached herewith is the report submitted by C Intell O as a result of his visit to Balliang.

(C.R. NOBLE)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

REC'D. 10 NOV 1966 C.A.S.

REPORT ON VISIT TO BALLIANG
IN CONNEXION WITH UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS MADE BY
MR A.S. RICKETTS AT BALLIANG

APPENDIX A Map

APPENDIX B Photocopy of Encyclopaedia Britannica Inc Report

APPENDIX C 4 coloured photographic prints

Introduction

1. As a result of a telecon between D/DAFI(OPS) and SO Ops of this Headquarters, it was decided to try and make an appointment for C Intell O with Mr Ricketts in order to discuss his sightings.

2. Mr Ricketts had laid down the following conditions for a visit:

(a) only a small party arrive (consisting of highly skilled photographic and scientific personnel),

(b) that no fewer than 3 consecutive nights compose the trips,

(c) that no non-commital attitude will be adopted,

(d),(e) and (f) which deal with films which may be taken, official credit for sightings and the presence of aircraft.

3. The C Intell O had had frequent telephone conversations with Mr Ricketts concerning his sightings and was able to persuade him to forego the above conditions with the explanation that the visit was primarily for familiarisation with the area and general discussions about the sightings, and accordingly a visit was arranged for 28 Oct 66.

Visit

4. C Intell O arrived at Mr Ricketts' house at Balliang (marked A on the attached map) at 1800 hours and spent about 20 minutes at the house while Mr Ricketts pointed out the lay of the land and gave explanations of what could be expected in the way of sightings. It was decided to drive around the area in the remaining daylight and take up a position (marked B on the map) in the general area where the objects have appeared to be landing. This area (marked C on the map) is 3-4 miles due North of Mr Ricketts' house and in an area where there are no East-West roads for miles and the only North-South road is the one used to get to the area. This North-South road is little more than a track which peters out in the bush.

5. After having various identifying points pointed out on the drive to the observation point, we took up position at about 1850 hours (just before sunset) with a pair of binoculars, prismatic compass, 35mm camera with 400mm telephoto lens as aids to viewing.

6. Mr Ricketts stated from the outset that conditions were not favourable for observation as the moon rose before sunset and was quite a full moon: however, it was possible sightings could be made. After the sun had set the moonlight was very bright and visibility was very good.

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7. During the period 1850-2100 hours, nothing was sighted which behaved in a manner as described by Mr Ricketts previously ie - appeared to come from over the hills to the West and approach to near ground level in the observation area. During that time however, Mr Ricketts pointed out a number of distant lights which were similar in appearance and characteristics and which behaved somewhat similarly but did not approach the ground. These lights were identified as -

(a) civil aircraft (Boeing-727 etc from Adelaide to Melbourne). Mr Ricketts was not aware of the fact that Civil Airliners passed anywhere near the area,

(b) motor vehicles on distant roads,

(c) stars.

8. After each of the above sightings Mr Ricketts stated that such objects were not quite as he had previously observed.

9. After the two hours in the observation area we drove around investigating various lights sighted by Mr Ricketts and which, when approached, turned out to be farm houses or similar buildings. Nothing was seen which matched the behaviour or Mr Ricketts previous sightings.

Discussions During Visit

10. While waiting for UFOs to appear, the whole matter of Mr Ricketts previous sightings was discussed at length. Following are the results of these discussions:-

(a) Mr Ricketts has been making sightings regularly in the district but the other local people have rarely made similar sightings and usually on one occasion only.

(b) Mr Ricketts had a visit from a team of CSIRO scientists who saw something but would not confirm that this was a UFO. Mr Ricketts would not divulge the names of the CSIRO scientists.

(c) Numerous people (including visiting parties of students etc) have been looking for the objects and this has probably tended to scare them away.

(d) Mr Ricketts intends to publish a book or article on his sightings in which his stated aim is to "satirize the Government and its departments for their non-committal attitude on UFOs" - (and incidentally, to make a financial profit),

(e) Mr Ricketts would like official help in gathering data and recording sightings and would like official authentication of his sightings in order to help (d)... In order to achieve such authentication, Mr Ricketts suggested that a team consisting of a scientist, photographer and other specialists equipped with range-finders, cameras, infra-red detectors, binoculars and, if possible, portable radio RX/TX and radar sets, spend a week camping in the area.

(f) Among the statements and descriptions of his sightings, Mr Ricketts seemingly made contradictory statements - eg the objects were like fireflies and also the smallest were about 12-15 feet long and up to 30 feet long.

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(g) Mr Ricketts has lived in the district over five years but had made no sightings before June 28th, 1966.

(h) Mr Ricketts obtained a list of sightings in Australia from Encyclopaedia Britannica (photocopy attached). Although he did not mention this in his initial report, Mr Ricketts stated that -

(i) people who have made sightings have suffered from headaches afterwards,

(ii) his dogs behave strangely whenever sightings are made...

It is possible that the significance of these facts was not apparent before he read the Britannica list or alternatively it may be an attempt to bolster his case.

(j) Mr Ricketts submitted the coloured prints of photographs attached as further evidence of his sightings. Unfortunately he is unable to tie-in any of his photographs with a given sighting and therefore they must be regarded as photographs of some sort of lights. Any car lights, aircraft lights and stars seen through binoculars during my two hours appeared to have similar colours around the edges of the normal coloured lights.

Impressions of Mr Ricketts

11. Mr Ricketts is very sincere in his belief that the lights he has seen belong to some manned craft which pose a threat to the security of the country. He did not seem to be overly-imaginative by nature but had obviously been carried away by his sightings and has probably reached the stage where he attached great significance to any light he sees, including stars etc (see Para 7). He has gone to considerable trouble and expense to authenticate his sightings including the purchase of an expensive camera and telephoto lens, but his chief motive seems to be to make an eventual profit from his research. Mr Ricketts has served in the Army (CMF) but has no special qualifications as an observer of aerial phenomena.

Conclusions

12. Conclusions reached as a result of this visit are...

(a) The only lights seen were those listed in Para 7. It is possible that some of the lights seen by Mr Ricketts fall into this category although their behaviour patterns did not fit those of the lights reported originally.

(b) Mr Ricketts is probably now reading more into his sightings than is, in fact, there through his belief in their origin and as their threat to this country.

(c) It is doubtful if the investigation as proposed in Para 10(e) could achieve much more than has already been achieved.

(d) It would be desirable to interview the CSIRO officials who visited him (see Para 10(b)) in order that a second opinion could be obtained. However, Mr Ricketts refused to give their names.

(e) It is unlikely that the sightings pose a threat to the security of Australia.

Encl Appendices A,B,C.

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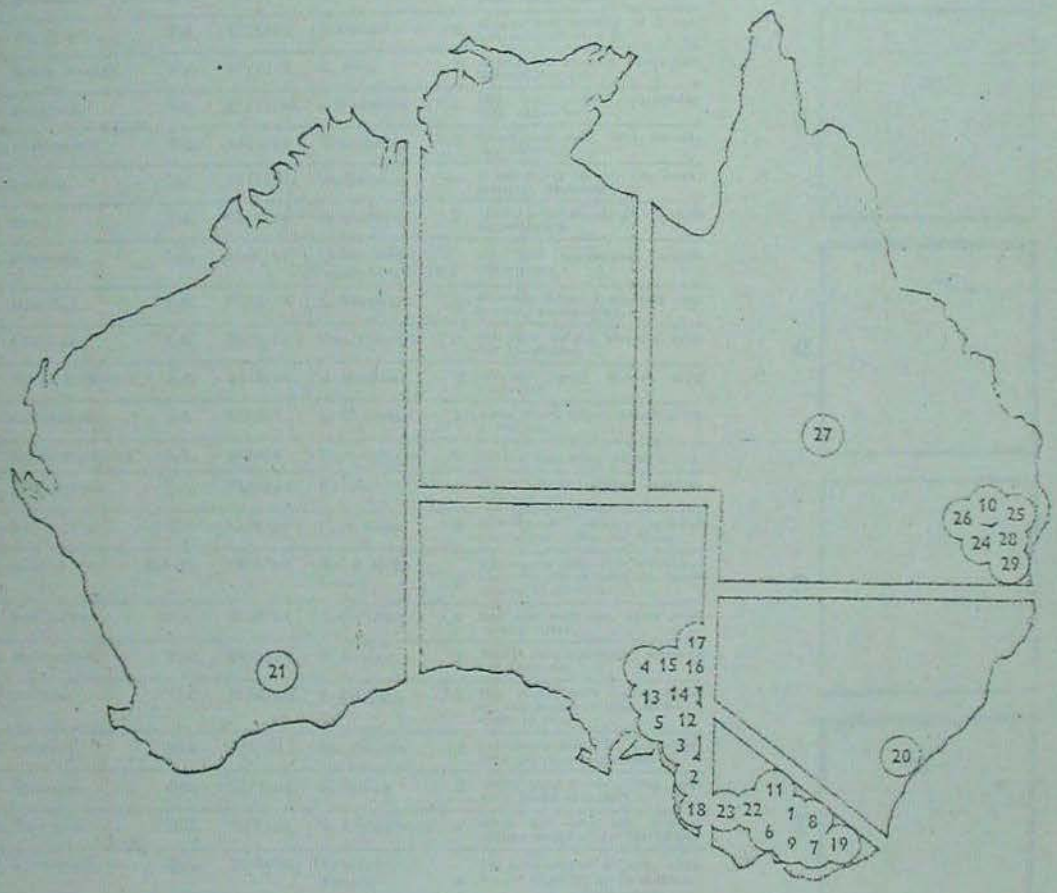
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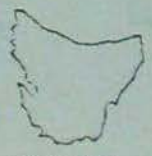
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED IN AUSTRALIA

1963 - 1964

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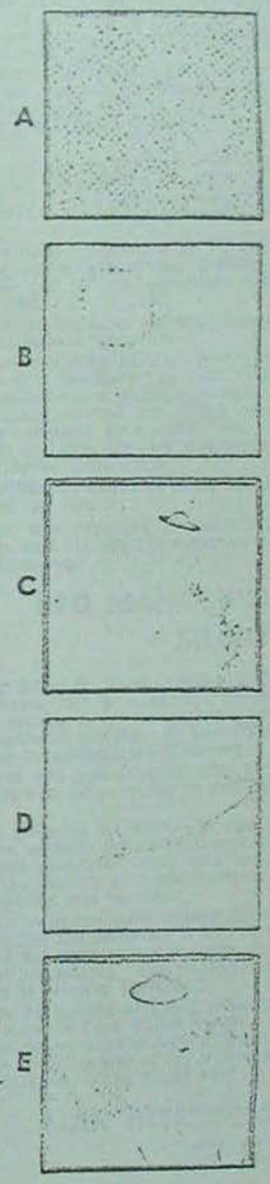


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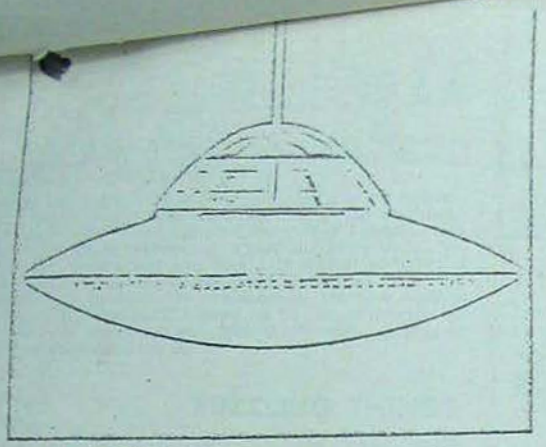
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UFO sightings classified on the basis of statistics supplied by Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau, Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Adelaide) and U.F.O. Investigation Centre (Sydney).

1. Moe.	Vic.	15/2/63	C. Brew	E	25ft. dia., 100ft. above ground, whining pitch, shot off in a few seconds.
2. Mount Gambier.	S.A.	20/5/63	Mechanic	E	A bulldozer-like object on ground 20 yards away, followed car illuminating it.
3. Macclesfield.	S.A.	26/5/63	F. Pfeiffer	B	Object with flat bottom and halo around, 75ft. above the ground.
4. Sandy Creek.	S.A.	28/6/63	Reported to C.I.B.	B	Object 25ft. across, 12ft. high, on ground, glowing blood-red.
5. Northfield.	S.A.	22/7/63	Mr. Gray	A	300ft. craft with lighted windows, below clouds.
6. Wonthaggi.	Vic.	19/9/63	T. Lymer	B	Orange ball blinking at 1 sec. intervals, affected T.V.
7. South Dudley.	Vic.	21/9/63	C. Jolly	B	Orange-red blinking light, flew towards the sea.
8. Dalyston.	Vic.	31/10/63	J. Davidson	C	12ft. dia., glowing, descended 50ft. above car.
9. Wonthaggi.	Vic.	8/11/63	T. Colbert	B	Orange-red ball, slow moving, ray from top.
10. Laidley.	Qld.	23/12/63	W. Geirkie	—	8 cylindrical objects 1ft. each, dropped, disintegrated.
11. Rye.	Vic.	15/1/64	H. Morgan	D	100ft. cigar-like craft watched by policeman.
12. Adelaide.	S.A.	21/2/64	Police Officers Payne, McMillan	B	6in. ball zig-zagging, bright white light.
13. Mile End.	S.A.	21/2/64	R. Stoddard	A	Two 5ft. bright discs, dark ring around, manoeuvring.
14. Adelaide.	S.A.	28/2/64	Mrs. V. Smith	C	Flat disc, yellow, swaying, seen for 15 minutes.
15. North Plympton.	S.A.	29/2/64	D. Mathlin	E	Circular craft landed, pilot came out.
16. Grassmere.	S.A.	2/3/64	D. Chapman	A	Long silvery object hovering for 2 minutes.
17. North Plympton.	S.A.	4/3/64	3 schoolboys	C	Silvery disc, hovering for 4 min.
18. Salt Creek.	S.A.	13/3/64	Grazier	A	200ft. silver object, whining, followed car.
19. Bairnsdale.	Vic.	13/4/64	H. H. Ryan	B	Blue-orange object spinning downward, rising, 12 times.
20. Austral.	N.S.W.	14/4/64	Mr. & Mrs. Brown	B	Red-orange ball, light pulsating, seen for 10 minutes on background of mountains.
21. Norseman.	W.A.	21/4/64	Supervisor	A	Red light over car, came down several times.
22. Melbourne.	Vic.	25/5/64	G. Kelson	B	300ft. dark red light, watched for 3 minutes.
23. Hallam.	Vic.	17/6/64	R. Preston	B	Flat object with dome, 800ft. up, noiseless, red light on front, white on rear.
24. Ipswich.	Qld.	9/7/64	Mr. Reeves	B	Stationary white light, flashing, seen for 4 or 5 seconds.
25. Brisbane.	Qld.	17/7/64	F. Bellick	B	White light seen circling over city. Dived to 5000ft.
26. Rosevale.	Qld.	17/7/64	G. Christensen	B	Huge ball with tail, orange, moving ahead of car for 10 min.
27. Longreach.	Qld.	23/7/64	Rev. I. W. Alcorn	A	10 delta-shaped objects, circling at 50,000ft. for 3 minutes.
28. Brisbane.	Qld.	1/8/64	T. Starkie	D	Star-like object with a ring, crisscrossing the sky.
29. Brisbane.	Qld.	19/11/64	D. Gray	E	Disc with portholes and dome, over 30ft. dia., for 5 minutes.



Pictures on the right show typical features of UFOs in listed sightings.



Drawing after Charles Brew's sketch.

1 FLYING MACHINE OVER FARM

The spectacular sighting at Moe, 90 miles from Melbourne, by farmer Charles Brew, is outstanding among the sightings for 1963-1964.

This particular morning, February 15, 1963, the weather was poor, with rain and low-lying clouds. Charles Brew and his 20-year-old son, Trevor, were milking at the time when a UFO came in from the east apparently along the line of the reef, something made Mr. Brew look up, coming down from the clouds over the trees towards him at a 45-degree angle was an object which he took to be a helicopter. It was travelling very slowly, on an even keel, and hovered a short distance away, approximately 75 feet above clear ground.

No sound of motors was heard, or lights of any description seen, although "from the underside came a bluish glow." After a few seconds, the strange craft moved off at approximately the same angle in a westerly direction, still on an even keel at "about twice the speed of a jet plane." Now came the sound vaguely resembling the "swishing of a humming top." (Trevor described it as a pulsating sound.)

The cattle and a pony were clearly frightened and the two dogs were nowhere to be seen. (Local newspapers claimed the cows turned somersaults.)

The object was about 25 feet in diameter, and 9 or 10 feet high. The underside was curved like a saucer, was pale blue in colour and seemed to glow. This lower third of the craft revolved anti-clockwise and had "scoop-like protruberances about 12 to 18 inches apart around the outside edge, turning very slowly while it was hovering." The main part or centre third was a battleship-grey and appeared to be metallic as was the base. The topmost section was described as being a transparent dome of a glass-like material, from which protruded a 5 to 6 foot high mast or aerial. This was the thickness of a broom-handle, and resembled chrome with a bright finish.

There were no windows or portholes as sometimes reported. Mr. Brew has his own opinions (but stresses that they are only opinions), that the UFO came down through the clouds, discovered the ground was closer than anticipated and made off again at high speed. Upon first seeing the UFO he felt a headache coming on, and although he does not suffer them usually, this one retained its severity, despite the use of tablets, for the rest of that day. His eyes seemed to be drawn to the craft "as though beams of magnetic current were between it and him."

Officials of the Air Force Intelligence and also a scientist from the Meteorological Physics Division, C.S.I.R.O., interviewed Mr. Brew and his son. (Apparently the onset of the headache was of great significance to the scientist, for one of his first questions concerned this.) He was also interviewed by members of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society. In addition, there have been scores of independent observers, official and unofficial, and newsmen. A Geiger Counter was used to check the immediate locality and samples of rock were taken.

"I wished it would come again," said Charles Brew. "It was beautiful. I could feel the life pulsating from it." He is satisfied this was the real thing. "Man, I could almost walk out and touch the machine."

2 UNUSUAL CRAFT ON GROUND

A 17-year-old Mount Gambier apprentice mechanic saw an odd-looking flying object whilst driving at night between Glencoe and Mount Gambier, South Australia, on May 20, 1963.

The youth did not want his name released because people would think that he was "crackers."

"The object was on one side of the road and I thought it was a truck or a bulldozer," he said. "When my car was about 20 yards away a bright light came on and dazzled me. I pulled up and the object moved across the road. I then speeded up my car. The light suddenly shot straight up into the air and hovered above the car while I drove underneath.

"Although I was driving at about 50 or 60 miles an hour the light followed the car."

The youth's father, who reported the sighting to Mount Gambier police, said his son had returned home "white, upset and frightened."

3 UFO MANOEUVRES SILENTLY

On May 26, 1963, at 6.50 p.m., Fred Pfeiffer, of Macclesfield, South Australia, had a strange experience. As he came out of his country house he noticed a luminous globe in a clear space of the sky. At first Pfeiffer mistook it for a rocket launched from Woomera.

However, the object was dome-shaped with a hazy aura around. Its light was soft, casting no reflections on the clouds.

Mr. Pfeiffer's dog behaved strangely—he hid himself under some boxes, seconds before the approach of the globe. His master explained later that the dog could somehow feel the coming of thunderstorms. In this case the dog's reaction was identical.

The strange craft was at one time absolutely noiseless. In the estimation of the observer, it was 60 to 80 feet in diameter. Its apparent size was twice that of the moon, which was then setting. The phosphorescent sphere had six points of brighter light in it.

The flying vehicle performed amazing manoeuvres in the air—it came towards Fred Pfeiffer with a drop and then turned over, showing its bottom. Then it rose vertically and shrank from the size of the moon to that of a tiny star, eventually vanishing in the sky.

4 MAN INTERVIEWED BY C.I.D.

A resident of Willaston, 27 miles north of Adelaide, saw a strange red-glowing object at close range near Sandy Creek as he was returning from Lyndoch, at 9.30 p.m. on June 28, 1963.

reported the incident to the Weapons Research Establishment at Salisbury which arranged for him to be interviewed by a member of the C.I.B. Special Branch. The man said the object was about 25 feet across and 12 feet high with a concave top and flat base.

It had glowed blood-red while close to the ground and appeared to change to a lighter reddish-yellow as it gathered speed and flew on.

"I first noticed the glow of the object as I approached a bend in the road near the Sandy Creek Hotel," the man said. "As I rounded the corner I noticed this blood-red object extending across the roadway. I applied my brakes and was within 12 feet of it before it rose suddenly from the roadway. I was terrified as I watched it through the windscreen. It rose several hundred feet before it turned on its side and made off at fantastic speed towards Two Wells, with streams of vapour snaking from it."

5 PUZZLING THINGS IN THE AIR

A railway examiner, while cycling home, saw a strange craft with square, lighted windows, hovering over Northfield and Yatala, South Australia, on July 22, 1963, at about 6.35 p.m.

