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SUBJECT:

REPORTS ON FLYING SAUCERS AND AERIAL OBJECTS

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Mrs I.F. Hodgson
5 Kay Court
Box Hill North
VICTORIA 3129

Dear Madam, Dear Mrs Hodgson,

1. On investigation of your report of an aerial object observed on the night of the 27th August; the most logical explanation seems to be that an aircraft, or a helicopter, was approaching Essendon airport prior to landing.

2. It should be remembered that viewing a moving light from a moving car will produce strange illusions which nearly always have a simple explanation.

3. The bright lights were probably landing lights, which are in the wings, and move in an arc when extended for landing. These lights are very powerful and have a very directional beam, which causes an apparent decrease in brightness if not viewed directly from the front. If this is coupled with an aircraft turning, the changes in brightness are explained. The appearance and disappearance of the red light could be explained by the fact that an aircraft has a red light on the left wing tip and a green light on the right wing tip, and as the aircraft turned, the red light would be hidden by the fuselage of the aircraft. The green light may not have been seen as it does not stand out as much as the red light.

4. From your diagram of the path taken by the object, it appears to have followed a pattern similar to that flown by aircraft using radio beacons on their approach at Essendon.

5. The reason for you viewing the object over such a long period is that the evening is a particularly busy period at Essendon, and the lights were not from one object, but fromseveral aircraft all following the same path into the airfield.

6. The radar equipment at Essendon and Tullamarine did not show anything other than normal aircraft traffic. Furthermore the area in which the lights were observed would have placed the object close to aircraft landing at Melbourne. We have received no reports from pilots, aircrews or passengers of any objects near them at that time.

7. You can rest assured that the lights which you saw although understandably mystifying at the time, can be readily explained by natural phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

(J.P.W. PEMBRIDGE)
Wing Commander
For Chief of the Air Staff

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Herewith particulars of a UFO sighting submitted by Mrs I.F. HODGSON of Box Hill North, viz:

a. Questionnaire pro-forma
b. Written Report
c. Sketch.

2. Attention is drawn to remarks by C Intell O at paras 32-34 of the pro-forma, and to the information requested by the observer on page 6 of the report.

F.O. Knudsen
(F.O. KNUDSEN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Annexes:
1. Pro-forma
2. Report
3. Sketch

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

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

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

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....

20. Was the object stationary? At one stage it seemed so for about 2 minutes.

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

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Mrs Isabel Flora Hodgson ... Age 52.
2. Address of Observer 5 Kay Court Box Hill North 3129 Victoria
3. Accupation of Observer House duties
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
27-8-68 6-55 pm till ~~2H~~ 7-50 pm
5. Duration of Observation(s) 1 hours (one) approx.
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
Near to Belmore Rd-Greythorn Rd crossing Balwyn Vic
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s)
Fine & 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) above a very bright star which was slightly to the right of direction we were travelling (West).
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
LIGHT and glow
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
13. What was the colour of the light or object? Like a bright star but sometimes a dull light.
14. What was its apparent shape? Couldn't tell
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
20. Was the object stationary? At one stage it seemed so for about 2 minutes.
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? It did all these things at different times.

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 in west or North Westerly direction

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 J.F. Hodgson

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. Between 1911 & 1951K, six aircraft landed ESSENDON on runway 35, on normal flight operations. NO night VMC aircraft operating from TULLAMARINE in Melbourne area.

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area. NO met balloons released until 2100K. NO visible satellite passes at this time.

34. Comments DCA have recently shifted southbound track from overflying PRESTON area to east of PLENTY, which now takes aircraft over BOXHILL, CAMBERWELL, H'THORN & KEW areas. Runway 35 in use at ESS this night, requiring southern approach. As observations of a moving object taken from a moving vehicle can be quite misleading assess these sightings of aircraft on approach, testing landing lights before finals.

Signature of Interrogator [signature] FLT LT CINTELLO

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.

On the night of 27th August 1968 my three daughters (aged 21, 18 & 14) & I left home at about 10 to 7 in a car & began travelling almost in a westerly direction. For most of the time we were travelling in this direction along Belmore Rd, as we had done for the past 7 nights to visit my husband, who was in Botham Clinic Hospital, Kew. Also as we had done on these nights we looked at a certain star which shone brightly in what I would say was the West N.W sky, when all of a sudden as we got to the corner of Greythorn & Belmore Rds., I noticed a bright light above and slightly to the Right of the star. I remarked about it & said it didn't look like a star, as it had a bright glow all round it. Jokingly I said it was a space ship & noticed it moved quickly up & further to the right at the same time. Then it began to travel in an easterly direction, & as it drew level with us we decided to stop & watch it, at Balwyn Rd shopping centre. It seemed to be a fair ½ way from us. We watched it travelling East for about 2 minutes then it seemed to stop & hang there for about 2 mins. By this time it was about 7 pm & as visiting hours at the

hospital were 7 to 8 pm we had to leave. We had about 1¾ miles to travel to the end of Harp Rd (continuation of Belmore Rd) As we began to move, still westwards, we noticed this glowing thing start to move in a westerly direction. I suppose it took us 3 or 4 minutes to get to the end of Harp Rd., & by the time we got there this thing was also there, in the sky, & yet it had been a long way past us to the East when we left Balwyn Rd. At this stage we wondered if it was following us.