He said it appeared to be revolving and hovering just beneath a layer of cloud. It remained for a few minutes then sped away. It was noiseless and appeared to be about 300 feet in diameter.

Another man said he saw a giant object, glowing like the sun and travelling at a tremendous speed, explode into the sea off Mount Drummond, on lower Eyre Peninsula, on July 24, 1963. He is Mr. K. Ashman, whose Kapinnie home was shaken by the blast.

"It was difficult to estimate its height because it travelled through clouds," he said. He estimated the object crashed into the sea about 50 miles offshore and up to 70 miles from his farm.

6 UFOs OVER VICTORIA

On Thursday, September 19, 1963, at about 8 p.m., half the population of South Dudley, a small mining town in Victoria, watched a glowing orange ball move slowly across the sky out to sea.

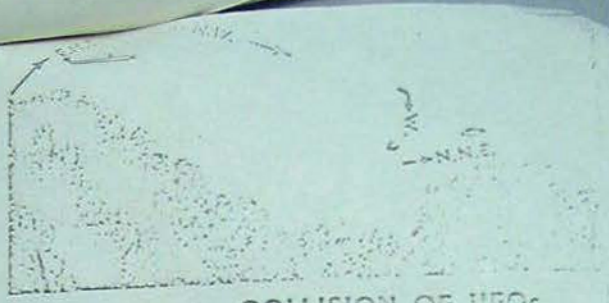
During the 25 minutes that the mystery object was overhead, television sets in Wonthaggi and South Dudley lost their picture. There were white screens, grey screens, snowflakes, streaky or with lines and duplication.

P.M.G. linesman, Tom Lymer, described the sighting in these words: "It was flashing on and off like an aeroplane light, but it was many times bigger and brighter, and moving much slower than a plane." Mr. Lymer stated that the object hovered motionless in the sky for a few seconds.

In pre-dawn darkness on November 7, 1963, breadcarter Jim Davidson, of Wonthaggi, noticed a slight glow in the sky. The light came down towards him to a height of 80 feet, 100 yards ahead. It was eight to 12 feet long and glowed orange, except for two tail fin sections at the rear which glowed red.

"It was weird. It was not metallic or any substance like metal; it was more like a cloud. But it was not a cloud," he said.

The object moved further to the right, accelerated up a hill and started to descend. Davidson was soon able to make out a moving orange glow far out over the sea.



COLLISION OF UFOs OVER CANBERRA

In a provoking article, Gus de Brito writes in "Everybody's" (March 3, 1965) about a spectacular sighting which took place at the Black Mountain Tourist Camp, near Canberra, the National Capital of Australia.

At about 5.45 a.m. on Sunday, May 3, 1964, three people watched a bright object, larger than Venus, glowing with a soft light, moving erratically in an ENE direction. It was wobbling along its course and then turned towards NW.

In about three minutes a tiny, pinkish, glowing light appeared to the west of the first object. Suddenly the bigger light flew straight towards the smaller, reddish one. There was a collision but no explosion. Both seemed to bounce. The brighter light moved off at a slower rate on a NNE course, and then accelerated, and was lost in a cloud, but the red object was still there.

One of the witnesses, who does not wish to disclose his name for obvious reasons, went to Mount Stromlo Observatory to report on the mystery objects. As the spectacle in the sky did not appear to be an astronomical phenomenon, the Observatory suggested to see the United States Embassy in Canberra, probably believing the lights to be satellites.

The man saw Dr. Paul Siple, U.S. Scientific Attache and Mr. Meredith Glenn and Mr. Hugh Fletcher of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The American Embassy officials said they "believed the man's story" but "never did arrive at any conclusion."

The Metereological and Aviation officials in Canberra stated there were no balloons or aircraft in the air at the time.

12 TWO POLICE OFFICERS WATCH UFO

On the night of February 21, 1964, Senior Constable Payne and Constable McMillan were on normal patrol of Para Hills, in South Australia. They were travelling in a police car at 25 to 30 miles per hour.

Suddenly a light flashed on the left side. As it came close, it reminded Const. Payne of "a big glass bowl with a terrifically strong light in it." This globular object was estimated by the policemen to be about eight inches in diameter.

As the sphere zig-zagged rapidly, slowed down and then accelerated at a fantastic speed, Sen. Constable Payne said: "Can you see what I can see?"

"Yeh, what the devil is that?" responded Constable McMillan.

The object came from the west, then swiftly turned towards the north and vanished.

"In the Police Force we are not given to imagination," commented Payne in describing his unusual experience.

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APPENDIX C

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INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. This headquarters received the enclosed letter from Mr R. TAMBLING on 18th October 1966 and arranged for he and Mr GEISHOPER to be interviewed. They were not available until the evening of 25th October.

2. Although the four persons concerned had kept some notes of the many sightings made between 29th August and 24th October, the notes were not complete enough to enable a proper evaluation. The interviewing officer was not able to obtain any more useful data because of the elapsed time. The reports are enclosed.

3. Because of the incomplete information, it has not been possible to make proper evaluations of all sightings.

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

REC'D.
9 NOV 1966
C.A.S.

N.F.A.

Report of U.F.O. sighting. R. Tambling.

Date. 19/10/66

Time. 8.00 PM.

Length of time of observation. 4-5 minutes.

Where sighting took place. West Pymble.

Position of sighting when observed. Above. When about 40° above Northern horizon course changed to ENE (from S-N)

What was it that attracted your attention. Phone call from E.G. at Enfield.

Did the sighting appear to be a solid object. Light, as Satelight.

What was its colour. White.

What was its apparent shape. Round ? Not really discernible.

If more than one sighting concurrently observed, how many & what formation. One only seen by me..... Second reported at same time stationary in direction of Barkstown. Not confirmed by me.

Was any detail of structure of sighting observed. No. Too high.

Was any method of propulsion observed. No. Too high.

Was there any sound. No.

Your estimate of objects HEIGHT, SPEED & DIRECTION of flight. Satelite height. Speed similar to Satelite. except course changed in wide arc from South to North to East-North-East or East. I would say that it was not within the atmosphere. Object appeared to get brighter during last moments of sighting, at about 40° Northern elevation.

Compare with sighting report by E.G. who warned me of objects approach.

Wife one witness; neighbour another.

No further information available

Assessment

Insufficient information to decide whether aircraft or balloon

N.F.A.

Report of U.F.O. sighting.

Outside report by W. Walters of Uni of N.S.W. Living at Canley Vale.

Date. 21/10/66.

Time. 9.10 PM.

Length of time of sighting. 5 minutes.

Where sighting took place. Canley Vale.

Position of sighting when observed. Approximately 20° above SE horizon.

What was it that attracted your attention. Object seen changing colour continuously.

Did the object appear to be a solid object. Light continuously changing from red to yellow to blue.

What was its colour. Red, Yellow Blue changing.

What was its apparent shape. Round.

One only seen. I could not visually confirm this sighting as it was too low.

No details of structure observable.

No method of propulsion available.

Was there any sound. No

Height. Distant, but not extremely high. Observer not able to judge height.

Speed. Stationary, & then moving around or wobbling around a small area.

Direction of flight. Stationary. Dissapeared without obvious movement. Seemed to diminish in size and disappear.

Compare with E.G. report of similar object in Bankstown (same) area on two occasions.

No further information available

Assessment

Probably a star e.g. Sirius changes colour continuously - apparent movement possibly due to refraction ? N.F.A.

MR & MRS N. HAWKING
MR & MRS E. GEISHOFER.

Report of U.F.O. sighting.

Date. 22/10/66.

Time 7.40 PM to 7.47PM

Place Kangaroo Valley.

Lengthof time of observation. 7 Minutes.

Position of sighting. Above. Travelling South to North.

Attention drawn to it by friend E.G.

Light, as satelite.

White or yellow/white.

Round ? Not really discernible because of height.

One only seen.

No details observable.

No method of propulsion obvious.

No sound.

Height. Satelite height. Extreme height.

Speed. Similar to Satelite.

Direction. South to North.

Compare sighting notes with E.G.

Three witnesses.

No further information available

Assessment

Probably a Satellite.

R.J. Marshall

Report of U.F.O. sighting. R. Tambling.

23/10/66. Sunday.

8.00 PM to 7.10

In sight 10 minutes.

Place. West Pymble.

Position of sighting. 80° above southern horizon.

Alerted by phone call from E.G. at Enfield.

Light, as satelite.

Round ? Not really discernible, owing to height.

One object only.

No structure detail observable, because of height.

No method of propulsion obvious.

No sound.

Height. Satelite height. Speed satelite speed. Direction South to North.
Passed almost directly overhead, as all other sightings did.
Last seen at about35 above Northern horizon. Object twice changed diecction.
First travelling ESE to WNW... then WSW to ENE, then North.

Witnesses five for South- North transit & two for course changes.
One witness was a ships captain.

Refer to report from E.G. on same sighting.

Insufficient information

Balloon ? N.F.A.

Report of U.F.O. sighting. R. Tambling.

23/10/66.

7.12 to 7.17 PM. (Two minutes after previous sighting)

In sight 5 minutes, or a little less. (Not accurately recorded this time.)

Place West Pymble.

Position when first sighted 40° Southern elevation

Attention attracted by very fast movement.

Light, as satelite.

Appeared Yellow/orange in colour.

Round ? Not really discernible.

One only seen.

No structure visible

No propulsion method visible.

No sound.

Height. Extreme height. Higher than any seen so far.

Speed Extremely fast.

Direction identical with its predecessor, South to North. Last seen about 35° Northern elevation.

Five witnesses. One was a ships captain as in previous sighting.

Insufficient Information

Balloon ? N.F.A.

MR E. GEISHOFER

Tuesday, 27/9/1966. 7.30 p.m. 9 Carlyle Street, Enfield. N.S.W.

1. Ernie noticed a bright object - a little bigger than the largest star visible - moving W - E. At first he thought it was a star; he compared it with other stars, because he thought his eyes were playing tricks on him. But after it had passed several stars in one line, he came to the conclusion, that this was not a star and he ran inside the house to tell me about it and fetch the binoculars. As we both came outside again, the object was right above the house going a little slower and we had plenty of time to observe it (approx. 4 - 5 min.). While Ernie kept on watching the object I went inside to ring a friend (Dieter) to tell him about the object. He in turn told us that he had been looking through his kitchen window (Liverpool Road, Strathfield) and observing as many as (possibly) 10 objects. In the meantime Ernie kept looking at the one above our house through our binoculars (16 x 50 Field 4°). At times he could see a ring of light (like seeing the moon in overcast sky) around the object, which gave him a peculiar warm feeling in the eyes only as long as he could see that ring around it. He watched the object until it disappeared behind a house due East.

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2. Our friend (Dieter) rang us back to tell us he could see an object over Bankstown. So I went outside to tell Ernie and we searched the sky for this object. We then saw a very bright yellow-orange light between Bankstown and Roselands. It appeared to be only a few hundred yards up. First it was stationary and then moved slowly towards Roselands. We ran around the house to the front to be able to get a better view from the street. Unfortunately it never proceeded in that direction and when we returned to the spot where we had seen it before (backyard) it was gone. Ernie then rang another friend (Dick Tambling) to tell him about the sighting, but Dick could not see any objects from his house at West Pymble. Then we had dinner.

3. 8.30 p.m. After dinner Ernie went outside again, to see whether he could see any more objects, but could not find any. When I came outside I asked Ernie whether he noticed this particular star moving. So once again we checked it against the other stars and it definately was moving from S - N. When - from our viewpoint - it was parallel to the moon it took a turn towards the moon, but only for a short distance, then going back on it's original course. That's when Ernie called Dick again, to ask him whether he could see this one now, giving him the directions as best as he could. Once again Dick failed to see what we have been observing. Ernie came outside again and I took the phone. Unfortunately Ernie got distracted by our cat and when he looked back again, the object had vanished.

4. 28/9/1966. Went over to Dieter's place to discuss last night's sightings. Returned home at about 11 p.m. Before going to bed we checked the sky for U.F.O. and saw one at 30° (approx) SW half the size of the moon that night. Definately round shape upper part, not contours visible of lower part. Colour: orange, bright light ring on upper half. It appeared to stop on one spot, but grew smaller and smaller which indicates that it moved away from us at the particular angle. About 11.20 p.m. we could not see it anymore.

5. 12/10/1966. 6.55 p.m. Facing N at about 75 - 80°, moving W - E. size of medium star, colour white (bright), indication of speed: 4 min. from 1st viewing before disppearing at 10° above horizon moving away not downwards.

6. Facing SE at 60° moving E, size of medium star, colour white (bright no flicker), indication of speed: 2 - 3 min. to horizon (behind hous one steady speed until at 45°, then increased speed.

12/10/1966. (cont.)

7. Facing W at 85° moving S - N, bigger than biggest star visible, Colour: yellow/white, indication of speed: 2½ min to horizon(house)

8. Facing NE at about 80 - 85°, moving W - E, nearly as big as biggest star visible, colour: yellow/white, changed to reddish/white. indication of speed: 1 - 1½ min. disappeared suddenly after decreasing in size about 30° from horizon. --- 7.10 p.m.

15/10/1966. 6.42 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

9. Facing W at approx. 70°, attraction: light, no noise, colour: white/orange, higher than clouds, moving SE - NW

10. 15/10/1966. 8.02 p.m. Facing NNE at 50°, attraction: light, no noise, colour: yellow/white, moving SW - NE, disappeared suddenly at 40° visible for 1 min.

12. 20/10/1966. approx. 6.52 p.m. Facing SW at 45°, attraction: light, no noise, moving SW - NW at steady speed, approx. 7 min. before it disappeared behind a tree on horizon.

11. ~~Xxxixg~~ 17/10/1966. 8.15 p.m. Facing NW at 60°, attraction: light, no sound, colour: yellow/white, moving NW - N passing between two stars before disappearing behind clouds; about 30 sec.

13. 20/10/1966. Facing WNW 70 - 80°, attraction: light, no sound, colour: blue/white, moving WNW - NE, very fast speed, disappeared at 35° while still the sixr of med. star.

14. 20/10/1966. Facing N 60°, attraction: light, no sound, colour: white moving N - ENE, disappeared at approx. 50°

15. 20/10/1966. Facing WSW 15 - 20°, attraction: light, no sound, colour of a bright star, moving WSW - N, moderate speed, disappeared while Ernie answered the phone.

16. 20/10/1966. Facing WSW 10 - 15°, attraction: light, no sound, continuously changing its colour from red, orange to yellow, blue. Stationary; this sighting happened at the same time as No.15, it also disppeared while on the phone. An aeroplane seemed to pass beneath the object (heading for Mascot) very closely.

17. 22/10/1966. Sighting at Kangaroo Valley - Mr. Tambling wrote down the particulars on the spot. Confirm.

18. 23/10/1966. Again at Enfield. 6.57 p.m. facing SW 35°, attraction: light, no sound, colour: yellow/white, moving at slow speed SW - N, disappeared behind roof of house (horizon) approx. 7.14 p.m.

24/10/1966. Enfield. Sometime in the evening Ernie saw what seemed like a meteor, moving NE - SW, no sound; Colour: red, with tail a handspan long; it moved faster than lightening; disappeared and reappeared about 2 handspans furtheron.

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
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2nd November 1966

Secretary, Department of Air, Russell Offices
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For Information

Headquarters Support Command, RAAF, Victoria Barracks
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded herewith are certified copies of eyewitness reports of an aerial object sighted in the PORT HEADLAND to MEEKATHARRA Region, Western Australia on 26 Oct 66.

2. Because of the number of reports, the standard proforma for this report has not been used.

(G.A. MARTIN)
Flying Officer
For Officer Commanding

Agree assessment :-
Report 1 & 2 Met balloon from Pt. Headland
Report 3 Satellite from Cape Kennedy

Balloon would have headed SE of Pt. Hedland and would have been out of sight of an theodolite by 1930 hours!
Why explain the report? The description of all three agree except for the time of report 2.

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centre at 1955 hrs 26 Oct were -

Surface to 4000'	270/25
4000' to 8000'	300/28
8000' to 16000'	330/25
16000' to 18000'	270/20

8. The significancy of the Port Headland meteorological condition is that at 1900 hrs on 26 Oct Pt Headland Commonwealth Meteorological Station released a weather balloon with an electric lantern attached to it for wind condition and observation. The balloon's flight was observed by the met.station for 15 mins. in which it ascended to an

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. On the night of 26 Oct 66 between 7.30 and 8pm an aerial object of great illumination brilliance was observed between latitude 22° south longitude 117° east travelling to 123° east and latitude 26° south longitude 115° east travelling to longitude 119° east.

2. The degree of illumination brilliance has been described as much greater than that of the "ECHO" satellite.

3. The following reports were received by the duty officer RAAF Base PEARCE at 2200 hours 26 Oct 66.

4. Report (1). 30 men, Bell Bros Camp at Leslie Salt Flats 12 miles north east of Port Headland at 1955 hours reported a "funnel shaped light" apex to the ground, alternating bright to dim, moving west to east. Duration of sighting 15–20 minutes.

Eight people at WHERIN CREEK 2000 hours, sighted a bright cone shaped light high over the hills to the west, moving west to east. It suddenly went up vertically at hight speed to high altitude moving east. It had appearance of brilliant cone shape, apex to the ground.

5. Report (2). 2130 hours. Port Headland police reported 2 persons at picture theatre and full staff McDonalds store reported object like "torch upside down" moving west to east, just north of Port Headland. Both groups reported identical descriptions, nil sighting from aerodrome.

6. Report (3). Messages received through Flying Doctor Base DERBY this morning from numerous stations concerning unidentified flying object between 7.30 and 8pm last night. Apparently object was shaped somewhat like a fan or cone and was visible half an houre as it slowly ascended straight upward until lost in sight of moon, the stations that reported sighting object were FAB,GIB,FOSIL DOWNS,MYROODAH, MORNINGTON PANTER DOWNS, MOUNT ELIZABETH. Object was sighted in all counts to the southwest.

7. Investigation by RAAF PEARCE revealed the following:-

(a) Moon rise 26 Oct approx 1550 hrs
Moon set 27 Oct approx 0423 hrs in area concerned.
The phase of the moon practically full and "waxing".

(b) Nil cloud coverage and a clear night.

(c) Wind velocities issued by Port Headland meterological centre at 1955 hrs 26 Oct were -

Surface to 4000'	270/25
4000' to 8000'	300/28
8000' to 16000'	330/25
16000' to 18000'	270/20

8. The significancy of the Port Headland meteorological condition is that at 1900 hrs on 26 Oct Pt Headland Commonwealth Meteorological Station released a weather balloon with an electric lantern attached to it for wind condition and observation. The balloon's flight was observed by the met.station for 15 mins. in which it ascended to an

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46000 ft, from this altitude no further met observations were made, but it is thought by the Pt Headland met. officer, Mr VINCE JONES, that the balloon further ascended to an altitude below 27,000 ft.

9. Because of the geographic location and topography of the persons located as in Reports (1) and (2) it is thought that what they observed was the flight of the Pt Headland met. balloon released at 1900 hrs on 26 Oct 66.

10. After conferring by telephone with the Acting Regional Director of the Commonwealth Met Department W.A., Mr VOLLDRECHT, the following information was passed by him, which was observed by the MEEKATHARRA Met. Station at 2003 hrs on 26 Oct 66. "That an object brighter in illumination brilliance than that of the "ECHO" satellite was observed through theodilite observations, and the following azimuth and elevations of it at 1 minute intervals were :-

270.2° AZIMUTH	52.2° ELEVATION
275.1° "	58.70° "
281.1° "	64.0° "
288.1° "	68.6° "
299.3° "	71.70° "

The object during these observations was further described as a satellite with a comet-like, burn-out tail." When asked to further define burn-out the meteroologist described it as "decay" or "in a state of decay".

11. To seek explanation for the report from MEEKATHARRA and Report (3) the senior observatory office, BICKLEY PERTH and the Station Director, Mr WAINRIGHT, Carnarvon tracking station were consulted. The Senior Officer, BICKLEY observatory, who had received some reports could not account for known comets, meteority etc which could have been the reported sightings nor did he have information of any known satellites. He did describe the degree of illumination as greater than that of a meteor or comet. This source therefore could not provide an explanation.

12. Carnarvon tracking station did report however that an ATLAS had been launched from Cape Kennedy at 1911 Western standard time on a planned orbital path whose final destination was the moon's surface. Orbital time of the Earth would be 50? minutes. Further information could possibly be provided by NASA centre. Additionally Mr WAINRIGHT had also received reports of an object described as "greater in illumination brilliance than the ECHO satellites" and that he did not know of any satellites other than the ATLAS that may have been the observed sighting. The significant factor being the degree of brilliance; no comparison with ECHO satellite and he could not account for all of the western world's satellites presently in orbit.

12. It can be concluded that an object was sighted between 1930 and 2010 WST 26 Oct 66 that traversed an area between 21°S 1170°E travelling to 123°E and 26°S 115°E travelling to 119°E. The area concerned is located in the orbital track of space vehicles launched from Cape Kennedy and other sources, but because of the complex degree of further investigation required, it is recommended no further action be taken.

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7 NOV 1966

Secretary
Department of Air
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INTELLIGENCE - REPORTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 2/25/1(15) 25th March 1966

1. The schedule of UFO sightings attached to the lecture precis forwarded under cover of the referenced letter dealt with sightings up to 2nd December 1965.

2. The reporting of UFO sightings will be a subject discussed during the intelligence officers exercise to be held at this headquarters 5th to 9th December 1966, and it would be appreciated if data concerning recent sightings could be provided before that date.

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

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Please ~~his~~ obtain copy of latest schedule of UFOs & pass to HQ Ops Com

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REPORTS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are four reports of unusual aerial objects reported to RAAF Laverton, together with comments from that Base.

2. This Headquarters has nothing to add to these reports.

(E.K. KILBEY)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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...any detail of structure observable..... No .....

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

17. Was there any sound..... A loud hissing sound .....

18. Height, or angle of elevation..... about 20° .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity. estimated at twice the speed of a jet.....

20. Was the object stationary..... No .....

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

..... Unknown .....

PHOTOCOPY

AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Mr Howarth of 3 Warrina Street CHILDSTONE sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky near his home at 2030 hours local on 5th October 1966. He reported the observation to RAAF LAVERTON at 1030 hours local on 7th October 1966. The proforma for the report is attached.

2. The sighting was an isolated case, no reports were made to the police or the Department of Civil Aviation. The newspapers had no information on the subject.

3. The Department of Civil Aviation had no information regarding aircraft operating in the area at the time. There were no RAAF aircraft in the area.

4. During this period Meteorological Balloons are released at RAAF LAVERTON every three hours. Balloons are released by the CSIRO at ASPENDALE at 1500 hours local every day.

5. The exact source of the sighting was not revealed by the investigation carried out at this Base. The movement rules out stars, the description makes a satellite unlikely. The most probable cause is a balloon however the last balloon from Laverton was launched at 1800 hours and was tracked to the North West. This however could have moved over the area during its descent which was expected approximately 90 minutes after launching.

6. It is considered that this sighting poses no threat to the security of Australia.

(D.E. MOSELEY)
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding
RAAF LAVERTON

their formation.

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

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

14. What was its apparent shape.....Round. (Disc).....

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

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

17. Was there any sound.....A loud hissing sound.....

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....about 20°.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....estimated at twice the speed of a jet.....

20. Was the object stationary.....No.....

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

.....Unknown.....

AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ..... Mr. Howarth ..... Age Unknown

2. Address of Observer ..... 3. Watling St. Chadstone .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..... Unknown .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

..... 6th. Oct. 66 .... 2030. hours .....

5. Duration of Observation(s) ..... Short period .....

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

..... Home .....

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7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) Dull and Cloudy. by observer. Actual. Laverton 1/8 Sc base 4,000 Viz. 30 miles. Fine. W/V. SE. 7 kts.

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

..... Visual .....

.....

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

..... Across the sky .....

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

..... noise ... a. loud. hissing. sound .....

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

..... Definite. object .....

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

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

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

14. What was its apparent shape ..... Round. (Disc) .....

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

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

17. Was there any sound ..... A. loud. hissing. sound .....

18. Height, or angle of elevation ..... about 20° .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity ..... estimated at. twice. the speed. of a. jet .....

20. Was the object stationary ..... No .....

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

..... Unknown .....

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

straight path

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

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

Behind houses

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

No

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously Unknown

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

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 1? and 1?.

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

Unknown but he said he was interested in U.F.O's

30. Name and Address of organisation N/A

31. Any additional information Had a light in the centre in the form of a cross. The light was blinking

Signature of Observer Phone

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

No air traffic in area

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

Laverton

34. Comments This is considered a doubtful sighting

Signature of Interrogator R.Bray Sgt.

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

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

AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Mr Newton of Flat 6 108 Cross Street WEST FOOTSCRAY sighted an aerial object in the Footscray area at 2035 hours on 12th October 1966. He reported the sighting to RAAF Base LAVERTON. The report form is attached.

2. The sighting was of a Canberra aircraft HJG operating on the ESSENDON ILS and circuit area. The aircraft was over Footscray at the times of the report, operating with its white downwards identification light on. The wing identification lights were also in use. Essendon radar was monitoring the Canberra during the period of sighting. No unidentified responses were displayed on the radar. The cloud cover prevented Mr Newton observing any objects higher than 10,000 ft. When Mr Newton reported the sighting he was informed that a Canberra aircraft was operating in the area. He felt the object sighted was too fast for an aircraft of that type.

3. This report poses no threat to the security of Australia.

(D.E. MOSELEY)
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding
RAAF LAVERTON

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

ONE OBJECT.

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

14. What was its apparent shape..... NONE OBSERVED

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation..... 60°

19. Speed, or angular velocity... VERY FAST

20. Was the object stationary..... NO

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

NO

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ..MR. NEWTON..... Age .....

2. Address of Observer ..FLAT 6. 108 CROSS ST. W. FOOTSCRAY.

3. Occupation of Observer ..NOT KNOWN.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
.....2035 K....12 OCTOBER 1966.....

5. Duration of Observation(s) ..5 TO 10 MINUTES.....

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

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s)..VIS 15 MILES
.6 TO 8/8 AS AC BASE 10,000 FEET WIND NE 2KTS.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. What was its apparent shape.....NONE OBSERVED.....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....60°.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity...VERY FAST.....

20. Was the object stationary.....NO.....

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
.....NO.....

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
AS BEFORE - SOUTH TO NORTH THEN WEST TO NORTH-EAST AGAIN 13

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen

24. Where did object disappear, eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
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25. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
NO

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously NO

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

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

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

30. Name and Address of organisation N/A

31. Any additional information initially one white light then two white lights in the west to NE movement

Signature of Observer / Phone

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
Laverton night flying by three aircraft Dakota/vampire and Canberra - the Canberra proceeded to Essendon approximately the same time for its approaches and radar marshalling

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

Signature of Interrogator

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

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

Unknown

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AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Mr Carlow of 15 Tucker Street FAWKNER sighted an aerial object when he was visiting North Melbourne at 1945 hours on 19th October 1966. The proforma on the sighting is attached.

2. The sighting was an isolated case, no reports were made to the police or the Department of Civil Aviation.

3. The exact source of the sighting has not been revealed by the investigation carried out at this Base. The most probable cause was a meteorological balloon launched at LAVERTON at 1800 hours. The balloons are expected to descend some 90 minutes after launching. The direction of movement is correct with the wind prevailing at the time. The type of movement reported is more applicable to balloons than stars, satellites or aircraft.

4. At the time of sighting the only aircraft in the area were operating in the ESSENDON circuit. It is unlikely they had any bearing on the object observed. LAVERTON was not active.

5. It is considered that this sighting poses no threat to the security of Australia.

(D.E. MOSELEY)
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding
RAAF LAVERTON

.....FLEW.....

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

.....ONLY ONE.....

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

14. What was its apparent shape.....NONE OBSERVED.....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....APPROX 45°.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....VERY SLOW.....

20. Was the object stationary.....AT TIMES FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.

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

...FROM WEST TO EAST.....

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ... CARLOW ... Age N/K
2. Address of Observer ... 15 TUCKER ST FAWKNER ...
3. Occupation of Observer ... RAILWAY SHUNTER ...
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
... 19 OCTOBER - 1945 HRS ...
5. Duration of Observation(s) ... 5 TO 10 MINUTES ...
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible or by known landmarks)
... NORTH MELBOURNE ...
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) ...
... attached ...
8. Aids to observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the observation)
... EYESIGHT ONLY ...
9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
... OVERHEAD ...
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg light or noise.
... LIGHT ...
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
... LIGHT ...
12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
... ONLY ONE ...
13. What was the colour of the light or object ... WHITE ...
14. What was its apparent shape ... NONE OBSERVED ...
15. Was any detail of structure observable ... NO ...
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ... NO ...
17. Was there any sound ... NO ...
18. Height, or angle of elevation ... APPROX 45° ...
19. Speed, or angular velocity ... VERY SLOW ...
20. Was the object stationary ... AT TIMES FOR A BRIEF MOMENT ...
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
... FROM WEST TO EAST ...

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

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
STILL VISIBLE WHILST REPORTING

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

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously NO

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

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

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

30. Name and Address of organisation
N/A

31. Any additional information The above person was visiting north Melbourne at the time and phoned from a public box. Object still visible to the witness whilst in conversation with the Duty Controller. Phone.

Signature of Observer

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
LAVERTON NOT ACTIVE - ESSENDON CIRCUIT ACTIVE

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
A BALLOON FLIGHT RELEASED BY HAV. MET. AT 1800HRS

34. Comments Re balloon released at 1800 hrs would mean a possible descent by parachute of the equipment about the time of sighting. — weather reports issued by Essendon met are attached. Scallahan F/SGT.

Signature of Interrogator

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

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AERODROME WEATHER REPORT

Priority | Addressee Indicators

DTG | Originator Indicator

Type of report, time, aerodrome	MET REPORT / SPECIAL GMT
Wind direction speed	WIND 250 DEG TRUE 5 KT MAX
-- variations, when required	VRBL DEG TO DEG KT MAX MNM
Visibility (and runway visual range)	VIS 15 NM / YD
Present weather	WX Showers.
Cloud amount, type (only if CB), height of base	CLD 2/8 4000 ft 2/8 CB 3000 ft 3/8 3000 ft
Air temperature, dew point temperature	T 11.5 DP 10.0
Altimeter setting, QNH	QNH 1009.
Other significant information	

Priority | Addressee Indicators

DTG | Originator Indicator

As appropriate

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Authorising signature _____ T.O.O. _____ GMT _____

7. The light varied in its apparent movement against the background of stars. During the first minute of observation it moved through an arc of 35° across the horizon at an estimated altitude of 15°, ie, angle of elevation. The apparent movement then slowed down and during the next 4 minutes of time a change of 5° of arc was observed. The angle of elevation remained constant.

8. For the rest of the period of observation the object remained nearly stationary with a slight movement to the left and a slight increase in elevation. The intensity dinimished until binoculars were required to see the object, then it faded from view even using binoculars.

9. A full log maintained by Flg Off TALBOT during the sighting is attached to his report.

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AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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2. The most probable cause of the sighting was a satellite, however no proof is available at this Base.

3. It is considered that this sighting poses no threat to the security of Australia.

(D.E. MOSELEY)
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding
RAAF LAVERTON

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Introduction

1. Two Air Traffic Controllers operating in the tower at RAAF LAVERTON sighted an unknown object between 2022 hours and 2145 hours on the night of 10th October 1966.

Personnel Involved

2. The personnel involved were:-

(a) Flg Off W. TALBOT (0221378), aged 21 years residing at Officers' Mess, RAAF Base LAVERTON. He obtained experience as a basic navigator before becoming an Air Traffic Controller. He has been in the Air Traffic Branch for 18 months.

(b) Sgt L.C. WILMINGTON aged 25 years residing at 9 Eades Street LAVERTON NORTH. He has been an Air Traffic Controller for 2 years.

3. Both personnel have good eyesight and are considered reliable by the Senior Air Traffic Control Officer.

4. Flg Off TALBOT's report of the sighting is at Appendix A while that of Sgt WILMINGTON is at Appendix B.

Details of Sighting

5. The object consisted of a white light about the same size and intensity as the star Rigel Kent moving across the horizon. The bearing of the object changed from approximately 280°M to 320°M but due to a gradual decrease in intensity it is thought the actual movement was SE to NW with only the last part of movement being observed.

6. The light was first noticed by Flg Off TALBOT. His attention was attracted to the object by its movement relative to the background of stars. He drew the attention of Sgt WILMINGTON to the movement, then both observed the object for a total period of 43 minutes the last 11 minutes only with the aid of binoculars.

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Aids Used in Sighting

10. The sighting was visual using the naked eye. When the apparent movement slowed down binoculars were used.

11. The directions and angles of elevation were estimated using local knowledge and known runway bearings.

12. LAVERTON Met Radar was used to check the object during the observation. No targets were located. The range used was 10-260 Kilometers.

Aircraft Movements

13. During the period of observation POINT COOK winjeel aircraft were operating both at their own and at LAVERTON. There were four aircraft at LAVERTON at the time of initial sighting, three were on the ground and one on final approach. The aircraft at POINT COOK were all accounted for at the time.

14. There are many light aircraft airfields surrounding the area. It is unusual for them to operate at night. For a civil light aircraft to be responsible it must have been operating in the RAAF Control Zone. The RAAF not Civil have any knowledge of such operations.

15. At the time of sighting ESSENDON had its peak ADELAIDE traffic. Many aircraft were arriving and departing along the Western Air Route. This route runs along the northern boundary of LAVERTON control space. A light of decreasing intensity along this air route would move anti-clockwise to an observer at LAVERTON. The observed movement was clock-wise.

16. From the above it is apparent that the light was unlikely to be caused by aircraft however it remains a remote possibility.

Balloons

17. During the month of October met balloons are released every three hours at RAAF Base LAVERTON. The CSIRO are releasing balloons in the ASPENDALE area. The University of Melbourne release balloons at infrequent periods in the surrounding areas. Although these cannot be ruled out entirely it is unlikely that they were the object sighted.

18. The balloons at LAVERTON were released at 1800 hours and 2100 hours. The weather conditions at the time were calm and the balloons ascended vertically. The light on these met balloons is estimated to have a life of 10 minutes.

19. The ASPENDALE balloons are released at 3 pm daily. They carry no lights but could transmit reflected light. The sighting could not be this balloon on the ascent but could be caused during its descent.

20. No balloons were released by the University during the period.

Satellites

21. There are many hundred of satellites and rocket fragments circling the earth at present. On fine nights it is possible to see some of these bodies in AUSTRALIA.

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22. At present the Melbourne Observatory is tracking four of these satellites. The sighting was not one of the satellites being tracked by the Observatory however its appearance, duration of sighting are similar to a PAGOS I Satellite. The direction of orbit in the case of TALBOT's sighting was different to the one tracked by the Observatory. The Observatory stated that there are many PAGOS type satellites and only two are tracked by them. It seemed the sighting was a satellite of this type but they could not supply proof that this was the case.

Other Factors

23. The following factors were noted:-

(a) the observer using the binoculars stated the object gave him no depth perseption ie, object was an infinity like the stars.

(b) The observer without binoculars thought the object was close.

(c) At no time did the object show any shape other than a light like a star.

(d) No wake tail or trail was observed at the rear of the light.

(e) The object did not obscure any stars surrounding it on its apparent track.

(f) The observers changed position from inside the glass tower to outside the tower. Reflections on the glass could not cause the sighting.

Conclusions

24. Two trained observers saw a strange light in the sky and observed the light for 43 minutes. The positive identity of the light has not been found by the investigation.

25. The most probable cause of the sighting was a satellite of the PAGOS variety.

26. Other possible causes are:-

(a) aircraft operating without authority in the RAAF area.

(b) A balloon reflecting light.

(c) Unknown object.

(R.D. BRAY)
Squadron Leader

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(D. E. MOSELEY) Wing Commander
Commanding Base Squadron Laverton

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Flg Off W. TALBOT Age 21

2. Address of Observer Officers' Mess, RAAF LAVERTON VIC

3. Occupation of Observer Air Traffic Control

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

Monday 10 Oct 66 2022K

5. Duration of Observation(s) 43 min

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

Control Tower RAAF Base LAVERTON

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

Cloud Vis 35 nm

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

Binoculars

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

Moving rapidly BRG 280°M approx ELEV 15° moving left to right

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

Movement of light

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

Similar to a star of 1st magnitude

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

One only

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

14. What was its apparent shape Star

15. Was any detail of structure observable No

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

17. Was there any sound No

18. Height, or angle of elevation 15° elevation

19. Speed, or angular velocity 35° of arc in 1 min

20. Was the object stationary Moving rapidly

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

Points of the compass

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

Maintained straight path initially, stopped, then appeared to move directly away

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

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

Mid-air

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

Nil

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously ..... Yes .....

27. If so, give details of incident(s) 2 reports Nov 65 - Jan 66

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to ~~17~~ 18 and ~~18~~ 19.

Basic navigation training ATC experience.

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

No

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

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31. Any additional information .... See attached sheet .....

Sgt WILMINGTON confirmed all observations

Signature of Observer .....

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

Between 1930 and 2100 hrs there were numerous departures and arrivals from the West to ESSENDON. AVALON was not active, LAVERTON and PT COOK traffic was accounted for.

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

LAVERTON. Officiel weather - Nil significant cloud W/V L & V Slight haze in area

34. Comments Met balloons from LAVERTON did not cause the sighting.

One was released at 1800 the next at 2100 hrs. The light lasts approx 10 mins.

Signature of Interrogator .....

QUESTIONS 32, 33 and 34 to be answered by interrogator

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2022K Sighted a white light, intensity 1st magnitude, at approx 280°M elevation 15°, moving rapidly left to right through 35° arc in 1 minute., then slowed down moving through 5° arc in 4 min.

2027 Apparently stationary at 320°M 15° elevation. Checked POINT COOK and ESSENDON for possible aircraft and MET section for balloons. Results negative for that area. LAVERTON MET RADAR sweep, range 10-260 kms revealed nothing.

2040 Light intensity diminishing, intensity 2nd magnitude, as if moving directly away.

2048 Moved over a period of approx 20 mins through 3° arc left, elevation appeared slightly higher.

2054 Not visible to the naked eye, sighted through binoculars at approx same position as at 2048K.

2100 Brg 315°M elev 20°, barely visible through binoculars.

2105 Lost contact.

Weather conditions, fine, nil significant cloud, visibility 35nm, wind calm.

(W. TALBOT)
Flying Officer
Air Traffic Control

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Leonard Charles WILMINGTON Age 25

2. Address of Observer 9 Eedes Street LAVERTON NORTH

3. Occupation of Observer Air Traffic Controller RAAF

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

102022

5. Duration of Observation(s) 43 minutes

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

Control Tower RAAF Base LAVERTON

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

Cloud viz 35

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

Binoculars

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

Moving rapidly south to north west of tower. Elevation 15°

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

Light moving against stars

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

Light

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

One only

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

14. What was its apparent shape Star

15. Was any detail of structure observable No

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

17. Was there any sound No

18. Height, or angle of elevation 15°

19. Speed, or angular velocity 35° in 1 minute

20. Was the object stationary Yes after 4 mins of travel

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

South to north through an arc of approx 40°

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

Only apparent, duration was a rise in elevation of approx 3°

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen .....

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

Mid-air

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

No

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously .....Yes.....

27. If so, give details of incident(s) .....Reports submitted at Feb 66, Mar 66.

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to ~~17~~ 18 and ~~18~~ 19.

Air Traffic Control Experience

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

No

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

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31. Any additional information .....In company with Flg Off TALBOT made similar observations. Checked EN, PCK, no known air traffic in area, checked Met no knowledge of balloon in area.

Signature of Observer .....

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

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16 SEP 1966

Secretary
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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS

1. Attached is a report on unusual sightings received from Mr A.S. RICKETTS of Balliang, Victoria.

2. Mr RICKETTS has stated that his main reasons for submitting this report to the RAAF are:-

(a) To receive assistance in his research,

(b) to obtain authentication of the sightings from an official source in order to help the sale of the articles to any interested publisher.

3. From the descriptions given, it is possible that the sightings are probably those of fireflies. Facts that support this theory are:-

(a) The low altitude of the objects - usually within a few feet of the ground,

(b) the frequency of sightings,

(c) the patterns flown, eg approaching and circling observer,

(d) the size of the objects,

(e) nothing was visible on a very bright moonlit night.

4. Mr RICKETTS has also stated that the photographs were taken from distances of up to ¾ of a mile and if this is so, it is possible that light would not be recorded at that distance by camera, even with telephoto lens. Without knowing the size and luminosity of the objects, however, it would probably be very difficult to accurately estimate distances where no reference could be made to known objects.

5. Also attached is a copy of an interim reply from this Headquarters to Mr RICKETTS.

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

Note of Action

Spoke to Cdr Cannon (20 Oct) & he has agreed to send Dr. W. Hubbard a interim Encl Mr. Ricketts & be shown some of these phenomena

Further letter to Mr Ricketts will be necessary after report of Hubbards investigation is received

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(162)

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-8 Sep 1966

Mr A. Ricketts
Box 44 RSD
BACCHUS MARSH VIC

Dear Sir,

1. Thank you for your report on your unusual sightings. Attached herewith are the hand written reports which you requested us to return to you.