We turned left into High St. Kew & travelled about 100 yards, & then turned left into Adeney Avenue, a very dark road with a park (Victoria Park) running along the Right side for ⅔ of the length of it. Adeney Ave is between ½ & ¾ of a mile long. Ours was the only vehicle travelling in the street.

As we turned into Adeney Ave I looked out of the back window & saw this thing in a direct line with Adeney Ave & moving towards us. As we continued it got closer to us & the glow seemed brighter; it was definitely not as high as it had been when alongside Belmore Rd. It only took us about a minute to travel along Adeney Ave, as we

were convinced this thing was following us, by now. It was not completely overhead — it was still visible through the back window. We drove left quickly into the front driveway of the hospital and disappeared from the view of the thing in the sky, as this hospital has parking bays right round the edge of it with the 2-story building on top. One of my daughters rushed to the front of the Hospital & watched the thing (the one aged 18) I watched from the Cotham Rd side of the Hospital thinking it may continue straight ahead, but it did not. We all came together again & found that only the girl aged 18 had seen it turn left & travel Eastwards about 50 yards away. She said it seemed to have red lights which made it look very red from the angle she saw it. At no time earlier did it appear to have bright red lights or flashing red lights — there just seemed to be a glow. We went into the Hospital then & it was about 6 minutes past 7 then. My husband was a walking patient so we were able to go up to the Roof of the Hospital with him. By about 8 minutes past 7 we were on the Roof & saw this

bright thing with the glow coming in a westerly direction towards the Hospital & probably 50 yards or so to the left of us. My husband said he thought it was a helicopter. There was no noise. It seemed to have a light in front. At almost the same time approximately 9 minutes past 7 by now, an aeroplane with flashing red lights became visible to the right of the other thing & coming towards the Hospitals right side. The engines could be heard, if that is what they are called. The thing that we had been watching seemed to be on the same height level as the plane, but this may not have been so.

It would appear that this glowing thing, after we disappeared into the Hospital parking bays, turned left & continued in an easterly direction to approximately Box Hill & then came back. Perhaps it was looking for us.

We spent the evening from about 12 minutes past 7 till 8pm in the Television Room of the Hospital on 2nd floor with my husband. Wide windows on the West side enabled us

to look towards the city & suburbs in a half circle & we were able to see this thing manouvring round this area 4 or 5 times for the next 38 minutes. It would come in the direction of the hospital, only a long way off, & then turn, & as it turned its light would shine very brightly & then become dull again. Once as it turned it appeared to me to have pale red lights flashing at the back of it. At each sighting it would just disappear out of sight as it got further away. Once I watched it fly across the sky to the North I think it would be, & it obscured the star I spoke of earlier, in the West North West sky. About 10 to 8 was the last time we saw it. The sky clouded over & it was very black, so on our journey home no stars or lights were visible. We left the hospital at 8:05.

At about 10-15 pm the sky cleared partially, at least in the North. I was outside & saw Red flashing lights come from behind a cloud & heard a plane's engine. It headed south

west for a second or two & then turned & went Eastwards & disappeared eventually. While that plane's red lights were still visible, another plane appeared from the same direction & flew away to the East also.