2. Your report has been referred to Department of Air, Canberra, and you will be advised of any decision when it is received at this Headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

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

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18. Height, or angle of elevation.....VARIOUS.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity. ONE VERY FAST. MOST WERE HOVERING OR STEADILY CRUISING OR MOOCHING ABOUT AT VERY SLOW SPEED

20. Was the object stationary?...SEE COVERING LETTER...

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

.....VARIOUS.....SEE.....LETTER.....

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. ALLAN S RICKETTS Age. 35

2. Address of Observer. BOX 44 RSD BACCHUS MARSH

3. Occupation of Observer. FARMER-BUILDER

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

VARIOUS SEE LETTER

5. Duration of Observation(s). various (in flight 15 seconds Hovering, SPEEDING ONCE

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

VARIOUS SEE LETTER

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s). VARIOUS, BUT ON ONE VERY MOONLIGHT NIGHT — NOTHING.

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

35 MM WITH TELESCOPIC LENS 400 MM ALSO PAIR OF 25 X 7 BINOCULARS.

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

VARIOUS (in formation of 4, singly, hovering over paddocks moving close to house.

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

SEE ENCLOSED

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

Sometimes singly Red flashing lights triangular in shape... but often as

12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. EXCEPT FOR ABOVE INSTANCE NO FORMATION.

13. What was the colour of the light or object. SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

14. What was its apparent shape. CIGAR OR RATHER ⬭

15. Was any detail of structure observable. IN MOST CASES YES

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO SEE LETTER

17. Was there any sound. NO

18. Height, or angle of elevation. VARIOUS

19. Speed, or angular velocity. ONE VERY FAST MOST WERE HOVERING OR STEADILY CRUISING OR MOOCHING ABOUT AT VERY SLOW SPEED

20. Was the object stationary? SEE COVERING LETTER

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

VARIOUS SEE LETTER

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? THEY TREATED GRAVITY WITH IMPUNITY.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NO EXHAUST OR VAPOUR NOR TRAIL OF LIGHT

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

NEVER DID THEY DISAPPEAR IN MID AIR. BUT MERELY SEEMED TO DO SO — BUT ONE COULD SEE THEIR DARK RED FLASHING

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

ONLY DISTANT IMPERFECT TIME EXPOSURES FOR CRICETS MOSTLY MISSED DURING TIME NECESSARY ALSO GRAINY FILM

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously. YES.....

27. If so, give details of incident(s) 6 YEARS AGO A LUMINOUS BODY TRAVELLING EXCEPTIONALLY FAST TOWARD SOUTH.

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

SELF EXPLANATORY

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

NO.

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

31. Any additional information..... SEE ENCLOSED

Signature of Observer.....

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

A STALL NOISY AIRPLANE FLEW CLOSE UNDER ABOVE MENTIONED FORMATION OF 4 SILENT CRAFTS. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH WE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SEEN THEM'

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

34. Comments.....

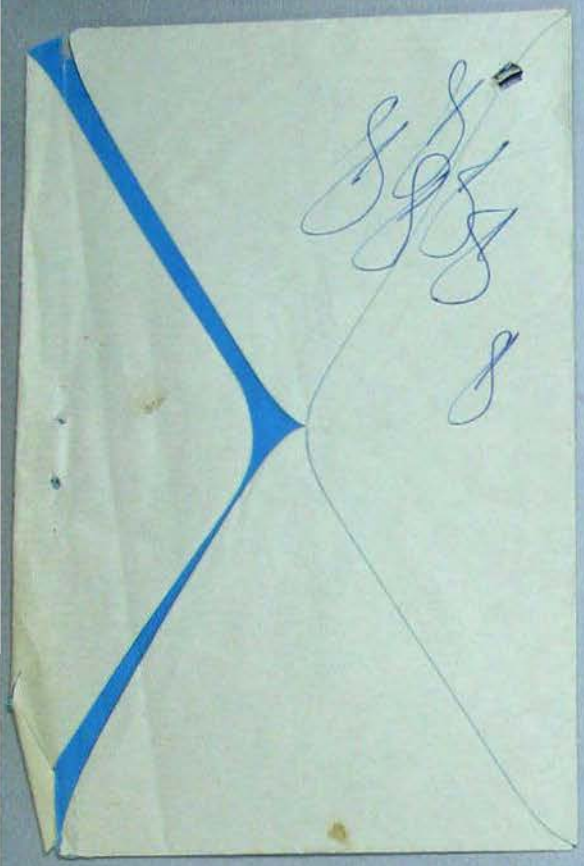
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PHOTOGRAPHS.

Flt Lt D. S. Hubbard,
Headquarters Support Command,
Victoria Barracks
Melb SC1
Vic.



Box 44 R.S.D.
BACCHUS MARSH

14/7/66

Dear Lt Hubbard

As you will see my report mainly concerns the smaller ships, I call "Fireflies". The term will-o-the whisp has never been so apt, for it is the best possible discription of them. The beastly things are extremely difficult to photograph, credibly, under night condition. I have taken well over 400 pictures to obtain a few dozen of definate scientific interest, if not reader interest. The cost of film, processing and frequent enlarging has been alarming for a man the reverse of rich.

Photos when enlarged so often display disappointing results. For example, simply lights in the sky + little other detail. Without the colour films + <u>their</u> processing the cost is indeed something to whittle on. Most of what I have done, has been in the interest of science, + all else that might be involved. I have little hope of profitably marketing my article in this country, that because of greatly smaller circulations, could not justify of such hours of labour, petrol, films, processing etc. so that in all probability I shall have to seek American markets + secure Australian television rights.

The point that I make then is such assistance the R.A.A.F. feels it can assist me with, such as the use of equipment,

mentioned in my report; films and processing. One Government department has been kind enough to have already supplied me with 3 colour films + their processing, for which I am very grateful.

If the R.A.F. is unable to help in the way requested, I will of course endeavour approach other departments or if necessary the University. Failing this I will see what else of influence I have to approach the House itself. If all else fails I will then be forced to go to the Americans.

The situation concerning these strange aerial ships is sobering. To me, as one who has constantly observed for over 2 months, the subject is both grave + urgent. If, when you have studied my report, the situation wish to observe something of what I saw, I will make myself available to guide. There will, however, be several conditions

(a) That only a small party arrives (consisting of highly skilled photographic + scientific personel.)

(b) that no fewer than 3 consecutive nights compose the trips.

(c) That no non-committal attitude will be adopted.

(d) That I swiftly get to see all films + details the party secures, + complete freedom to use any of the same in print; if movie film is taken I am to be given an exact duplicate, to assist in the compiling of a documentary film.

(e) That I receive official credit as deserved, no more & no less.

(f) That no flare or chaffer be used, for the reason that the objects frequently shin down immediately on approval of a flare.

If, for any reason you cannot agree to the above I am afraid the matter must end here, and I shall have to let in the wolves, & sharks.

Yours faithfully

Allan S. Richards.

June 28th.

6 a.m. At this moment there is a strange craft hovering in the sky to the north at a height of some thousands of feet. Orgionally there were two of them. The one I first sighted was at approximately at the same height, but in the east. The eastern one first attracted my attention because of its coppery glow. As I watched it turned, displayihg a brilliant green and a brilliant red light. It moved sideways, tilted on an angle and suddenly went into a headlong dive and I thought it must surely crash into the ground, but just as swiftly it soared to its ooigional height. I was so impresses I woke my wife, who in turn woke the children.

The one in the sky at the moment we have been watching for over an hour. The one in the east has been travelling in that direction for a long time and now is only a pin point of light. These are the only two "stars" in the sky, and it is now broad daylight. This northern one is also moving east.

June 29th.

At 8p.m. I saw what I considered to be a similiar kind of coppery light not far from the rear of the local hall. When I arrived as close as possible to the scene I discovered about four of these lights scattered over the paddocks near "The Cables" (a deserted house owned by Mr. F. McMahon). It is easier and sounds less nutty to say one flew very close to me, but what actually happened was that I attempted to attract the attention of the nearest (perhaps 1000 yds. away) of what I now believed to

be crafts manned by intelligent beings, by stopping and flashing my left hand turning signal lights. Nothing happened; but still not satisfied I faced my car across the road and blinked my headlights in its direction. Still nothing happened so I decided to try and force myself onto them and, straightened up my car and stood waving, spot lit by my head lights, and was glad the road was deserted. Immediately there was movement and I soon saw the thing was moving close to the ground in my direction, steadily I waved and steadily it came on always drawing closer --- steadily growing larger. I thought 'What now' ?. I'd never heard of any observer being harmed and although was not panic stricken, but fascinated and nervous as the craft came within 500 to 150yds of me (still waving -- certainly not smiling), rose to 50 or more feet and blacked out its glow, as slowly (perhaps 5 miles per hour) with triangular dull red lights blinking about every second (I saw three at a time) it performed a semi circle round me and continued on into the east through the paddock on the opposite side of the road I could not focus my binoculars on its departure at all and it disappeared behind a row of trees. I was astonished by the absence of any sound and the utter impunity with which it defied gravity for there was no obvious means of propulsion.

The other ones had slowly sunken further and further away, still glowing, and only feet from the ground, so I continued on the road towards Bacchus Marsh and noticed one west of the road and back about a mile at the side of two bright lights on the home of Mr. C Gulline. I walked quietly for some time and got caught up in the last fence and shone my torch to untangle myself and immediately the thing took off from right up against

the house as fast or faster than a jet fighter, but with no noise whatsoever and was airborne from the very start.

I arrived home at 10.30pm full of the unbelievable episode, and as I was excitedly telling my wife about it my eldest son woke up and we all went outside to see if there were any more about. I spied one to the south on Mr. E. Vanstan's property. Taking my son with me I drove off to investigate. That is I turned south out of my gate, travelled about 1½ miles, turned right and travelling west a further mile we saw the "object" glowing brightly on our right close by the creek (Little River). We walked towards it for about 20 minutes and suddenly both (for there was one we could not see immediately) of them took off, travelling 10 -20 miles per hour and stopped, hovering apart from each other and almost up to our road (Old Boundary Rd). I shone my torch in the direction of the nearer and immediately it doused its glow and both continued on their way east.

We walked back to the car and followed, but they stuck to the creek where we could not drive.

We had turned left and were travelling towards Bacchus Marsh a mile or so and were just turning left into Balliang when my son said "see that bright light", I saw it indeed for it was extremely bright. It flashed three times, heading away from us towards Bacchus Marsh flashing a blue and a white light. I reckoned the other bright flashing light to be some kind of headlight. The thing was very very close and must have been right at the corner we were turning. It flew slowwly and silently along the side of the road. It had a definite shape, much longer than high. It was not saucer shape but more like a lima bean.

About 6.30 pm. on Thursday June 30th. I drove out north along the Bacchus Marsh - Balliang Road. After a time as there appeared to be nothing around, I headed south for home. Approaching Balliang I saw headlights on the road in front of me, and naturally took it to be a car approaching. Suddenly they disappeared and I considered the car must have turned off. I had just reached the corner and was confronted by blinding headlights. I went for the "anchors". It was almost on top of me. Just as suddenly the headlight disappeared and on my right (west) close to the road, travelling slowly north, a long dark shape with red lights blinking. It would have been easily missed, and the headlights would have then appeared to mysteriously disappear.

Although I was shaken up by the near accident I mechanically noticed the red lights were the same as the others I had seen. Dark red triangular, clearly manufactured articles, fitted flush to the body not projecting, and covered by glass or some kind of transparent plastic.

It is 7.20 am. Saturday July 2. My head throbs from lack of sleep during the past week. What I saw last night is sufficient to furnish me with headaches, from hard thinking, for many days to come. It is probable that the flying objects "hop the sun" at daybreak (ie. head east for the dark side of earth instead of having the sun chase them all day, which gives them 12 hours to investigate an area undisturbed by daylight.)

At 6.15 pm. (Friday) a stepped formation of four flew from the hills and east over my property, displaying dull red flashing lights. The top one was flying just below the low hanging nimbus clouds, his unimpressive red lights reflecting on the bottoms of them. A small, noisy aeroplane roared close under the lowest (contrasting sharply with the four silent intruders in both sound and appearance.) I don't think the pilot saw them, he came on them very fast and blurted right on past, travelling possibly double their chosen speed. Regarding the word silent, maybe this is untrue for the right equipment might prove them supersonic --- a theory worth investigating. Regarding lights; I must here point out that aerial objects are capable of displaying a number of different lights.

While I was attending my evening chores at the same time as I sighted the formation from the hills there also came others, maybe a dozen of them glowing, skimming fences and distributed themselves all around the district.

At 7 pm. On Monday July 4th. I saw what appeared to be a round ball of light skimming across my neighbours paddock. It would disappear often; then it would glow and go, to disappear and glow again. It passed close to the north side of my house, and was hidden from my view. I walked back towards the house and could see my wilderness of trees lit up with a soft sparkling, glistening glow. It looked quite like children imagine fairyland to be. As I drew nearer it simply disappeared.

Wednesday July 6 th.

The fire - flies tonight were as last night, all around the district like eyes of the jungle. It is now a full week since I sighted the first one. It is maddening observing and attempting to photograph them untill chilled to the bone and raw with lack of sleep. I have only been <u>really</u> close to them in flight and the film I've been using requires time exposure under such exacting night conditions. Those hovering, move in the 25 secs. necessary to make the exposure. I shall have to obtain faster film and some kind of night glasses. We found out beyond any doubt that both the front and tail are transparent in this type of craft. We got a classic view of one turning which showed this clearly. The dark shape between lighted ends, which moved in absolute unison as it turned back and forth several times. It is their inside lighting that causes them to glow suddenly and when supprised just as suddenly dim to an almost imperceptible glimmer. Prior to this I suspected the whole thing might be transparent. The ones frequenting here are generally of the same pattern, but seem to vary in size --- the small ones would be about 30 feet in length. I think that those hovering high in the sky and posing for stars might be of a different kind.

July 7th. At 5.30 pm. a team of four scientists arrived to investigate my reports. I was requested before hand not to quote, in print, which government bodies they were from. They were very nice fellows, and gave me every opportunity to show everything I affirmed, but unfortunately that isn't nearly so simple as it might appear. Naturally every moving light is not an aerial object, but at night and moving at a distance every aerial object is a moving light or lights --- just as is the case of a car or tractor under such conditions. They are enough like car or tractor lights when they are hovering or moving close to the ground, to be confused with them. And this is a real stumbling block for the initiated as well as the intending observer. The great danger and enemy of learning in this field, is that every moving light might be (and not illogically) far too simply explained away.

Doubts were thrown on distances for distances are deceptive at night, as I am well aware. It was perfectly true that we had not seen anything flying or even well and truly above the horizon. But for one who has lived in this district for 5½ years there were far too many lights.

We moved to a position close to the "Gables" and were looking south towards Balliang. Suddenly there appeared a row of five triangular shaped redish-amber lights, which we all saw at once. These lights were close to the ground some hundreds of yards away at a point of the rear of the school plantation, or the churchyard. They were a very different shade of red, but still the familiar odd shape. They stayed on for some few seconds and went off to reappear (sometimes fewer than five ---

sometimes only one) and fade again. I suggested we walk across and try to get closer, but as it was quite late it was decided we drive. That being the case, as I predicted, when we arrived at the scene there was nothing to be seen. This was the spectacular sighting of the entire evening, and I was staggered when it was suggested we had arrived at the wrong place. I will not have that man of such obviously high calibre, would suggest it seriously, and I considered it a non-commital attitude, perhaps with justifiable reasons, which escape me.

I cannot prove beyond all reasonable doubt that this was actually an arial object, any more than could the opposite of this view. Nor are such trifles even necessary, seeing that most of what man knows man learned by observation.

With the evening I was disappointed for two reasons. That you are most unlikely to see in just a few hours what I have seen in more cold hours of observation, than I care to count; and because I cannot persuade myself that an official attitude of non-commitment is not burying our heads in the sand.

Thursday July 14th.

At 8 pm. I picked out four mischievous "stars". It becomes quite easy once you know the relative posistions of the genuine lower stars. As I watched one of them in the north, an "aerial "object" flew slowly past travelling west and under 1,000 ft., its two red lights flashing. It hovered over a position some hundreds of yards north of Balliang and "landed". Shortly afterwards came another displaying five red lights which flashed every ½ second, and hovered over the first for a short time, the first one flashig its own red lights from the ground the while. The newcomer then continued on its way turning south. It was impossible to photograph the moving ones with the film I'm using, so I set up my camera and took a few frames of the "star" to the north that was doing its best to "sky - write".

I cannot understand why there is such activity close to the Balliang township, but almost every night if one has the patience, stealth and fortitude (to freeze by reason of the winter) one can observe this.

I have established that the "stars" are ~~in~~ actually aerial objects and loathe the term <u>objects</u> because they are most definitely not fireballs nor any natural phenomena, but crafts that manoeuvre, inspect everything and react to suprise. Having been close (many times now) to them in flight at low altitudes they not only are crafts but, by reason of the above, crafts mann'd by intelligent beings.

I/ now have positive photographic proof that <u>some</u> stars aren't stars at all, which of course I found out that first morning of observation.

Friday July 22 nd.

For some evenings now the strange aerial ships have left this immediate part of the district, probably because of my frequent intrusions and that of others whose interest has been stimulated. There are only infrequent sightings at close range from my property now. Plenty of activity however both in the sky as they do thier best (which is pretty good) to act like stars, only their irregular movement giving them away, (I'm certain this is seen all over the world) and there is also constant activity/ towards and over "Greystones" seen from here. Even at this distance both the lighted ends and the dark shape between can be clearly seen as they glow suddenly, hover and turn around or change altitude, their lighted ends moving in absolute unity.

Saturday July 23 rd.

9 pm. On faster film I photographed something of the activity over "Greystones" from here. I also went out along our Bacchus Marsh road to try to get closer and snapped instances of their unusual lighting arrangments from closer rangex all along the road. I also went through my waving routine but with poor results. A number of the crafts were of different shapex, flat in profile and with one light above two. There was no singular example of the triangular/ red flashing lights in flight --- only close to the ground and not flashing but just in a row slightly above the ground and perhaps right on it at times. These were only briefly visible and I wasn't lucky enough to photograph this particulary stricking sight.

Once during the evening I was completely surrounded by the

fireflies and felt I was <u>really</u> playing with fire, it was a little unnerving, but to my immense releif they backed off immediately I moved towards them.

While returning home (at 2 am. Sunday) from my nightly vigil of observation and study, I was suddenly aware of one travelling along tje road in front of me, preceeding south at a height of IO' or so. It was hard to estimate its distance from me, but I think possibly between 400 yds. and 500 yds. As the long stretch of road was otherwise deserted, I decided to try to make it show its speed by slamming on all the pace my car was capable of at short notice. I was not dissappointed for, it went away so fast it became invisible to the eye in an instant. Two things I noticed ; that a kind of "heat haze" surrounded it ; and that it made a very slightly snake-like course away, rather than going like, say, an arrow.

Tuesday JULY 26 th. Possibly because there is little activity in the district tonight due to the icy winds and driving rain that a strange flying ship has for an hour now been performing an incessant little circuit along and between the creek and the home of Mr. R.B. Kerr and that of Mr. C. Vanstan over which it hovers for a minute or so in almost every lap. It would pass for an areoplane at a distance, and I'm quite sure it does, due to the red blinking lights on the right and the brilliant green one on the left. At times it comes within a few feet of the ground and is travelling sometimes slow, sometimes very very slow, often hovering motionless. It passes close to my two red-gum trees, south-east of my house. I first sighted it as I walked out the back door. It was very close on my right, ie. east. I did not have my camera with me, as I did not intend to chase the things tonight, or I might have obtained a good picture. I stepped back inside the house and flipped the backyard light off ..... it was an irretrievable error for the thing veared sharply away. I grabbed the camera, hopped into the car and without switching on its lights slowly ran a couple of chain down the track. The beastly thing performs it unceasing cycle and won't come closer than a quarter of a mile. I've taken four or five pictures as it hovers over, or near Mr. Vanstan's, but I know from experience it will not let me get ant closer because "it" knows I'm onto it. As I am recovering from an attack of influenza, I will leave it to its "play". I identify it as being of the same type as those two which were playing satrs that first morning, and similar to the one of my sister's account of June 8th.

At 6-30 pm. on JULY 27th Mr. J. Kerr rang to say "there's a very bright light in the direction of the You Yangs". I pushed my dinner plate under a cover, grabbed my camera and made for the south side of the house. The atmospheric conditions were vastly different from last night. It was bright moonlight and a few "stars" about. I clearly saw the big bright yellow ball of light. I did not photograph it, as something else took my eye. A large flying ship in the south east lit up like a tram and only a quarter mile away. It was brazenly heading north west towards me and performed many passes while I took perhaps fifty photos as it slowly floated smoothly and silently along looking terribly like the boeings that invariably fly four or five miles over to the east and a very great deal higher and faster. On its right side was a mass of red flashing lights, which were too numerous to number. On its left, a greenish blue light. Occasionally it would tip to one side and I could distinctly see two seperate rows of lights. It was about 100' long and dics shaped. There were two others further over to the south. Mt 10 year old son Bruce and I saw all three together in a kind of widely stepped formation, in the same manner as the four we saw on July 1st.

The likeness (at a distance) to the Boeing is, of course, accidental although the ones playing stars are often pigs of a different pasture. With them it is an out-in-the-open camouflage. I identify the objects I saw, as being the same as those of last night, and of that first morning of observation and call them quite probably two, three or more times longer and wider than the fireflies. Indeed it would not suprise me, should they (craft) be the carrier ships of a few fireflies (which I consider to be reconnaissance)

At 6-30pm. on Sunday JULY 31st. I took my three boys with me as promised when I made an attempt to discover one particular rendezvous of the fireflies. Previously I'd known only approximately, being aware of the exact direction only. The site proved much nearer than I imagined and although the children were very cold they saw many sights they shall never forget. We initially had driven too far and by such good fortune were able to walk back towards our objects, with less chance of disturbing them. We came very close to them and although I took many "still" photos and also attempted to show some of their movements by leaving the shutter open for some time, it was clear that a movie camera, fast film, and slow speed are essential.

Returning from Geelong at dusk on Monday AUGUST 1st. I caught sight of a group at the top of "Wooloomanata" hill on the Geelong - Bacchus Marsh road. Each was displaying one large very bright light from the rear, which went out occasionally and I thought " how thin and miserable they looked without it". They were visible for about 15 seconds as they travelled something like 100 m.p.h. along the side of the road at a height of about 100 feet flying north, the direction I was travelling, and reached the creek (two to three miles) before I had traversed much of that distance, in fact I had hardly reached the flat. I noted the place where they "landed" and it pin-pointed a rendezvois of a number of them, which I have been unsuccessful in locating many times indeed.

At 6.30 pm. Friday 5th August I went up to wait at the northern rendezvous I'd discovered. I had been there "hidden" by a thick row of trees for about half an hour, when I noticed "stars" slowly approaching the position from every direction within my view. Invariably they spiralled their way along (clockwise) confirming my suspicions that they must, seeing that they sort of make their way along, whether viewed from behind or the side. Indeed, that they travelled on a spiral was the only possible answer. And I should now have IO photos which, when developed, should clearly illustrate this.

The things came very very slowly closer, and I think they either recognized my car on the roadside, or that they carry infra red searchlights. In which case I would have appeared like a seal on a rock to their view. Some sort of infra red detector could ascertain this. In point of fact, the use of a deal of equipment would enable me to properly carry out my investigations. For example an all wave Walkie Talkie type receiver would define whether they use radio communication (that is in all probability outside normal broadcast bands). Very powerful naval night binoculars would permit me clear and detailed observation. An accurate range finder would be worth its weight in American dollars bills to the project. Snipers infra - red spotlight equipment would facilitate picture taking that would really record detail on the film the American Airforce is using at the moment is. High Speed Ektachrome which incororates infra red, and therefore registers the reds which are of course, low down on the scale. This film has not yet been released to the general public.

The flight and actual movements need to be recorded. To date I have simply had to leave my lens wide open and record their tracks, (eg figs x + 7) but a 16 m.m. tripoded movie camera that could get down to maybe only two or three frames a second could, on very fast film, register these movements. Even such a camera using single exposures might do the trick.

Something effective must be done by airforce and scientists to discover their means of propulsion, for the way they put gravity to rout, and their great speed, indicates terrific power we know not of. Of course I do not begin to understand how they generate and use such power necessary, but it seems very likely to be nuclear. In which case perhaps a scintillator ~~dmm~~ detector unit or the like, might reveal some grain of truth to qualified personel. But perhaps not, for as I say, this matter is quite beyond my keen.

While the press occasionally prints readers' sightings of strange lights in the sky, such things, and much more, have become almost common place here. Not that it is here alone for, I think such activities of Unidentified Aerial Objects (and what a fine example of jargon is the title) are carried out all over the world. By this I mean that there are not a few, but reobably hundreds of thousands of them inspecting our globe at this very time. The thought is disturbing. What I say can easily be seen, when one knows what to look for, and can beleive what he sees with his own eyes.

After 20 years of press reports on the subject it is astounding that there is still a great host that cannot, nay will not, believe the things even exist. Who can affors to be the

cynic or the sceptic ?, such "luxuries" cannot be tolerated for these strange flying ships are formidable. I say it again -- they are exceedingly formidable.

So the questions arise ; Why don't they make themselves known to us ? Either they don't want to, or they can't. ~~Hrim~~ Whichever it is there might be many excellent reasons. For instance suppose they come from a planet like Mars. Neither our temperature, except our polar regions, nor our rich oxygen atmosphere would be entirely suitable to them. Now why I chose Mars is because boasts brown and green patches, and of course canals; it has an atmosphere that can support some plant life that we know of; it has a temperature that humans could survive --- similar to our Eskimo conditions, by reason of its position some millions of miles further from the sun. So that for our "make believe" Martian his ship might be the only place commodious to him, by reason then say, of its air filtration and conditioning.

Perhaps they're afraid of germs. Don't laugh, germs that are not dangerous to us but to people contacting them for the first time, ~~distrat~~ disasterous. For example our aborigines that have never contacted white men are sometimes wiped out by the measles and even the common cold. Our Martian then, being perhaps more highly developed than ~~us~~ we, might fear taking some dread disease home to sweep his planet.

Or suppose he is afraid, because he has seen us in the barbarous state of war, in a large portion of our globe, and therefore reasons that we humans are dangerous. More likely I think a Martian might be up to what we might be in the not too far future. With our expected population explosion, we would

be forced to find another liveable planet. Mars being but one third the size of our earth might therefore of necessity be contemplating a take over. In which case the watchmans waking might very well be in vain.

Observation of June 8 made at Geelong by my sister, Mrs Mason.

On june the 8th 66 this year at about 6.15 AM in the morning I happened to be out in the yard and to my surpise I saw a large strange craft flying low over neighbouring houses. It appeared to be a half circle of dark red lights, about 8 each one seperated from the other, with a large bright clear light in front. I watched this for about 25 to 30 seconds, it appeared to be gliding along very gracefully with absolutely no noise whatsoever. It tilted slightly about 3 times, and I could clearly see three more dark red lights across the other side. From where I was looking it appeared

to be a circle of lights.
I watched
until it went out of sight
as the neighbouring houses
then hid it from my view.

Mrs Edna Mason.
15 Bloomsbury St
Geelong.

Observation of July IO made from my property by my mother and my sixteen-year-old nephew, who arrived here with others through interest in my reports. My nephew had an open mind on the subject and my mother announced scepticism.

I have enclosed the relevant portions of their written reports.

On the night of July 10th 1966 at dusk which was approximately 5.35 pm I saw two lights coming towards me from the north. They were moving steadily across the sky towards me and continued to do this until they passed by me about 200-300 yards to the left of me. At this stage I could clearly see that these lights were oval shaped in fact they much like a football and were moving at an altitude which I estimated to be about 30 feet. As well as this they were and ~~by~~ like car lights only larger and extremely brighter. I then went to summon my friends but when I returned the object had vanished.

S. Marion

2 lights in the sky coming towards us travelling fairly fast in a darting sort of way a little to this side & that, getting brighter & bigger as they approach, they seemed very close to the ground, the lights were very jerky at this stage, a lot of movement, then they stopped, the lights then appeared less bright, & I thought I could discern a "pencil line" above lights, they were then still, as if the thing had rested on ground, after a few seconds, lights went out complete darkness no sound.

at any time was heard.
after a few seconds the 2 blinding lights appeared above the spot, about 20 ft in the air, we did not see it rise, but saw them sailing off again in the sky, they had reached 3/4 height of the trees & were passing behind them, we watched them through the breaks in the trees, till they disappeared I would say the whole episode was about 2 or 3 minutes duration; this is how I saw them

Mrs R. M. Ricketts
4 Westcott Place
Shalwell Reading

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MEMORANDUM

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OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR (63)

FROM: HQ OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 19 OCT 66

TO: DAFI DEPT OF AIR

ATTENTION: S/L BAXTER

REFERENCES: DEP OF AIR No DMCI 580-1-1. 4 8/66

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTING

1. A report of an unidentified aerial sighting submitted by HQ Amberley is enclosed.

2. It appears probable that the object reported was in fact the Satelite "echo 1".

RECD 21 OCT 1966 C.A.S.

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

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

14. What was its apparent shape? CIRCULAR

15. Was any detail of structure observable? NO

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... Miss Roslyn FORDYCE ..... AGE... 46...
2. Address of observer ... 1047 Lytton Road
   ..... Murarie ..... PHONE ... 90-4125 .....
3. Occupation of observer .....
4. Date and time of observation ... 7 Oct ..... 1850 HRS .....
5. Duration of observation ..... 10 MINS .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting ... OUTSIDE OWN HOME .....
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ... PATCHY CLOUD .....
   .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
   ..... NONE .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   ... low over Southern Horizon .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    ..... Light steady, unlike a star .....
    .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?.....
    ..... Appeared as circular light. The term circular
    does not indicate a size. It was a light .....
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? ..... —
    (b) in what formation were they? ..... —
13. What was the colour of the light or object? ..... WHITE
14. What was its apparent shape?..... CIRCULAR .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? .... NO .....

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Was there any sound? NO

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) SAME AS SPUTNIK

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) SAME AS SPUTNIK

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

from South to NE

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

Straight path

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen?

NO

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

behind cloud in south-East

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

NO

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? YES

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

Detail reported to Fl/L Kirby at AMBERLEY 12/14 JULY 66.

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

NONE

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

30. Name and address of organisation

NO

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Appeared similar to a sighting by the same observer reported in July 1966 except that this object moved steadily whereas the other zigzagged.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....NIL.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....(1) ELECTRA (2) VICOUNT DEPART. BRISBANE (1) A/B 0906Z. BRISBANE

Heading SOUTH .....T..(2) A/B 0855Z.T.....T

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-...SATURN.....

ELEVATION APPROX 45 DEG IN NE.....

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

at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO

position at the time.

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

.....NIL.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research balloons)...NASA TRACKING STATION.....,

TOOWOOMBA REPORT THAT SATELITE "ECHO 1" WOULD HAVE PASSED ON A PATH SIMILAR TO OBJECT ON FRIDAY AT 0900Z

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

A SATELITE ECHO 1.....

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

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

82 WING.....(Unit) .....(Name)

11 OCT. 66.....(Date) FLT LT.....(Rank)

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5th October 1966

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS

Attached are reports on two sightings received from RAAF Base East Sale. This Headquarters has no further comment to add to these reports.

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

Encl.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.

17. Was there any sound. NO.

18. Height, or angle of elevation. The object was at eye level with about 15 feet of darkness between it and the ground.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. ~~AS per Question 18.~~ N/K

20. Was the object stationary. YES.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. Object was stationary to the E NE of us (076o T from map) (Investigating Officer).

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. Mr. Noel Francis TRATFORD AGE. 52.

2. Address of Observer. Union Street YARRAM.

3. Occupation of Observer. Butcher.

4. Date and time of Observation. Between 2200 and 2230 hours Sunday 4th SEP 66.

5. Duration of Observation. Whilst travelling approximately two miles by car and for several minutes more.

6. Observers location at time of sighting. Proceeding Eastward by car along the South Gippsland Highway towards the property of Mr. Ivor JEFFS some six miles south of YARRAM. (38° 37' 30" S, 146° 38' E)(Investigating Officer). Closing to within approximately ¼ mile of object.

7. Weather Conditions at time of observation. Clear night, some high cloud.

8. Aids to Observation. NIL.

9. Where was the object first observed. I first saw the object when we were near the old GELLIONDALE coal mine and it appeared to be about one and a half miles away; it looked like a tree on fire lying on the ground ie. an extended light flat on the ground, but there was no smoke visible.
We travelled about another five miles, but the object which should have been visible by the time we reached the GELLIONDALE Hotel turn off, seemed to have moved further on. I continued to drive towards the object until I estimated that we were within a quarter of a mile from it. It was then in the position mentioned above in Question 6.

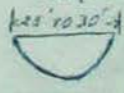
10. What first attracted observer's attention. The light appeared like a fallen burning tree.

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

12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was there formation. Not applicable.

13. What was the colour of the light. Deep orange.

14. What was its apparent shape.



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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.

17. Was there any sound. NO.

18. Height, or angle of elevation. The object was at eye level with about 15 feet of darkness between it and the ground.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. ~~As per Question 18.~~ NIL

20. Was the object stationary. YES.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. Object was stationary to the E NE of us (076o T from map) (Investigating Officer).

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. Initially no movement.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NIL.

24. Where did object disappear. The object was stationary three to four minutes, then it slowly rose vertically to approximately 100', darkening as it rose until it had completely disappeared above approximately 100'.

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

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

27. If so, give details of incidents. Not applicable.

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

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

30. Name and Address of Organization. Not applicable.

31. Any additional information. I was frightened to go any closer to the object than I did, and if it had not disappeared when it did I think I would have turned around and driven back the way I had come.
The object was not the moon, it rose later.

Signature of Observer R. H. Trafford

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. Mrs. Melva TRATFORD AGE. 47.

2. Address of Observer. Union Street YARRAM.

3. Occupation of Observer. Housewife.

4. Date and time of Observation. Sunday night 4th SEP 66 at approximately 2200.

5. Duration of Observation. Some minutes.

6. Observers location at Time of Sighting. South Gippsland Highway - as per statement by witness's husband.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Dark night, cloudy, no wind.

8. Aids to Observation. NIL.

9. Where was the object first observed. The object was first seen as a light which I assumed to be a tree on fire, however when we approached the position where I had first seen it, it had moved further on. Initially it appeared to be off to the left of the road and finally it was straight ahead as the road bent and we were headed straight towards it.

10. What first attracted observer's attention. The bright orange light was visible a few feet above the ground after we turned a bend in the road.

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

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

13. What was the colour of the light. Bright orange.

14. What was its apparent shape.
~~The object was bigger than a car.~~
APPROX 20 FEET WIDE AND 15 FEET DEEP



15. Was any detail of structure observable. NO.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.

17. Was there any sound. NO.

18. Height, or angle of elevation. The object appeared to be 8 to 10 feet above the ground, there was darkness below it.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. NIL.

20. Was the object stationary. YES. stationary.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. NO movement, the object was E, NE from us.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. Not initially; then it moved slowly straight up, darkening from the top as it rose and disappeared suddenly.

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23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NIL.

24. Where did object disappear. As per Question 22.

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

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

27. If so, give details of incidents. Not applicable.

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

29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomona. NO.

30. Name and Address of Organization. Not applicable.

31. Any additional information. NIL.

Signature of Observer .....

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED IN YARRAM AREA 4 SEP 66 2200 HOURS

1. This report deals with attached statements by Mr. Noel Francis TRATFORD and Mrs. Melva TRATFORD of Union Street YARRAM. Each statement deals with the one observation and although each witness was interviewed separately the contents of each statement is virtually the same.

2. No air traffic was known to be in the area at this time.

3. The nearest meteorological station is at RAAF Base EAST SALE some forty-five miles to the north east.

4. From the statements given and reference to the attached map it has been deducted that the observers were looking in a direction of approximately 076° T. Although each witness is adamant that the object seen was not the moon, reference to the Air Almanac shows that on 4th September 1966 moon rise was at 2145 hours on a bearing of 080° T and it is assumed that the object seen was the moon rising.

5. During interview each witness gave the impression of being a responsible citizen; however, I feel certain that the object witnessed was the moon rising and a combination of atmospheric distertion and cloud formation, together with a certain amount of auto-suggestion resulted in them failing to recognise the natural phenomenon.

(JAMES V. LAMBLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
Investigating Officer

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. Miss Heather McALPINE AGE. 20.

2. Address of Observer. C/- Yarram Hospital YARRAM.

3. Occupation of Observer. Nurse

4. Date and time of Observation. 4th SEP 66. 0415

5. Duration of Observation. Some minutes.

6. Observers Location at time of sighting. Proceeding by car along the South Gippsland Highway in a general easterly direction, approaching the turn off to GELLIONDALE. (Approx 38° 37' 20" S, 146° 35' 30" E).

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Raining but the moon was out behind us.

8. Aids to observation. NIL

9. Where was the object first observed. I had just turned on the windscreen wipers when I noticed the light. My first impression was that it was the moon, but I realized that the moon was behind me. Because of the sun visor on my car I had to lower my head slightly to see the object properly. It was twice the height of the pine trees above the ground.

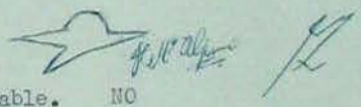
10. What first attracted observer's attention. The light.

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object. The object appeared to be a large mass of very bright light.

12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. Not applicable.

13. What was the colour of the light or object. Fluorescent white light - appeared similar to something white hot.

14. What was its apparent shape.



15. Was any detail of structure observable. NO

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO

17. Was there any sound. NO

18. Height, or angle of elevation. It was at a slight angle above the horizon.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. NIL.

20. Was the object stationary? The object was stationary.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. The object was straight ahead along the road. (063° T Investigating Officer).

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

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

24. Where did object disappear? The object was still stationary when I turned off at the GELLIONDALE turn off. After that I took no further notice. When I returned to the South Gippsland Highway later, I did not notice if the object was still there.

25. Existance of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence. NO.

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

27. If so, give details of incidents. Not applicable.

28. State any experience which enable observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19. None.

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

30. Name and Address of Organization. Not applicable.

31. Any additional information. The object was bigger and brighter than the moon. It was definitely not the moon. Stars appeared to be mere pin-points of light behind the object.

Signature of Observer Hector M. Alpine

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED IN THE YARRAM AREA 4 SEP 66 0415 HOURS

1. This report deals with an attached statement by Miss Heather McALPINE, a nurse at the YARRAM Hospital.

2. No explanation of the object seen can be given.

3. No known air traffic was in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

4. A meteorological station is located at RAAF Base EAST SALE some forty-six miles to the north east.

5. The object was on a bearing of 063° T from the witness and her statement that it was only a few degrees above the horizon eliminates the possibility of the object having been the moon. However, as a means of possible explanation, reference to the Air Almanac reveals that the planet Jupiter could possibly have been the object viewed.

James V Lambley

(JAMES V. LAMBLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
Investigating Officer

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OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR(57)

FROM: H Q OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 06 OCT 66

TO: ~~DEPARTMENT~~ DAFI OF AIR

ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAXTER

REFERENCES: DEF HS INFI 4 66 SBO-1-1

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTING

A report concerning an unidentified aerial sighting submitted to this Headquarters is enclosed.

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13. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT WHITE/RED LIGHT.
14. What was its apparent shape? ELONGATED.
15. Was any detail of structure observable? No.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No.

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Mrs Gibson, 55
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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer ... MRS GIBSON ... AGE ..40....
2. Address of observer ..56 HOTHAM RD ... GYMEA ....
   ..... PHONE ... 521464 1 ..
3. Occupation of observer ..... HOUSE WIFE .....
4. Date and time of observation .... 22 1100 Z .....
5. Duration of observation ..... 1125 Z STILL THERE .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting . HOME ... 56 .....
   .. HOTHAM .. RD .. GYMEA ... N.S.W .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .... CLEAR ... SKY .
   .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
   . EYESIGHT .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   . ON HORIZON ... 45° .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    .. BRILLIANT .. LIGHT .. DIFF COLOUR .. TO NORMAL STARS .
    .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....
    ... LIGHTS .....
    .....
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? ..... ONE .....
    (b) in what formation were they? ..... —
13. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT S. WHITE / RED LIGHT
14. What was its apparent shape? . ELONGATED .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? ..... — No .....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ..... — No .....

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

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) ... 45° .....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) . SLT. MOVEMENT...

20. Was the object stationary? .... SLT. MOVEMENT (OCCASIONLY).

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
..... "S" — PT HACKING — BUNDEENA .....

22. Did the object ramain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?
..... MOVED VERY SLOWLY FURTHER S.E. UP .....

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

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)
..... STILL WATCHING : .... HIGHER & BRIGHTER .. 1135Z.

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

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? .. ONCE.

27. If so, give brief details of incident (s) .. PHONED .. AND ..
.. ASKED .. IF .. ANYTHING .. REPORTED .. IN .. AREA .... No ....
.. FURTHER .. REPORT .... MANY .. YEARS .. AGO .....

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answere given to 18 and 19.
..... No .. EXPERIENCE .....

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

30. Name and address of organisation .....
..... No .....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.
. OBSERVED .. BY .. SELF .. AND .. TWO DAUGHTERS.
.. ALL CONVINCED .. THAT .. IT .. IS .. SOMETHING .. MORE ..
. THAN A STAR .. AND .. WOULD .. BE .. VERY .. INTERESTED .. IN ...
. KNOWING . RESULT . OF . FINDING .. DO . NOT . THINK . IT . IS . ANYTHING .
SILLY LIKE FLYING SAUCERS ETC.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type .....NIL.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft Type .....NIL Approx.....