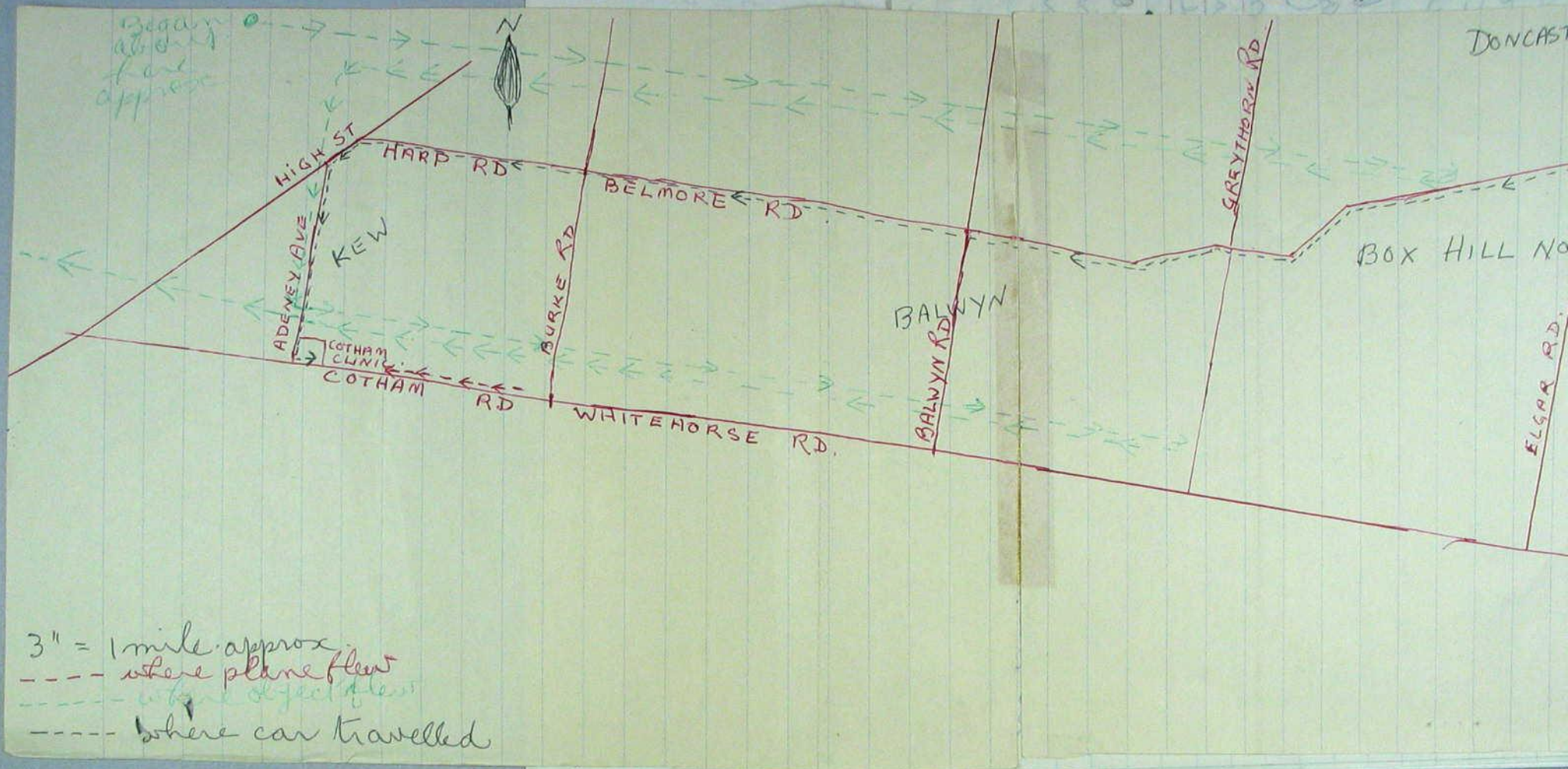
At 9 pm that evening I rang the Herald office & spoke with a Reporter on duty, reporting a strange object in the sky. He said I was the third person to ring & report an object or light in the sky, over the area Balwyn - Kew - Heidelberg.

If it could be proved that this thing seen by my daughters & I in the sky was only an helicopter could you let me know, as I prefer to know it was "just an helicopter" rather than an object from space.

May I beg your pardon for being so long sending this report & trust that my writing is not too unreadable.

Sincerely
Mrs J Hodgson
5 Kay Court Box Hill North 3129.