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:- .....
...Achenar and Rigel Kent both to the South 41° and 36° Resp.

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

at .....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

.....NIL..... (comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research balloons) .....NIL.....

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

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39. The object reported could have been ....The Star Achenar
...which was in the above position at the reqrd time.

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

.....HQ. OP. COM..... (Unit) .....Alyncen..... (Name)

.....05 Oct 66..... (Date) .....Capt..... (Rank)

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5th October 1966

Secretary
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS

1. Attached are reports on unidentified flying objects which were investigated by this Headquarters. The sightings were made by Mr and Mrs H.J. Sommerville and Mr and Mrs W.A.D. Brodie.

2. It is the opinion of this Headquarters that:-

(a) The sightings were of the same objects (Times are 1855 approx and 1905 approx of 6 Sep 66).

(b) The sightings were of sattelites.

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

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. HENRY J. SOMMERVILLE ... Age. 38..

2. Address of Observer. 22. PATTERSON ST. MD. PARK..

3. Occupation of Observer. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE..

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
..... TUESDAY 6TH SEPT. 1966 ... APPROX. 6.35 P.M.

5. Duration of Observation(s). APPROX 30-40 SECS....

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

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

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

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg light or noise.
..... ATTENTION DRAWN BY ANOTHER PERSON.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation ..... FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. CONSISTENT WITH SATTELITE ...

20. Was the object stationary? ..... NO .....

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

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... one object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?

STRAIGHT PATH

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

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

OVER THE HORIZON

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

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26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously. YES

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

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

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

NO

30. Name and Address of organisation —

31. Any additional information —

Signature of Observer [signature]

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

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

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34. Comments. ~~LAVERTON + MELBOURNE~~ It is considered that this sighting may be put to Mrs Somerville was of a satellite. It is also considered that these sightings were the same as Mr MARKS made

Signature of Interrogator [signature]

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

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

...RIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. JEAN SOMMERVILLE ..... Age. 37...

2. Address of Observer. 22 PATTERSON ST. MIDDLE PARK.

3. Occupation of Observer. HOUSEWIFE .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

..... TUES. 6th Sept. 1966 .... approx ... 6:55 p.m. .....

5. Duration of Observation(s) ... approx ... 4.5 secs. .....

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

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

..... CLEAR .....

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

..... NONE .....

.....

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

..... OVERHEAD .....

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

..... LIGHT .....

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

..... AS A LIGHT .....

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

..... ONLY ONE .....

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

14. What was its apparent shape .. CIRCULAR .....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation .. 55-60° .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity. CONSISTENT WITH SATELLITE .....

20. Was the object stationary? .... NO .....

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

..... SSW TO NORTH .....

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object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? STRAIGHT PATH

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

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

DISAPPEARED IN HAZE OVER CITY

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

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26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously... YES

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

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

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

NO

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

31. Any additional information.....

Signature of Observer.....

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

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

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34. Comments. This sighting was probably a satellite as corresponds to the sighting of the Sputnik attached

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... M. R. BRODIE ..... Age. 26....

2. Address of Observer... 81 A. ALLISON RD... EASTERWICK

3. Occupation of Observer.. HOUSE WIFE .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

..... SEPT 6TH ... 1966 ..... 7.05 P.M. .....

5. Duration of Observation(s)... APPROX 40 SECS .....

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

... ADDRESS ABOVE .....

.....

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

..... STARRY ... LIGHT CLOUD ON HORIZONS .....

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

..... NIL .....

.....

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

..... OVER HOUSE ABOUT 45° .....

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

..... POINTED OUT BY HUSBAND .....

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

..... BRIGHT LIGHTS .....

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

.. TWO ON OPPOSING COURSES .....

13. What was the colour of the light or object.. RED & WHITE

14. What was its apparent shape... SPOTS OF LIGHT .....

15. Was any detail of structure observable.... N/O .....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... N/O .....

17. Was there any sound..... N/O .....

18. Height, or angle of elevation.... SEE DIAGRAM .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity..... " .....

20. Was the object stationary..... NO .....

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

..... SEE DIAGRAM .....

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

ONE STRAIGHT 2ND DEVIATED

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

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

OVER HORIZON

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

NO.

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously.....

27. If so, give details of incident(s)..... NO .....

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

CORROBORATION OF HUSBAND

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

NO

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

31. Any additional information.....

Signature of Observer. M.R. Bodie

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

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

Invercargill Melbourne

34. Comments. These sightings were probably satellites the same as those seen by Mr Somerville...

Signature of Interrogator.

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

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

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... N. A. D. BRODIE ..... Age.. 36....

2. Address of Observer.. 81 A. ALLISON RD. ELSTERNWICK. VIC.

3. Occupation of Observer.. ARCHITECT.... PHONE 51.6120 53.3162.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

.....TUES. SEPT. 6th. 1966. .... APPROX. 7.05. P.M. .....

5. Duration of Observation(s).. APPROX. 50. SECONDS. .....

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

AT. ADDRESS. ABOVE. .....

.....

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s). CLEAR, DARK & STARRY. .... LIGHT. CLOUD. ON. HORIZONS. .....

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

..... NIL. .....

.....

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

OVER. HOUSE. ELEVATION. APPROX. 40°. .....

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

MOVEMENT. OF. LIGHT. .....

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

... BRIGHT. ... LIGHT. .....

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

TWO. OBJECTS. ON. OPPOSING. COURSES. (SEE. DIAGRAM)

13. What was the colour of the light or object. ONE. WHITE, ONE. RED

14. What was its apparent shape.. POINT. SOURCE. .....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation... SEE. DIAGRAM. .....

19. Speed, or angular velocity..... SEE. DIAGRAM. .....

20. Was the object stationary..... NO. .....

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

.... S.S.E. TO. N.N.W. & REVERSE. THEN. TO. W. .....

.../2.

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

ONE..STRAIGHT.....2ND..DEVIATED.....

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

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

....OVER..HORIZON.....

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

.....NIL...EXCEPT...OTHER..OBSERVER...(WIFE).....

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously..PERHAPS.

27. If so, give details of incident(s)...ONE..BRIEF...BUT.....

.POSSIBLY...SIMILAR...SIGHTING..-6-8..MONTHS..AGO.....

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

AMATEUR..ASTRONOMY...&..INTEREST..&..OBSERVATION..OF....

SATELLITES..&..KNOWLEDGE..OF..SURVEYING..ETC..THRU'..WORK.

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

.....NO.....

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

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31. Any additional information.....SEE..DIAGRAM.....

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Signature of Observer.....

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

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

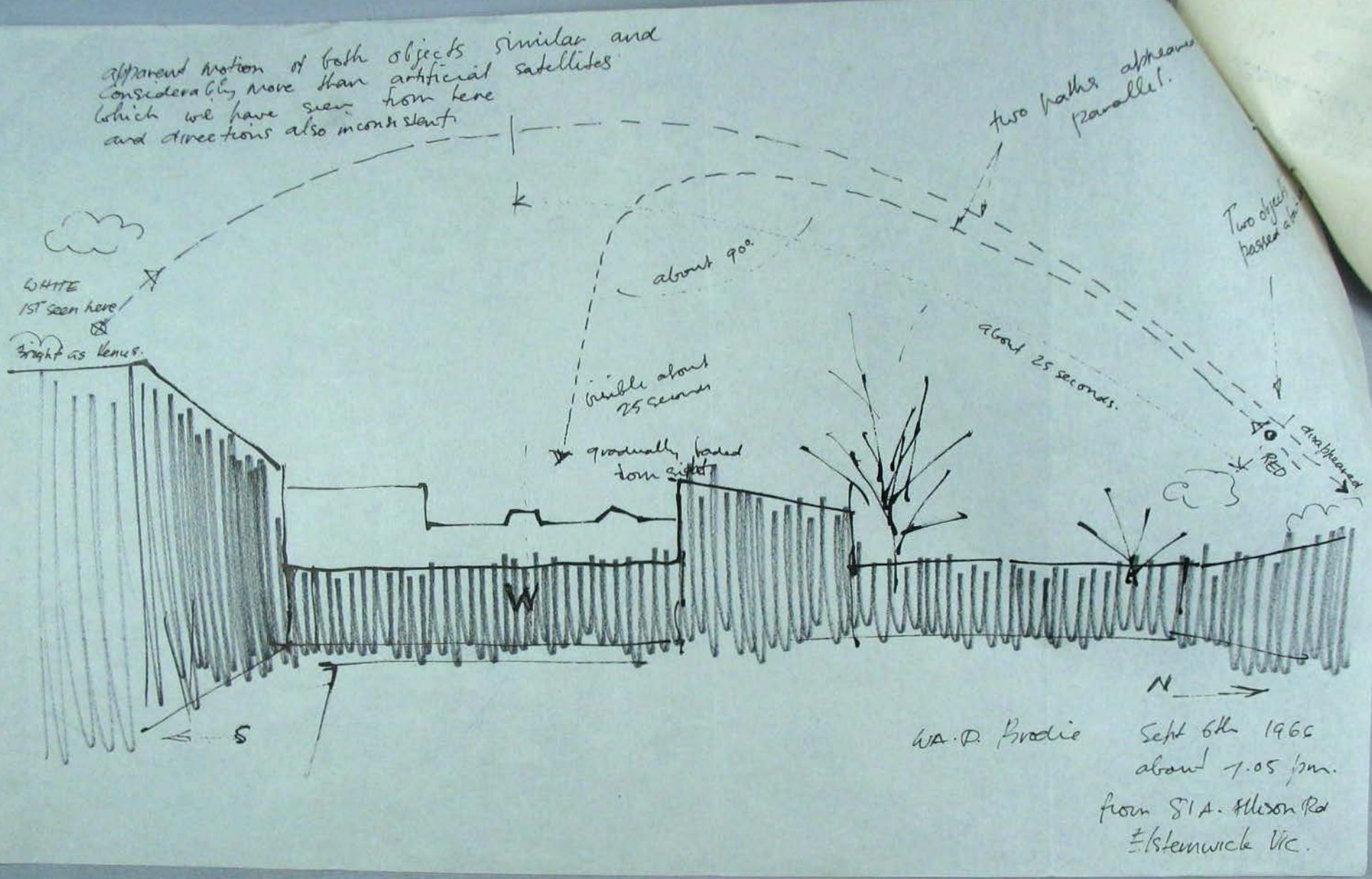
.....LAVERTON & MELBOURNE.....

34. Comments..Mr Brosic stated that there were probably satellites but were moving faster because the intensity of light varied in a similar manner to the previous sighting.....

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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



W.A.D. Brodie Sept 6th 1966
about 7.05 p.m.
from 81 A. Allison Rd
Elsternwick Vic.

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MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

For use within the RAAF only
Write or print clearly

OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR (54)

FROM: HQ OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 22 SEPT 66

TO: DAFI DEPARTMENT OF AIR

ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAXTER

REFERENCES:

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE - AERIAL SIGHTINGS

DEPT. OF AIR
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1. A report of an aerial object observed at KUNUNURRA WA. on the 14TH - 15TH August 1966 is enclosed.

2. This report was directed through HQ Pearce and HQ Darwin causing the delay of approximately one month.

26 SEP 1966
C.A.S.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....PHILLIP GRAHAM JOHNSTON...Age..17½..

2. Address of Observer..KUNNUNURRA...W.A.....

3. Occupation of Observer..FARM HAND.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
...14.8.64.....2354..WST.....

5. Duration of observation(s)...4 hr...30 min.....

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
.....KUNNUNURRA IRRIGATION AREA.....
.....15°45'S...128°40'E...APPROX.....
.....

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

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

9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
.....OVER THE HILLS FROM THE S.W.....

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

11. Did the object appear as a light or as a definite object.
.....LIGHTS (INITIALLY.)...LIGHTS AND SHAPE LATER.....

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object. RED & WHITE LIGHTS

14. What was its apparent shape....SEE...SKETCH.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable. SEE...SKETCH.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. SEE SKETCH & NARRATIVE

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation...DESCENDED...TO...30 FT.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity...SEE...NARRATIVE.....

20. Was the object stationary.....

21 What was the direction of flight with reference to landmards or points of the compass.....
.....SEE...NARRATIVE.....

..../2

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

SEE NARRATIVE

23. Was there any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....

SEE NARRATIVE

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon SEE NARRATIVE

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

NIL

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

27. If so, give details of incidents(s).....

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

NIL

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

?

30. Name and Address of Organisation.....

31. Any additional information.....

Signature of observer.....

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

No aircraft from DARWIN were known to be operating in the KUNUNURRA area on night of 14 Aug 66. F Cadet Spitz.

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

Nearest Met stations are located at DALEY WATERS & HALLS CREEK.
F Cadet Spitz

34 Comments.....

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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

INSPECTOR GALLAGHER, 66/683.

I respectfully report that the attached statement was made by Phillip Graham JOHNSTON, 17½ years of Kununurra. It concerns the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object by Johnston on the night of 14th-15th August, at Kununurra.

I have questioned Johnston exhaustively but his story remains constant. It appears that he saw something in the sky on this occasion .

I understand that there were air-exercises being conducted in this area, from the R.A.A.F. Base at Darwin, and perhaps Air Force planes could be connected with this sighting.

Statement forwarded for your information and that of the R.A.A.F. if you deem it necessary.

I have made an inspection of the locality indicated but could find no trace of anything unusual.

Kununurra Station
16-8-66

P.C. Yarrick
P.C.2538

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

This file deals with the alleged sighting of a flying saucer at Kununurra.

Const Yarrick has inspected the locality but has found nothing unusual.

D.O. BROOME:
23-8-66.

M. Gallagher.
DISTRICT INSPECTOR.

Philip Graham JOHNSTON States:-

I am a farm-hand employed by the P.W.D. . I am 17 ½ years of age.

On the night of 14th -15 August 1966,I was working for my father,Warrick Johnston,cotton farmer of Kununurra.

I was driving my father's bulldozer,towing a levelling frame, working on Arbuckle's property.

At 11-54pm I saw a bright light in the sky which I thought was a falling star. It came from the south west. However it did not behave like a falling star. It slowed down and stopped still in the sky over the hills about a mile away.

I then noticed a row of lights,red in colour,which appeared to come out from behind the light. I think there were about six or eight lights. They were not very bright,but appeared about the same intensity as a fire in the hills.

A few seconds later,the red lights went out, and the front white light grew brighter,until it was too bright for me to look at. I looked away from ~~from~~ the light and I could see that the area about twelve feet around me was lit up as if by a searchlight. This lasted about five minutes.

I had put the bulldozer out of gear and was stationary,so I just sat there. The bright light wento out and I could see four small red lights like pilot lights,around where the white light had been. The lights then appeared to travel down behind the hill over which they had been stationary. I could see a glow from behind the hill,but could not see the actual lights.

I put my bulldozer into gear and drove on to the other side of the paddock. Istopped my dozer,but left the engine idling with the lights out,and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sat on the machine while I had my lunch.

While I was having my lunch I saw the lights appear from behind the hill again. This was when the bright white light went out as if turned off by a switch. The four pilot lights were still on and came towards me until they were within a quarter of a mile away. It hovered about twenty feet in the air,over a cotton picker and cotton trailer on Carold DICKEY's property. The bright white light was turned on again and I could see the cotton picker and trailer clearly. It stayed there for about three or four minutes,then the white light went out again and I saw the red lights move towards the Kun-Air strip. As it did this I could make out by the star-light what appeared to be a flying saucer. The machine tilted as it rose so that I could see the top of the machine. It appeared to be a silvery colour,and oval in shape. It was about ten feet in height,and about 180 feet long and about 80 to 100 feet wide. The red lights appeared to be portholes along the side. As it rose I saw what appeared to be three or four pairs of vapour trailss from the underside. The machine then went off towards the Trojan airstrip after wandering about the valley for about an hour and a half. When it got near the the Trojan airstrip it landed and all the lights came on. It appeared to have landed in the hills there. I saw the lights there until the first light of dawn. The lights then went out and I never saw them again.

When I first saw this machine it was travelling very fast.like

a falling star. I did not hear any noise from it. My bulldozer motor was going all the time,but only idling and did not make much noise

On Sunday 14th,I had slept all day and had got up about 5-30pm and started work on the bulldozer at eight pm . I knew what time of night it was when I first sighted the lights,as I looked at my watch. This was because I was due to stop for lunch at midnight When I first saw the light it was 11-54pm,and when I last saw it moving around it was about 2-30~~pmmx~~ am. I last saw the lights at about 4-30 am.

While I was watching this machine,I was frightened as I had never seen anything like it before. I was ready to get under the dozer if it had come any closer. I did not attempt to go to town to tell anybody else about it,as the machine was between me and the town, and I did not know what would happen if I attempted to pass it.

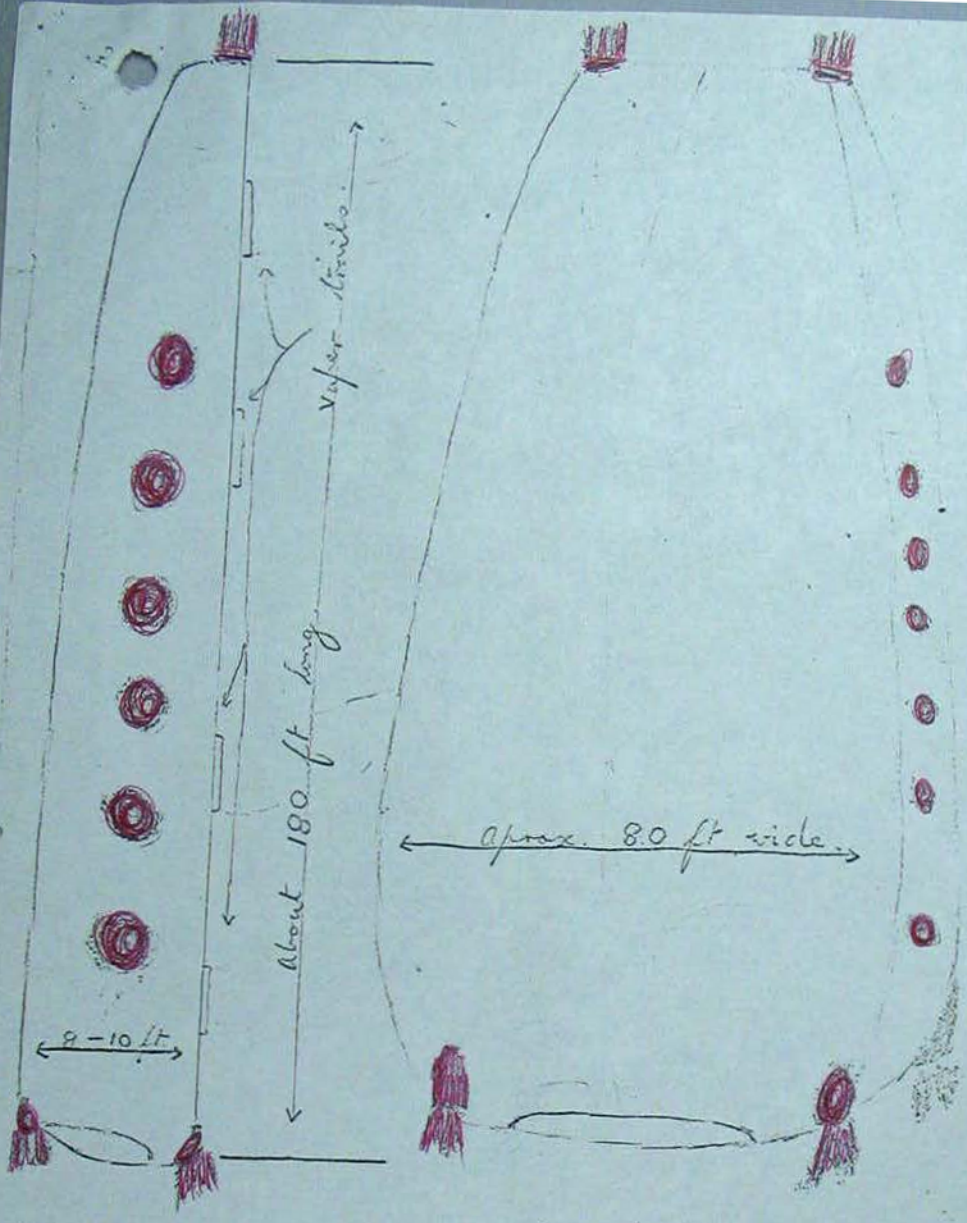
When I came home the next morning I told my parents about it,and then they told me to report the matter to the Police.

I have read this statement through and it is true and correct in every detail.

Witness:- [signature]

P.c.2538
Kununurra Station
16-8-66

[signature]



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Alfred Roth

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DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1

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16 SEP 1966

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS

Attached are reports on un-identified flying objects received through DCA channels, and investigated by this Headquarters.