5-9-1968.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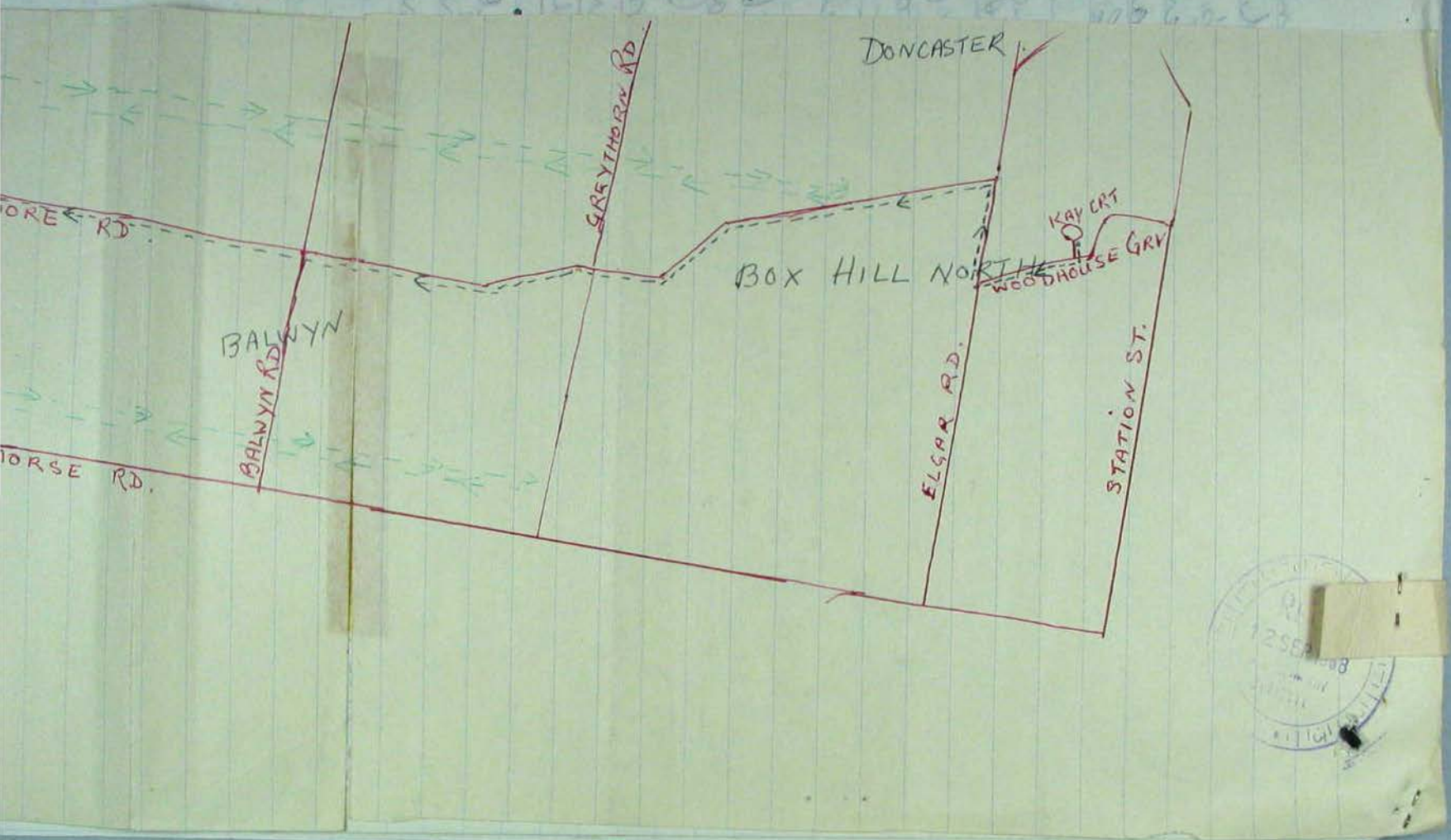
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached is a report of an unidentified flying object sighted by Mr D.J. Buchanan.

John C. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Intelligence - Report of Aerial Object Observed

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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 LIGHT.....

14. What was its apparent shape?.....COULD NOT DEFINE.....

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

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer D.J. BUCHANAN AGE 52

2. Address of observer WALKER PLACE

CHURCH POINT PHONE 992169

3. Occupation of observer RETAILER

4. Date and time of observation SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH 1968 APP. 7-45 PM — 8-00 PM

5. Duration of observation approx 12 MINS.

6. Observers location at time of sighting ORBIT (D.J. BUCHANAN)

STRAIGHT MOVEMENT — JOAN + D.J. BUCHANAN

7. Weather conditions at time of observation PERFECT

NO CLOUD NO WIND NO MOON.

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation

ONE 50MM TELESCOPE - BUT

NAKED EYE BETTER.

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

DUE WEST ABOVE HILLS ELEVATION APPROX 25°.

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

MOVEMENT OF LIGHT

THE OBJECT WAS SOUNDLESS.

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

DISTANCE TOO GREAT.

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 LIGHT.

14. What was its apparent shape? COULD NOT DEFINE

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) 25° APP.

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) COULD NOT DEFINE BUT MOVED SLOWER THAN SATELITES

20. Was the object stationary? AT NO TIME

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

90° MOVEMENT AFTER △ ORBIT FROM WEST TO SOUTH.

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

1ST SIGHTING IT ORBITED IN A △ AS SHOWN OVERLEAF THEN MOVED APPROX STRAIGHT.

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 NEARBY HILLS TO THE SOUTH.

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? NEVER

27. If so, give brief 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 organization interested in aerial phenomena?

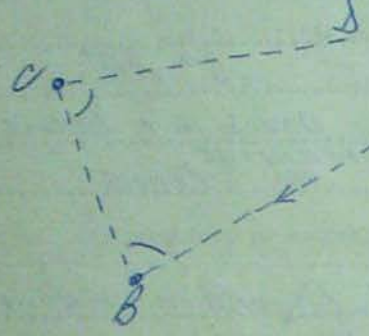
NO BUT I'M THINKING OF JOINING U.F.O.N.

30. Name and address of organisation

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

The orbit as first made is my important observation. There is no possible doubt of the authenticity of this △ course. On its completion I ran to the house and my wife and I then observed the object move Southward.

angles at B & C were particularly sharp.



Observed first sighted at A approx 1945. Elevation 20/25° due west of Church Point.
It moved to B taking about 5-7 seconds.
B to C about 5 seconds.
Then C to D.
I ran to the house when the object arrived at D.
My wife & I returned immediately down to the jetty and waited five minutes but could see nothing. The object then re-appeared at approx 1950 at an elevation of 25-27° and proceeded roughly in a straight course to the South.
This took about 10 mins.
We last sighted of the object behind trees & the hill immediately to our South.
At no time till disappearance was the object near to the crest of nearby hills. It was perfectly discernable and completely unmistakable. S.

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..2 DC9 AND 1 DC9 OUTBOUND FROM SYDNEY 1 727 INBOUND TO SYDNEY.....

Heading.....013....T.....013....T.....182....T

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

Speed.....350.....K.....140.....K.....400.....K

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

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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

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

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

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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.....Aircraft detailed at 33.....

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

HEADQUARTERS. OPERATIONAL COMMAND see 39.
R.A.A.F.. PENRITH. 1W. N.S.W

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

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REPORT ON UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached is a report of an un-identified aerial object sighted by Sqn Ldr B.J. GRAF on 9th September 1968.

2. This Headquarters has no further remarks to add to those of the Investigating Officer, Flg Off J. O'DONNELL.

(F.O. KNUDSEN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Annex:
1. UFO Report
2. Invest'g Officer's Report

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....Object appeared to be just above the cloud layer (ie 5000') I was looking straight down.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....Fast - I estimated at least 500 kts.....

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

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

approximately 230 m object was observed from about 5 miles north of Laverton to approximately overhead Avalon

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Sqn Ldr B.J. Graf Age 31

2. Address of Observer RAAF LAVERTON

3. Occupation of Observer RAAF Officer (Pilot)

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

9th September 1968 1628K

5. Duration of Observation(s) Maximum 1 minute (probably 30 seconds)

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

Airborne at FL 210 overhead LAVERTON

Carrying out shallow left hand turn from 040 to 020 m positioning for UDF descent

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) Fine vis 20 NMS

Cloud 5 to 6/8 CU Base 3500ft tops 5000ft temp 14 c DP 7 C QNH 1023mbs

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.

Below and in front of observer's aircraft

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

Reflection and speed of object

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

As reflection from a shiny surface

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

Only one object

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

14. What was its apparent shape. possibly a triangle

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 Object appeared to be just above the cloud layer (ie 5000') I was looking straight down

19. Speed, or angular velocity Fast - I estimated at least 500 kts

20. Was the object stationary NO

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

approximately 230 m object was observed from about 5 miles north of Laverton to approximately overhead Avalon

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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.

Apparently into cloud about overhead Avalon airfield

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 17 and 18.

RAAF Pilot of 8 years experience - Test Pilot

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 See attached sheet

B.J. Graf

Signature of Observer (B.J. GRAF)
Squadron Leader

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

One Winjeel proceeding from low-flying area north of Avalon to Point Cook at 200 feet AGL

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

Laverton - Essendon

34. Comments RAAF Sector 1 (RADAR) observed only 2 ACFT in the area the Sabre flown by Sqn Ldr Graf and the Winjeel mentioned in para 32

John O'Donnell

Signature of Interrogator (J. O'DONNELL)
Flying Officer

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.

...itional Information

1. I was flying at FL 210 in a Sabre aircraft overhead RAAF LAVERTON at the time of the sighting. I was homing overhead for a UDF let down in a shallow left turn from 040° m to 020° m when I observed what appeared to be a fast moving aircraft (I thought it must have been a Mirage) below me on the left hand side. It first appeared from under the nose of the aircraft about 5 miles due north of LAVERTON and was observed to rapidly travel about 230° m from this point to about overhead AVALON airfield when it appeared to disappear into cloud. The object appeared to be an aircraft, but its features were not distinct and I observed it as a reflection off the top surface. The object appeared to be just above the 6/8 to 7/8 cloud cover, the tops of which I checked later on the descent to be 5000 feet.