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

Encl 1

...NO...

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....—.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....left one slowly moved to left right one static.....

20. Was the object stationary...at first, then moved as above.....

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

.....north. left light N.west. moving backwards.....

.../2.

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... Mrs. Inglis M.L. & Son ..... Age. Middle Aged

2. Address of Observer..... 7 ~~India Street~~ Isla St, Sunshine .....

3. Occupation of Observer.. Private Secretary .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

..... 8.40-8.50 p.m. (approx) ... 17.8.66 .....

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

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

..... Front of driveway looking east .....

.....

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

..... Starlit, still, light cloud-low .....

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

..... Natural means .....

.....

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

..... North...not far distant (higher than light poles) .....

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

..... Two red lights. (wing span of plane, steady blinking. distance would be) .....

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

..... 2 separate red blinking lights. .....

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

..... 2 (on horizontal plane) .....

13. What was the colour of the light or object..... Red .....

14. What was its apparent shape.... oval (vertical 0) .....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation..... —

19. Speed. or angular velocity..... left one slowly moved to left. right one static .....

20. Was the object stationary... at first, then moved as above. .....

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

..... north. left light N.west. moving backwards. .....

.../2.

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

See over page.

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

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

low cloud, disappeared before horizon because of distance.

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

No

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

27. If so, give details of incident(s).....No.....

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

Son. Aircraft observer (hobby) 2nd year Radio & T.V. Electronics.

(May be able to give more detail) Radio Corporation.

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

No

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

31. Any additional information.....

Signature of Observer.....

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

Mrs. Inglis phoned airport to see if there was a flight at that time - 8.35 p.m. to Adelaide delayed to 8.46 p.m.

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

MO Signal

34. Comments. This was undoubtedly the above flight to Adelaide which was an ANSETT-ANA Rr 210, B Boeing 727. This aircraft would be turning on track at about the area sighted

Signature of Interrogator. [illegible]

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

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. WATERMAN, E.A.-Accompanied by children Age... All....

2. Address of Observer...10 Gramatan Avenue, Beaumaris,.....

3. Occupation of Observer.....Director (Myer Melbourne).....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

.....23rd June - 9.55 p.m.....

5. Duration of Observation(s).... Approximately 2 minutes .....

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

.....Near St. Bede's School, Beach Road,.....

.....MENTONE.....

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) Fine and Clear ..

.....Very Cold .....

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

.....NIL.....

.....

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

.....Object appeared from over Ricketts Point.....

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

.....Light in Sky.....

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

.....As a light.....

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

.....One Only.....

13. What was the colour of the light or object.....Red .....

14. What was its apparent shape..Round at first then elongated.....

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation...20 - 30° above horizon. (Possibly Less than 20°)

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....Very Slow.....

20. Was the object stationary.....Slow movement.....

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

.....North/West.....

TRAVELLING FROM W TO E
NORTH OF OBSERVER.
POSSIBLY IN BLACK ROCK AREA

.../2.

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

Appeared to be on a descending path. As it got closer to surface it appeared to elongate and the colour changed to a more intense flame colour.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....

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

.....Over the visible horizon at which point it appeared to be arc-shaped.....

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

.....NO.....

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

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

.....

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

.....No special experience.....

.....

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

.....NO.....

30. Name and address of organisation.....N/A.....

.....

31. Any additional information. Observer thought to call children's attention to low flying aircraft then realized that light was steady. As the light elongated he pointed it out to them and they were excited and curious as to what it might be. It seemed quite a large object. POSSIBLY HOUSE ON FIRE BUT TAKES IN AS AFTER CHILDREN'S LIGHT HAS BECOME ELONGATED

Signature of Observer.....

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

..... DC3 M2-LT DEP. ML 2128 Flew DVE SOUTH FROM ML AIRPORT.....

.....DC4 ML-LT DEP. ML 1006 FLEW DVE SOUTH FROM ML AIRPORT.....

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

..... Melbourne & Laverton. .....

34. Comments. It is considered probable that this was light reflected from the ground. Mr Wakeman stated that the objects were moving but such movements are not unusual with flying.

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....MARGARET ROSE BROWN...Age.30..

2. Address of Observer.....8 DOWNING ST.....NTH SUNSHINE

3. Occupation of Observer.....CLERK.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

.....APPROX:- 3 MINS PAST FIVE (PM) (DATE UNKNOWN - MID AUGUST

5. Duration of Observation(s).....ABOUT 4 SECONDS....

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

MOVING EAST TO WEST.....NORTH SUNSHINE.....

.....

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

.....FINE WITH A FEW DARK CLOUDS.....

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

.....NONE.....

.....

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

.....OVER HEAD.....

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

.....LOOKING WHAT THE WEATHER WAS.....

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

.....(A LIGHT) IN A ROUND SHAPE.....

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

.....ABOUT THIRTY.....IN A HALF CIRCLE FORMATION.....

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

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

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

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....LOW DOWN.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....SLOW.....

20. Was the object stationary?....NO...(MOVING FORWARD).....

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

.....

.../2.

and the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?

STRAIGHT PATH ..... DISAPPEARED INTO A BLACK CLOUD.

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

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

INTO A CLOUD.

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

None

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

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

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

.....

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

NO.

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

.....

31. Any additional information.....

.....

.....

Signature of Observer M. R. Brown

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

NIL

.....

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

~~Nil~~ LAVERTON + MARBURG

34. Comments. The objects sighted were probably a flock of birds with sun reflected from their wings.

Signature of Interrogator

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

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

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. JOAN MARGARET TAYLOR Age. 33.

2. Address of Observer. 16, GARNET ST. NTH. SUNSHINE

3. Occupation of Observer. ACCOUNTS CLERK

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
APPROX. 2 MINS. PAST FIVE P.M. (DATE UNKNOWN - MID AUGUST)

5. Duration of Observation(s).... 4-5 SECONDS

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
COMING FROM EAST TO WEST
(NTH. SUNSHINE) MELBOURNE

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
FINE BUT CLOUDY

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

9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
WHERE ALREADY IN SKY WHEN SIGHTED, AHEAD ABOUT 200 YDS.

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

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

12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
20 - 30

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

14. What was its apparent shape... OVAL

15. Was any detail of structure observable.... NO (TOO SMALL)

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

17. Was there any sound.... NO

18. Height, or angle of elevation.... LOW

19. Speed, or angular velocity DISAPPEARED INTO CLOUD TOGETHER

20. Was the object stationary?... NO COMING TOWARDS US

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

.../2.

Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
.....YES, THEN DISAPPEARED INTO CLOUD....

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

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

.....INTO CLOUD (THIS WAS VERY BIG CLOUD AND BLACK.)

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

.....NO.....

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

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

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

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

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

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31. Any additional information.....

THESE OBJECTS WERE FORMED IN A FORATION (EXP)

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Signature of Observer.....J. Taylor.....

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

.....NIL.....

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

.....~~NIL~~ MELBOURNE & LAUNCESTON.....

34. Comments.....The 7 objects sighted were probably a flock of birds with the sun being reflected from their wings as they wheeled in formation

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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

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MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 Jun 62

FROM: HQ OPERATIONAL COMMAND	OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR(51)
TO: DEPT OF AIR — ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAXTER	DATE: 31 AUG 66
SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS	REFERENCES: OUR 5/15/1/AIR(50); YOUR 2/25/1(15)

DAFI A12

1. A request for information from "Comision Investigadora de objetos no identificados" concerning the sightings reported in our 5/15/1/air 50 is enclosed.

2. The request is forwarded for action by your Department as directed in your 2/25/1(15) para 8.

RECD 1 SEP 1966 C.A.S.

SIGNATURE	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN.
	FLT LT CINTELLO	390.

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

LISMORE.

T. 1424/65.

20th June, 1966.

The Superintendent of Police,
LISMORE.

SUBJECT: Unidentified lights seen in the sky in the Mororo Bridge - Harwood Island area on the 26th May,1966 and in the Lismore area on the 28th May,1966.

This file refers to the sighting of unidentified lights, seen in the sky on the 26th, 28th May, 1966, and 2nd June, 4th Jun 1966, in the Mororo Bridge, Harwood Pacific Highway area, south of Parrots Nest, Casino Road area, Alstonville and Lismore-Gundurimba Ruthven areas, respectively.

Descriptions of the lights seen, vary to some extent, whilst the compass points indicated and respecting each sighting also differ to a degree. Times of each sighting, have been quoted in the main as being in the vicinity of 10 pm., although it has been stated that the lights have also been seen as early as 7.20 pm and as late as 4.20 am.

It has been ascertained that Mr. Keith Collins, of the A.B.C. Radio Station, Grafton, sighted a strange light in the sky from Grafton during the period in question, following which he made inquries from Mr. Patson, Belfield Observatory, near Sydney, telephone No. 786413, of his sighting and he was informed that such could have been the star "Canopus" which had been the subject of similar speculation and query at Katoomba several years ago, and this star had been identified as being responsible.

Perhaps this information might be forwarded for suitable attention in conjunction with the communication attached, from "Comision Investigadora de objetos no identificados" dated 6th June 1966, and signed by Eugenio Danyans of San Leopoldo, 66, 5 C, Tarrasa (Barcelona) Espana.

Blake

Inspector 2nd Class.

Barcelona, a 6 de junio de 1966

INVESTIGADORA DE
OBJETOS NO IDENTIFICADOS

Sr. Comisario - Jefe de Policía
Jefatura de Policía de Lismore
LISMORE (norte de Grafton)
SIDNEY (Australia)

Muy señor mío:

Informado por la Prensa que hace unos días pudieron observar en el cielo la aparición de un extraño objeto volante no identificado, cuyo paso fue presenciado por varias personas, le ruego tenga la bondad de suministrarme cuantos datos oficiales le sea posible facilitarme referente al fenómeno en cuestión.

Nuestro organismo está dedicado al estudio e investigación científica de los objetos volantes no identificados, y agradeceríamos muchísimo su valiosa colaboración informativa al respecto.

Pendiente de sus noticias, me complace aprovechar esta ocasión para saludarle muy atentamente y ofrecerle el testimonio de mi consideración más distinguida

Fdo.: Eugenio Danyans

Eugenio Danyans
San Leopoldo, 66, 5º C
TARRASA (Barcelona) España

ROUGH TRANSLATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM E. DANYANS,
TO INSPECTOR OF POLICE, LISMORE.

Dear Sir,

I learned from the Press that some days ago you were able to observe a strange flying object in the sky the passage of which was seen by various persons. I beg you to supply me with all available official data concerning this phenomenon.

Our Organisation is dedicated to the study and scientific research of unidentified flying objects and we should appreciate very much your valuable co-operation in this regard.

Awaiting your advices I seize this opportunity to greet you most sincerely and offer you the expression of my highest esteem.

Yours faithfully,

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MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 Jun 62

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OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR (50)

FROM: HQ OPERATIONAL COMMANDS

DATE: 31 AUG 66

TO: DEPT OF AIR

ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAXTER.

REFERENCES:

DAF/A/2

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE - UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Copies of unidentified aerial sightings in the Lismore area which were submitted by the New South Wales Police Department are enclosed.

2. No aircraft movements were reported in the Lismore area on the dates in question.

3. Due to the belated nature of these reports no satisfactory explanations can be given from this Headquarters.

Encls.

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-1 SEP 1966
C.A.S.

SIGNATURE: [signature]

RANK AND APPOINTMENT: FLT LT CINTELLO

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INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

LISMORE.

T. 2424/25
31st May, 1966.

The Superintendent of Police,
LISMORE.

SUBJECT: Unidentified lights seen in the sky in the Mororo Bridge-Marwood Island area on the 26th May, 1966, and in the Lismore area on the 28th May, 1966.

At about 10.45 p.m. on the 26th May, 1966, Mr. Richard Jones, 245 Ballina Road, Goonellabah, reported to Senior Constable Davey at Lismore Police Station that about 10 p.m. the same day he saw six bright red lights in the sky at a height of about 500 yards and at a distance of approximately a quarter of a mile. At that time he was driving his car, accompanied by his wife and 9 year old daughter, in a northerly direction along the Pacific Highway and was placed at the Mororo Bridge near the Old Iluka Road turn-off. He stated that both end lights of the series were flashing on and off and the object was moving in an east-west direction at a slow rate. The total length of the lights was approximately twice that a fairly large aeroplane. Mr. Jones said that the surrounding country is fairly flat, that there were no other lights in the vicinity and no sugar cane fires. The lights were under observatio by him for one to two minutes and they were travelling in a straigh line.

At about midnight the same day and in the presence of Senior Constable Davey, I interviewed Mr. Jones at his home and he repeated his statement to me. He further stated that to that time he had not discussed what he had seen with any person, apart from his wife and daughter. Mr. Jones was quite rational and sober at the time and he is reported to be a man of good standing in this community.

On the 28th May, 1966, at about 10 p.m. a telephone message was received at Lismore Police Station from a Mrs. Hunter of Corndale (Telephone Bexhill 235) to the effect that "about five minutes ago my husband and myself were scanning the sky with a pair of binoculars and we have seen a mysterious object in the sky with red, green and orange flashing lights. It is moving slowly in the direction of Bexhill or Coraki."

Following receipt of this information, Senior Constable Davey and Constable 1st Class Walker of Lismore, patrolled the Bruxner Highway and sighted flashing red, green and orange flashing lights in the sky. The sighting was made at 10.15 p.m. and the lights were moving in a south-westerly direction.

At about 10.25 p.m. Senior Constable Wilson of Lismore informed me of the incident and I accompanied him to the Parrot's Nest area on Bruxner Highway, approximately four miles from Lismore, at which point Senior Constable Davey and Constable Walker were positioned.

I sighted what appeared to be a light in the sky, flickering or flashing alternately white and red. It was some distance away in approximately a southerly direction from my position, moving slowly and downwards towards the skyline of a reasonably straight-level hill in the distance. The light was

observed through 10 x 50 binoculars at approximately 10.45 p.m. and it disappeared below the skyline at approximately 10.50 p.m. The light was similar to aircraft navigational lights, red and white in colour and merging. Whilst I had the light in the sky under observation I made a notation of the direction in which it was seen relative to my position on the roadway.

I then returned to Lismore Police Station and contacted Mr. L.G. Crandon, Accountant of Lismore, who is also Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of the local C.M.F. unit. I was then in possession of information that Grafton, Coraki and Casino Police had been contacted, but they had not sighted any lights in the sky as previously described. Casino Police also advised that no aircraft were operating from Casino Airport that night.

Mr. Crandon, Senior Constable Wilson and myself then returned to my previous position on the Bruxner Highway. The circumstances were explained to Mr. Crandon, the direction mark was shown to him and the observations of Police discussed.

On return to Lismore Station a study was made of military maps in possession of Mr. Crandon, who calculated that the light, from the time when first seen by me to it's disappearance, was practically due south from the marked road position. Further, it was calculated that the line taken from the marked road position, due south as stated, if continued on, would traverse the area within which lights were seen by Mr. Jones on the 26th May, 1966, whilst he was at Mororo Bridge, Old Iluka Road turnoff, Harwood Island.

Inspector 2nd Class.

Police Station, Lismore
19th June, 1966.

The Inspector of Police,
LISMORE

Subject :- Unidentified lights seen in the sky in the Mororo Bridge - Harwood Island area on the 26th May, 1966 and in the Lismore area on the 28th May, 1966.

Reference:- Attached File.

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I have to report that at 12.40pm on 3rd June, 1966, Warren Wells of 150 Hunter Street, Lismore reported to Senior Constable Davey at the Lismore Police Station that at about 9.50pm on 2nd June, 1966 whilst in the company of his brother, Terrence Wells aged 23 years, they were travelling from Wardell where they had been fishing, towards Alstonville in Terrence Well's motor car, and when about two miles west of Alstonville they topped a hill which is about 200 feet in height. Immediately in front of their vehicle, down in the valley they saw what appeared to be tail and headlights of about four motor vehicles.

Whilst travelling down the hill they could see that the lights were in the air and appeared to be hovering. When they arrived at the bottom of the hill, they stoppedctheir motor car and on looking upwards and to their right could see four red lights and one green light. The lights appeared to be arranged with the green light in the centre, one red light just above and one just below the green light and the other two red lights on either side of the green light. The strength of the red lights were explained as being of the same strength as the headlights of a motor car on high beam and the green light appeared to be larger and stronger than the red lights. The red lights were flashing on and off, but the green light remained on all the time. The lights appeared to be only about 50 feet off the ground and about ½mile from where they stopped their vehicle. An estimate of the size of the object could not be obtained, but was explained as being larger than a largessize house. They were unable to see any object owing to the glare from the lights.

After they had remained looking at the lights for about two minutes, the lights commenced to rise, they appeared to go straight up to about 300'above ground level then suddenly commenced to move off towards the south. Whilst they were watching the lights prior to moving south they did not detect any sound but as it commenced to move off towards the south they could hear a noise similar to a large electric motor or generator.

The lights moved off until on the opposite side of the hill to where they were parked, then suddenly appeared to drop on the other side of the hill. They did not carry out any further observations or investigations but drove off to their home in Lismore where they informed their parents of their observations.

Mr and Mrs Wells were later interviewed by me and verified that the two boys had informed them of the occurrence at about 10.20pm on 2nd Inst. They stated that the two boys were very white and apparently shaken by their experience as they appeared as such when seen by them at 10.20pm. The boys do not drink or smoke and are regarded as steady types of lads.

At 10.10pm on 2nd June, 1966 whilst I was travelling in my car on the New Ballina Cutting towards Lismore Heights I observed a strange light in the sky which was about 3 miles distance and about 500 feet from ground level. The light appeared to be changing colour from red, blue, green and orange. This light was kept under observation until I arrived at my residence at 23 Ballina Road, Lismore Heights. This is about 340 feet above Lismore. I informed my wife and children and neighbours Mr and Mrs R.Grant, who also kept the lights under observation. Whilst the lights were under observation they appeared to move towards the north and dropped to a distance

of about 300 feet above ground level, they appeared to remain almost stationary for ten minutes, theybthen appeared to be floating on air currents, moving up,down and sideways for short distances for about five minutes, the lights then became much brighter and commenced to move off at an apparent fast speed to the south for one minute. Although they were then at least 10 miles distance they appeared to hover for another two minutes then moved off tb the south where they gradually disappeared,at 10.30pm.

At about 9.50pm on 4th June,1966 I again sighted these lights from Lismore Heights also in a southerly direction. A number of persons in Lismore Heights also observed these lights which appeared to be about 3 miles distant from Lismore Heights and were slowly travelling south.

I drove to Robinson's Lookout and could still observe the lights,which then appeared to be over South Gundurimba and travelling almost due south. I drove to South Gundurimba and could still observe the lights,which appeared to be then about 500 feet up and about 1½ mile in front of me. I continued on on the Woodburn Road and on reaching the northern end of the Ruthven flat I observed to my right and about 1 mile in front of me the lights were still travelling south,but at a slow speed. I increased my speed and appeared to be catching up to the lights which were still about 500 feet up. After I had travelled about 1 mile the lights suddenly moved off at a very fast rate of speed and soon disappeared over the Ruthven hill. When I arrived at the Ruthven hill about one minute later I could still see the lights but they appeared to be then about 10-15 miles in front of me still travelling south. I kept the lights under observation for another minute until they disappeared from sight. On my return to Lismore I informed Inspector 2/C.Blake of the occurrence.

Since the 4th June,1966 these lights have been observed by a number of Police at this Station and numerous civilians. From my inquiries I have ascertained that the lights have been sighted as early as 7.20pm and as late as 4.30am, but in each instance they have been sighted in the south or west or anywhere between these two directions.

On occasions the lights have been seen,they disappear and reappear nearby shortly thereafter. On other occasions they have been observed in the south or west and travel across to the other direction. On one occasion the lights were observed in the south,they were seen to travel low behind a 100 feet high hill then shortly after reappear,travel up to about 800 feet then move off to the west,where they disappeared behind the hills. A number of persons stated that they had had relations or friends see the lights close up,but to date I have been unable to verify the bona fides of the informations.

J.P.Hobson

J.P.Hobson
Sergeant 3rd Class.

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UNCLAS A17. UFO PD FOLLOWING RECEIVED DESTRICT COMMISSIONER MADANG QUOTE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SMALL SHIP VESSEL TIARE CMM AERIAL LIGHT AND EXPLOSION SIGHTED 0430 HRS TODAY 27 AUG APPROX COURSE WEST TO EAST LOW ALTITUDE POSITION APPROX BLUB BLUB ISLAND UNQUOTE DCA HAS NO KNOWLEDGE

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IN REPLY QUOTE

29 AUG 1966

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

D/DAFI

UFO SIGHTING

Your 580/1/1(9) 22 Aug 66

1. Confirming telecon between SO Ops of this Headquarters and D/DAFI (Ops) on 24th August 1966, three copies of a report on a UFO sighting are returned herewith.