2. Initially I was just curious at the aircraft travelling so fast but as I was on a controlled descent and the aircraft travelled directly through the let down lane I queried the Homer on the aircrafts movements. They checked both MELBOURNE Radar and AVALON Airfield and reported no aircraft was airborne in this area. This concerned me because I had often seen Mirage Aircraft on fast low level runs in almost the same area flying from AVALON and I considered that a mistake had been made. I asked Homer to recheck and again the answer was negative.

3. At the time I was flying with my visor up, with the sun about abeam at the 9 o'clock position. I considered the possibility of a reflection of the canopy so I experimented for some minutes attempting to reproduce reflections, something similar to what I had seen - I could not. However after thinking further I considered this to be an unlikely explanation for the following reasons:

a. The aircraft was almost steady when the speed of the object below caught my eye.

b. The object was well below the aircraft and I am sure I could estimate its altitude relative to the cloud reasonably well.

c. In observing the objects flight path I turned my head quite appreciably to keep it in view.

d. I was so convinced the object was a Mirage on a low level high speed run that I was concerned that the ATC reports of no aircraft airborne must have been a mistake.

B.J. Graf

(B.J. GRAF)
Squadron Leader

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED LAVERTON 9 SEP 1968
REF LAV MSG A295 DATED 10 SEP 1968

1. Appropriate agencies were contacted regarding this sighting and the following information was ascertained.

a. Aircraft in the Area. RAAF Sector 1 (Radar) reported accurately the only two aircraft operating in the area, ie, the Sabre flown by Sqn Ldr Graf and a Winjeel proceeding from the low flying area north of AVALON to POINT COOK at 200 feet AGL. On questioning, ATC and Fire personnel at AVALON airfield reported no unusual sights or sounds at the time of the sighting.

b. Met Balloons Released. The only Met balloon released within 30 minutes of the sighting was a 100gm balloon released from LAVERTON at 1415K. At the time of sighting this balloon should have attained an altitude of between 10,000 and 15,000 feet.

c. Meteorological Phenomena. No meteorological phenomenon, which could explain the sighting, has been reported.

d. Weather in the Area. Weather at time of sighting was fine with visibility of 20 nms and $\frac{5}{8}$ to 6/8 cloud, base 3500 feet and tops 5000 feet. Surface wind was 080°/2kts and wind at 5000 feet was 200°/10kts.

e. No other reports concerning this sighting have been received.

2. It is emphasised that the Sabre and Winjeel were under constant radar observation before and at the time of the sighting and it is considered that an intruding aircraft would have been observed by the radar operator.

3. No explanation of the sighting can be suggested.

John O'Donnell

(JOHN O'DONNELL)
Flying Officer
UFO Investigating Officer

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A295 FOR C INTELL T AND DAFI PD UFO REPORTPD AT 1628K ON MONDAY 9SEP68 CMM SQN LDR B J GRAF CMM PILOT OF ARDU CMM ADVISED LAVERTON APPROACH CONTROLLER OF THE FOLLOWING CLN A SHINING OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE TRAVELLING ON A TRACK OF ABOUT 230 DEGREES M CMM FROM A POINT 5 MILES NORTH OF LAVERTON TO ABOUT OVERHEAD AVALON CMM WHERE IT SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR INTO CLOUD PD AT TIME OF SIGHTING THE OBSERVER WAS FLYING A SABRE OVERHEAD LAVERTON AT FL210 IN A SHALLOW LEFT TURN FROM 040DEGREES M TO 020 DEGREES M PD WEATHER WAS FINE VIS 20 NMS CLOUD 5 TO 6/8 BASE 3500FT TOPS 5000 FT PD IMMEDIATE CHECKS WITH RAAF SECTOR 1 (RADAR) AND OTHER ATC AGENCIES CONFRIMED THAT ONLY ONE ACFT APART FROM THE SABRE WAS AIRBORNE IN THE AREA PD THIS WAS A WINJEEL PROCEEDING FROM THE LOW-FLYING AREA NORTH OF AVALON TO POINT COOK AT 200FT AGL PD NO EXPLANATION AT THIS STAGE CMM INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS AND FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW

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MEMORANDUM

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OUR FILE 5/15/1/Air (84) 48

FROM Headquarters Operational Command

DATE 5 Sep 68

TO DAFI Dept of Air

ATTENTION

REFERENCES 580-1-1 PRS DAFI 5 668

SUBJECT UFO Sighting Report

Forwarded herewith is UFO Sighting Report received from Mr M. FLOYER of West Pymble NSW.

Refers Folio 31

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE - INTERMITTENT RED LIGHT FROM EAR SIDE OF

14. What was its apparent shape? (.....) OBJECT.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? ...NIL.....

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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 M FLOWER AGE 47

2. Address of observer 41 WYOMEE AVE

WEST PYMBLE PHONE 446 746

3. Occupation of observer ARTIST

4. Date and time of observation 24 1500 Z AUG 68

5. Duration of observation 1-2 MINUTES

6. Observers location at time of sighting

INSIDE THE HOUSE

7. Weather conditions at time of observation

CLEAR

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).

OVER HORIZON

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

BRIGHT 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? WHITE - INTERMITTENT RED LIGHT FROM FAR SIDE OF OBJECT

14. What was its apparent shape? (...)

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)...20°.....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity).ABOUT AS FAST AS A JET.

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

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

.....FROM...N..TO..S.....

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..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.

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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.

..MAINTAINED..STEADY..SPEED..ACROSS..THE..SKY.
..THERE..ALSO..SEEMED..TO..BE..A..BEAM..OF..LIGHT.
..BETWEEN..THE..OBJECT..&..THE..GROUND.....

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....DC-4.....

Heading...170°.....T.....T.....T

Height...2-3.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 ABOVE MENTIONED DC-4 FLYING BETWEEN THE NDB AT PYMBLE AND MASCOT. THE BEAM OF LIGHT COULD HAVE BEEN LANDING LIGHTS.

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

1 CARU .....(Unit) J. R. BARNES .....(Name)

2 SEP 68 .....(Date) PLT OFF .....(Rank)

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MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE: 97 S/15/1/AIR (30)

FROM: HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 3 SEP 68

TO: DEPARTMENT OF AIR — ATTENTION: DAFI

REFERENCES: DAFI SEC-1-1 5 6 68

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING REPORTS

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF TWO UFO SIGHTING REPORTS SUBMITTED BY MR R.D. SMITH OF WICKHAM NSW AND MR A.A. CORMACK OF WOODVILLE S.A.

REC'D - 5 SEP 1968 C.A.S.

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5) Your ref. 5/2/Air(42)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer Ronald David Smith ..... AGE. 40 years...
2. Address of observer 28 Bishopgate Street, Wickham. 2293.....
   ..... PHONE .....
3. Occupation of observer Licensed Electrical Contractor.....
4. Date and time of observation 18-8-68. Time not recorded. Approx. 8 mins. before notification R.A.A.F. Williamtown. (Vicinity 8.00 P.M.)
5. Duration of observation .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting Back-yard - 28 Bishopgate Street - between Charles & Wickham Streets. Wickham.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .Cool night, clear sky..... wind nil.....
8. Describe any aids or 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).
   About 5 degrees west of directly overhead.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    My 11 year old son, David's question? "Is that a star or a plane?" (i.e. Moving light - No noise.)
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....
    ..... Light only.....
    .....
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? .....Not applicable.....
    (b) in what formation were they? ....."....."....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? ..Bright White.....
14. What was its apparent shape? Appeared similar in size and shape as one of the 3 or 4 large stars nearby. (Within a 10 deg. cone of observation overhead).
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). Appeared 40,000 ft. or over.

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Angular Velocity - Approx. 70 deg. in 12 minutes.

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

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

Approx. S.S. East.

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 a near-by building. (About 25 deg. above horizontal.)

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) ....Not applicable.....

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
Trained as a pilot R.A.A.F. - own aircraft - experienced estimator - current aircrew licence.....

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

.....Yes.....

30. Name and address of organization Ultra-light Aircraft Association of Australia - Bankstown Aerodrome.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Sighting continued by wife and 3 children whilst I was on phone to.... RAAF Williamtown. About 20 minutes later an aircraft followed a southerly path from overhead showing a large yellowish light and..... accompanied by engine noise (about 9,000 ft.) ½ Hr. later still another aircraft - N.N. Easterly path - yellowish lights - engine noise (about 8,000 ft.)

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

NIL

Aircraft type .....

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:-

See para 31.

Aircraft type .....

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

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

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

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

N/A

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

at 1100 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

not consistent with sighting .....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

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

ECHO TWO in N-S orbit visible Sydney 1941 local AZIMUTH 296° Elevation 70°

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

Not conclusive but probably as in 39.

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

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

HQWLM .....(Unit) J.F. REDDY .....(Name)

26 Aug 68 .....(Date) Flt Lt .....(Rank)

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Headquarters
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Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH NSW 2750

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Enclosed please find transcriptions of reports of UFOs sent to this unit by Mr. A.A.CORMACK.