2. The town of Eucla where the sighting was made is located at such a distance from the nearest RAAF base that it is considered impractical for a RAAF officer to interview the person reporting the sighting.

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

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30 AUG 1966
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Ref. No. 3.1.6/4

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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Naval Intelligence Division,
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CANBERRA, A.C.T.

28 JUN 1966

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

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2. The UFO was first sighted on land near the coastline at 2150 IK; the period of observation lasted until 2205 IK when the object finally disappeared out to sea. The object was red in colour and sometimes turned white; flying movements were similar to that of a helicopter.

3. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, South Australia is forwarding this report from Constable Thomas referred to the Soviet Fisheries research trawler SESKAR which was reported off EUCLA on the night of the 14th June. It is believed that this vessel did not remain in the vicinity of EUCLA for more than 12 to 24 hours since it was on passage to Vladivostok. In any case SESKAR does not carry a helicopter. There seems to be no connection between the UFO report and SESKAR.

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DIRECTORATE OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

580/1/1(9)

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

UFO SIGHTING

Enclosed are three copies of a reported sighting of a UFO received through naval channels for on-forwarding to the nearest RAAF base to be investigated in accordance with the laid down policy.

(N.G. MARSHALL)
Wing Commander
For Director of Air Force Intelligence

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Refers to Encl 8 this file

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J. Director of Naval Intelligence.

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1. The original of enclosure ...7..... has been transferred to file DAFI (2/25/1 at enclosure 23.....

2. Details of the Original Enclosure

(a) Description of correspondence

(i) ~~Postagram~~)
(ii) ~~Letter~~) Delete or describe as necessary
(iii) ~~Message~~)
(iv) Other Papers)

(b) Originator .....DPR.....
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(c) Originator's reference .....574/3/58..... Date 16 Aug 58

(d) Subject .....UFO.....
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Date .....

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R E S T R I C T E D A16. REPORTS ON UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT(A) REPORT RECEIVED FROM ATBALMIN UNSIGHTED PISTON ENGINE AIRCRAFT OVERHEARD CMM IN CLOUD CMM AT 182300Z JUL(B) AIRCRAFT HEARD OVER AMBUNTI (BHUS 1025E) 0314222 AUG CMM POSSIBLY PISTON ENGINE . DCA HAVE NO RECORD OF AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER THESE PLACES

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Possibly local Mission Aircraft not UFO

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(159)

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
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5 AUG 1966

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI

UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded herewith is a report of a flying object by Mr R.L. Mould of Port Augusta SA. It appears that the investigating officer is of the opinion that the object was probably a meteorite.

2. This Headquarters has nothing further to add to this report.

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

Encl

REC'D. 8 AUG 1966 C.A.S.

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation..APPROX. 300 FEET IN HEIGHT LESS THAN 1000 YARDS AWAY FROM MR. MOULD APROX 45°

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....5,500 YARDS in 4 Sec approximately taken from Landmarks

20. Was the object stationary.....No.....

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

.....Slightly WEST of NORTH.....APPROX GRID REFERENCES (USING ABOVE MAP) FIRST SIGHTING OF OBJECT AT 715/640 (A)
LAST SIGHTING OF OBJECT AT 707/710 (B)

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. RICHARD L. MOULD ..... Age.... 33 .....

2. Address of Observer. LINCOLN PARK STATION ... PORT AUGUSTA

3. Occupation of Observer... GRAZIER .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)

.....1930hours on 9th JUNE 1966.....

5. Duration of Observation(s).. APPROXIMATELY 4 SECONDS .....

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

Lincoln Gap Special 1 Mile series. 708/658. in Vehicle. (C)

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7. Weather conditions at time(s) of observation(s). CLEAR SKY .....

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

NIL.

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

SUDDENLY APPEARED OUT OF SKY AND TRAVELLED ACCROSS PATH OF CAR FROM RIGHT TO LEFT FIRST SIGHTING FROM THE RIGHT FRONT OF MR MOULD LEVEL WITH EYE SIGHT.

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

..... LIGHT. .....

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

..... OBJECT. .....

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

..... ONE .....

13. What was the colour of the light or object. INCONDESCENT WHITE SPHERE WITH BLUE TAIL.....

14. What was its apparent shape.. SPHERICAL .....

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

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

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FIRST SIGHTING OF OBJECT AT 715/640 (A)

LAST SIGHTING OF OBJECT AT 707/710 (B)

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

STRAIGHT PATH.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. YES. BLUE IN COLOUR.

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

MID AIR.

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

NO.

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously. YES.

27. If so, give details on incident(s). METEORS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

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

RANGE OF HILLS BETWEEN OBSERVER AND OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 900 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, AND 7000 YARDS FROM OBSERVER.

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

NO.

30. Name and address of organisation.

- NA -

31. Any additional information. WHEN THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED SOME FRAGMENTS FELL FROM IT BUT DISAPPEARED ALSO. THE OBJECT WAS FLYING PARALLEL TO THE GROUND.

Signature of Observer

R. L. Mantell

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

NO.

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

NO.

34. Comments. See report attached

Signature of Interrogator

R R Bellchio S/Constable No. 1033

QUESTIONS 32, 33 and 34 to be answered by interrogator. Lubbock 19/4.

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

COMMENTS ON U.F.O.

From the report and answers to the questionaire, the following have been concluded :-

1. An unidentified flying object (spherical in shape and incondescent white with a blue tail) was observed by Mr. R.L. MOULD on 9th June, 1966 at 1930 hrs in the Port Lincoln area shown as point 'C' on the map attached.

2. The position of the U.F.O. first sighted is shown as point 'A' and travelled from South to North to point 'B'.

3. From the distance covered (4 miles) in the time taken (4 seconds) the speed works out to be 3,600 mph.

4. There was no known traffic of civil or a service nature in the area at the time, and no meteorological stations in the general area.

5. The report appears to be genuine and identification could be correct, as the observer has seen and identified Meteors on several occasions and does appear to know the difference.

6. No further conclusions can be made at this stage.

Cullen.

(L.R. CULLEN)
Flight Lieutenant

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OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR 45

FROM: H Q OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 01 AUG 66.

TO: DAFI ~~DEPARTMENT~~ OF AIRI

ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAILEY

REFERENCES: DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE - AERIAL SIGHTINGS.

DAFI 6.6.66

A report of an unidentified aerial sighting submitted to this Headquarters, as enclosed.

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? as a meteorite

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

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

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer ..... MR BENNELL ..... AGE .....
2. Address of observer ... 8 DUXFORD ST PADDINGTON NSW.
   ..... PHONE 282785 (WK) .....
3. Occupation of observer .....
4. Date and time of observation ... 28 July 1640 K .....
5. Duration of observation ..... 15 secs .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting .....
   ..... Rushcutters Bay Park .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .....
   ..... fine Virtually No cloud .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
   ..... NIL .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   ..... overhead .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    ..... Light .....
    .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....
    ..... Light .....
    .....
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? ..... One .....
    (b) in what formation were they? ..... — .....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? ... as a meteorite ...
14. What was its apparent shape? ..... NIL .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? ... NO .....

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

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

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)....45°....

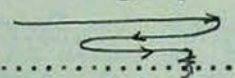
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)..APPROX THAT OF MM SATELLITES PREVIOUSLY SEEN....

20. Was the object stationary? ..yes for one or two seconds....

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

..from Rushcutters Bay Park towards the City (Kings Cross Way).

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



STRAIGHT AHEAD STOPPED
DOUBLED BACK STOPPED
THEN AHEAD AGAIN.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? ....

....No....

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

....Disappeared apparently in a Spiral behind trees....

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

....No....

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

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

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

....NIL....

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

30. Name and address of organisation ....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

..Sighting made while Mr Bennell was laying on his back after a practice run around the Park.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....NIL.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type..6 aircraft on Northern Sector 1835 - 1845. a Friendship let down at this time from FOSTER
Heading..bearing..close..to..one..on..Question...T

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the times:-.....

.....N.L APPLIC.....

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

at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO

position at the time.

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

.....N.L.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research ballonns).....

.....N.L.....

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

.....N.L.....

.....

39. The object reported could have been...a...Friendship...aircraft
...positioning...over...Pymble...locator...for...HMAS...approach...to...Sydney

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

.....HQ. OP. COM.....(Unit) .....(Name)
.....28 JULY 66.....(Date) .....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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OUR FILE: 5/15/1/air (43)

FROM: H Q OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 28 JUL 66

TO: DEPARTMENT OF AIR

ATTENTION: SQN LDR BAXTER

REFERENCES: DEPT OF AIR 550-1-1

DAFI

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE - AERIAL SIGHTINGS.

FPS DAFI 6.6.66

1. A report of an unidentified aerial sighting received from No 1 CRU is enclosed.

2. The objects refered to in this truly family report are not considered as a threat to the security of our country.

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12. If there was more than one object:-

* see para 31 (a) how many were there? three

(b) in what formation were they? .one.mainlight.one.smaller.one above and below

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

14. What was its apparent shape?..... no definite shape

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

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer ..... BROWNE Rodney ..... AGE ..... 37 .....
2. Address of observer ..... 25 Tasman Street, KURNELL NSW. .....
   ..... PHONE ..... 6689735 .....
3. Occupation of observer ..... Truck Driver .....
4. Date and time of observation ..... 10Jul66 1730Hrs-1800hrs .....
5. Duration of observation ..... 5-8 mins .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting ..... at home as above .....
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..... clear - some cloud in south .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation ..... eyes .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   .....east.in .sky.over.sea.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    .....light.....
    .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....
    .....light.only.....
    .....
12. If there was more than one object:-

* see para 31 (a) how many were there? ..... three .....

(b) in what formation were they? .one.mainlight.one.smaller.one above and below

13. What was the colour of the light or object? ...white.....
14. What was its apparent shape? ..... no definite shape .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? ..... no .....

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

17. Was there any sound? ....no....

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)....very high 40000-50000 ft....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)....seemed faster than conventional jet aircraft....

20. Was the object stationary? ....no....

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
SE over the sea - Sydney-Wollongong direction.

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

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

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

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

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? ....yes....

X 27. If so, give brief details of incident(s) The week before about 5Jul66 when lights were reported over Canberra saw a stationary glow in the hills over Caringbah time was about 1930 hrs glow disappeared after about 5 mins.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
none

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

30. Name and address of organisation ....n/a....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.
Wife and son also saw lights. Mr Browne states he saw only the one light. His wife and son said that there were smaller ones above and below.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....only one known aircraft military airborne at the time. This was a C130 from Williamtown to Richmond flying at 300ft.

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....QANTAS 707.....

Heading.....240.....T.....T.....T

Height.....35.....,000 ft.....descending,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....480.....K.....K.....K

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-.....

.....unknown.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....no record of any

at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO

position at the time.

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

.....no record of any phenomena at that time.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research ballonns).....nil.....

.....

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

.....

.....

39. The object reported could have been.....The QANTAS 707 although this did not land at Mascot until 1915hrs. It is not known whether this aircraft made a circuit prior to landing.

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined. The observers house is situated on the southerly headland of Botany Bay, diagonally opposite Mascot.

.....1CARU.....(Unit) .....(Name)

19JUL66

.....(Date) .....Pilot Officer.....(Rank)

Para 27 (continued)

Mr. Browne's 14 year old son Michael also saw a UFO over KURNELL at 8.10 PM on 21JUN66. He describes it as follows :

COLOUR:	Bright Orange-Red
VAPOUR TRAIL:	Nil
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:	South East
SIGHTING DURATION:	4 to 5 seconds
REMARKS :	Whole object appeared to be one bright light, shaded a darker colour at the bottom. It seemed greater in size than a passenger aircraft and was much higher than aircraft are over KURNELL. A drawing is attached.

21. 46 (42E)

8·10
N-N E



Color
Bright Orange Red

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SUBJECT: U.F.O Investigations

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The attached reports forwarded by HQ Ops Com are very encouraging. Though the results of the investigation are not conclusive they do show a conscientious and sensible approach, and some sort of liaison between Amberley and other interested authorities in the area. eg. State Observatory. Civil Aviation & Met Office.

J.K. Marshall Wg. Cdr
D/DAFI (OPS)

2 Aug 66

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Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

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

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

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

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

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(41)

27 JUL 1966

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

DAFI.

INTELLIGENCE - AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Two reports of unidentified aerial sightings received from Headquarters AMBERLEY are enclosed.

2. This headquarters concurs with the investigating officer in that Mr. Hawkswood's sighting was probably ECHO 1. No further information could be obtained on Miss Fordyce's sighting which is classified as unknown.

(A.J. GREEN)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

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

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

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

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

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer. MISS. ROSLYN. FORDYCE ..... AGE. 16 yrs.

2. Address of observer .1047...LYTTON...RD.....
..MURARIE.....QLD.....PHONE .9.04.125.....

3. Occupation of observer ..CLERK..TYPIST.....

4. Date and time of observation .1800 HRS...12.JUL.66.....

5. Duration of observation .ONE.HOUR, FIVE.MINUTES.(1800.-1905).

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

7. Weather conditions at time of observation .3/8..Sc..4000'.; 3/8 Ac 12.000'...VIS.30+m.../. OBSERVER REPORTED...VIS. GOOD..TIL. 1815 WHEN CLOUD STARTED TO BUILD UP

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
.....N.L.....
.....

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

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

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

12. If there was more than one object:-
(a) how many were there? TWO..OBJECTS..OR..ONE..APPEARED.TWICE
(b) in what formation were they? .....

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

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

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

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Was there any sound? NO

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) 60°

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) VARYING

20. Was the object stationary? ~~NIL~~ FOR AN PERIOD OF APPROX 50 mins

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

NW - SE

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all? OBSECT OBSERVED MOVING NW-SE FAIRLY RAPIDLY, THEN STOPPED FOR SOME TIME, MOVED OFF SLOWLY ON A ZIG-ZAG COURSE APPEARING TO RISE AND FALL ERRATICALLY

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? OBJECT HAD "TAIL LIKE A COMET" WHEN MOVING RAPIDLY

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

DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUD

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

NIL

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? NO

27. If so, give brief details of incidents N/A

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

18. OBSECT MOVING ACROSS SOUTHERN CROSS

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

30. Name and address of organisation

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

OBSECT VARIED IN INTENSITY OF BRIGHTNESS

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type..10..CANBERRAS RETURNING FROM WLM VIA CLG BETWEEN 1500 & 1900 HRS. SOME A/C ORBITED
Heading.....SEVERAL..TIMES...UNDER..INSTRUCTION..FROM ATC
Height.....,000 ft .....,000 ft.....,000 ft HEIGHTS BETWEEN 10,000' & 25000'

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

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

Aircraft type..NIL CIVIL A/C ON SE HEADING BUT MANY A/C WERE USING THE 180°M DIVERSION FROM BRISBANE AIRPORT
Heading.....T.....T.....T

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-..STARS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS BUT THESE WERE IDENTIFIED BY OBSERVER

35. A meteorological balloon was released from..MET AUTHORITIES STATE NO BALLOONS COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME
at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO

position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that THERE WERE No aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time. ~~were~~

.....NIL.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research ballonns).....
OBSERVATORY STATES THAT A SATELITE WOULD NOT BE VISIBLE FOR THE REPORTED LENGTH OF TIME

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

.....

.....

39. The object reported could have been A NUMBER OF ORBITING CANBERRA AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT DIFFERENT TIMES BUT THE FACT THAT THE OBJECT WAS STATIONARY FOR SO LONG SEEMS TO PRECLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY

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

.....(Unit) .....(Name)
..13 JUL 66.....(Date) ...FLT LT.....(Rank)

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer MR. K. N. HAWKSWOOD AGE 39
2. Address of observer 8 CHESTER ST., CHARLEVILLE. Q'LD
   PHONE OFFICE HOURS, CHARLEVILLE 34
3. Occupation of observer METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER.
4. Date and time of observation 08Jul66 1855Z (LOCAL)
5. Duration of observation 5 MINUTES
6. Observers location at time of sighting AT CHARLEVILLE AIRFIELD
7. Weather conditions at time of observation 7/8 Sc BASE 7000', NIL PRECIPITATION VIS 35nm. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE BELOW CLOUD BASE.
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation NIL
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon). WAS FIRST NOTICED OUT OF THE CORNER OF OBSERVER'S EYE AS IT APPEARED TO TRAVEL ABOVE A BELT OF TREES BORDERING THE AIRFIELD
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise). LIGHT, NOTICED OUT OF THE CORNER OF EYE
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? AS A LIGHT
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? ONLY ONE
    (b) in what formation were they? -
13. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT WHITE, TURNED BRILLIANT RED, DISAPPEARED, REAPPEARED AS WHITE LIGHT, TURNED RED AND DISAPPEARED AGAIN
14. What was its apparent shape? ROUND
15. Was any detail of structure observable? NO

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Was there any sound? Nil Sound

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) About 5°

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Approx 20° in 2 minutes

20. Was the object stationary? Moving Rapidly Initially. Then Stationary

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

Travelled on a NW track from ESE of Point of Observation to ENE of Point of Observation

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

Straight Path

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? Object

Appeared as a Light - No trail of any kind

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

In Mid Air

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

None except that a Mr Kelly, Aeradio Operator was called and also saw the object when it was stationary

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? No

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

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

He is a Met. Observer and accustomed to studying the movement of Met. Balloons

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

30. Name and address of organisation N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

The object appeared larger than any star or planet ever seen by the observer. Travelled very rapidly and did not appear to decelerate before becoming stationary. Reappearance was for about 30 secs and in a slightly different position further along its track

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....Nil.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....Nil.....

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:-.VENUS IN NE SKY AT 15° ALTITUDE, SIRIUS IN SE SKY AT 5° ALTITUDE, RIGEL DUE EAST AT 20° ALTITUDE

35. A meteorological balloon was released from..NO MET BALLOONS at~~.....Z and~~ could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that THERE WERE No aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time ~~were~~ .....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research balloons).OBSERVATORY STATES THAT OBJECT WAS MOST PROBABLY ECHO 1 WITH LIGHT REFRACTION CAUSING COLOUR CH

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

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39. The object reported could have been...ECHO 1.....

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

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

.....13 Jul 66.....(Date) .....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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Encl. Nos Referring to Incident	Place of Sighting	Date of Sighting	Brief Summary of Details & Conclusions reached	
53	Raden Melb.	5 May	Raden Plot Grop Dunday Comet	15 Jun 66
54	Dalby Hobart	16	Object Circular dist Green flash	
		17	Object hovering between Hobart 10 minutes	Insufficient Info (Silv) 16 Aug 66
		18 May	Eye Met observer, angle + elevate 100 yrs with balloon	
			movement 230/66 : Assumed probably Met balloon.	16 Aug
55	Whittlesea	29 May	Steady Object-gliding in sim similar to kite/balloon Aircraft	16 Aug
57	Wangaratta	7 Jun	flying across sky-like sky writer/vapour trail. Aircraft.	16 Aug
58	Port Agusta	21 Jun	bright spherical object travelling S to N.	—
59	Springvale (Vic)	13 Jun	Travelling E-W Red, green & White light (flickering) Aircraft	16 Aug
60	Mentone (Vic)	23 Jun		
61	NA Evelyn (Vic) 142°S 166°18E			
63	HMAS Anzac	5 May	Fast object bearing trails (Not for Aust UFO List) Aircraft	

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2	Murarrie (Qld)	12 Jul 66	1800 hrs Bright light — varying.	Insufficient Info
2	Charleville (Qld)	8 Jul 66	ou 5 5: 5 mins: bright light changing colour.	Echo I
3	Kurnell (NSW)	10 Jul 66	1730-1800: light.	
4	Paddington (NSW)	5 July 66	1640: light. 15 seconds duration	
	Port Augusta (SA)	9 Jun 66	1920: light	
+9	Euda Blob Blob Island	26 Jun 66	light	
			0430 hours	
	Mildura	27 Aug	aerial light and explosion with bang heard/felt.	
		24 Jul	1010 pm	
	Lismore	3 June	9200 pm	
	Gosnells WA	25 May	1845 pm	
	—	28 May	1025 pm lights	
	Sunshine Vic	17 Aug 66	840-850 pm lights.	aircraft
3	Beaumaris Vic	23 Jun 66	955 pm light.	
3	N Sunshine Vic	mid Aug	503 pm light	
4	Kununurra	4/5 Aug	2354 WST lights	
	Middle Park Vic	6 Sep	655 pm light	satellite
	— Vic	6 Sept 66	2200-2230 pm light	
	Fawkner Vic	4 Sep	0415 — light.	
	Nth Melbourne	19 Oct	1945 pm light 8 mins	met balloon.
	Mum	7 Oct	1850 hrs light 10 mins	Echo 1
1	Ballarat Vic	Jun 28; Jul 3, 4, 6, 7, 14, 22 Aug 23, 26, 27 Sep 31, May 5	(various times) light various	Jinglies?

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	PA GB		

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