(J. SAUNDERS)
Flying Officer
For Officer Commanding

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer. Alfred Andrew CORMACK Age. 66

2. Address of observer. 37 Glen Iouffie St Woodville S.A. 5011

Phone. 451119

3. Occupation of observer. T.P.I.

4. Date and time of observation. 21/10/68 1700Hrs.

5. Duration of observation. 30 mins.

6. Observers location at time of sighting. above adress

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Clear N.W.

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). in southern sky

10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise). Pointed out by neighbour

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

.....like a pale star.....

.....

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 ?..white....

14. What was its apparent shape ?.....spot of white.....

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)...20°.....

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

20. Was the object stationary ?..nearly.....

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

.....very slowly east.....

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 ?

.still visible when observer went inside.....

.../3

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

.....no photographs.....

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 organization.....

.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Observed by at least six people in the area. Two high to be a kite. Was a skeptic previously.....

Light aircraft and commercial aircraft flew in the vicinity.....

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Interviewer.

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....Busy period at West Beach.....

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

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

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

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

.....-.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from

.....-.....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

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

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

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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.....

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

11 Sqdn.....(Unit).....JOHN SAUNDERS.....(Name)

26AUG68.....(Date).....Flt.Off.....(Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. JANET F. VANDERTOUW ..... Age. 20.
2. Address of Observer. 2 STEWART STREET, ORMOND, 3204
3. Accupation of Observer... SECRETARY / RECEPTIONIST.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
   23rd JULY, 1968 ..... 5:30 P.M. 1730 1730
5. Duration of Observation(s) .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
   WALKING UP HOPE ST. SOUTH. S.W
   YARRA, TOWARDS DOMAIN ST, FROM TOORAK ROAD...
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s). CLEAR SKY,...
   NOT BRIGHT SUN, ~~CLEE~~ GOOD LIGHT .....
8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the Observation)
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   .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc)
   IN THE SKY IN FRONT OF ME .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
    BRIGHT LIGHT .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? See NOTE on
    ROUND BALL OF BRIGHT LIGHT / back page 2.
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? BRIGH YELLOW + ORANGE
14. What was its apparent shape? ROUND TO OVAL .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? —
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO .....
17. Was there any sound? NO .....
18. Height, or angle of elevation. about 30° .....
19. Speed, or angular velocity. falling slowly .....
20. Was the object stationary? No .....
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
    falling vertically .....

.../2.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? FALLING VERTICALLY BUT NOT KEEPING A EXACT STRAIGT LINE — LIKE SO

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon? didnt wait to find out

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

—

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.

~~it was~~ The figures given were

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
VISCOUNT A/C ON 145 OVER MERB, LANDED ESS 1732K
ELECTRA A/C EX LANCESTON LANDED ESS 1725K
CLOUD COVER 4/8 @ 3,000'

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

34. Comments probably the VISCOUNT a/c - changing color from "burning" to "bright" consistent with reflected sunlight at high altitude and no reflection when level
Assessed as aircraft sighting

Signature of Interrogator [signature] FLT LT C INTELLO

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.

P.T.O.

Dear Sir,

I firstly saw a very bright burning round to oval shape ball. This was what attracted my attention. It was falling to the ground with a smoke tail. First of all I thought it was a plane crashing but realized it wasn't. After a few seconds it stopped burning and I saw a black ball falling with a smoke tail. I did not wait to see where it went.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer MRS. BARBARA DAVIDSON ... Age 32 yrs

2. Address of Observer 105 HUSBAND ROAD FOREST HILL 3131

3. Occupation of Observer SHOP ASSISTANT

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
3/8/68 ~~6.35 am~~ 6.25 AM

5. Duration of Observation(s) APPROX. 5 MINS.

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
Driving along Serpels Road, Templestowe at first + then when stationary at the top of the hill in Foote Street Templestowe.

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s) Clear, windy but still dark

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)
In the sky in front of me.

10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
One very large white light, Very bright.

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?
Only as white light at first but this light went out + then the only lights on it were several red lights flickering in a line.

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? White at first + then several red lights

14. What was its apparent shape? Not known as it was dark at the time.

15. Was any detail of structure observable? NO

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Was there any sound? Not that I could hear

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

19. Speed, or angular velocity NOT KNOWN

20. Was the object stationary? Appeared to be at first + then moved off slowly.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
Approx. S.S.W. Roughly towards Melbourne City.

.../2.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
Appeared to be on a 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?
In 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? 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 18 and 19.
ELEMENTARY.

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. At first I thought the white light ~~was~~ was the head light of an aeroplane but I am under the impression they have two head lights. With reference to the red lights I would say there were approx 6-8 of these + I couldn't find the green light that planes have.

Signature of Observer B Davidson

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.
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34. Comments. Cloud at 0625K 3/8 @ 3,000'. CARIAIR A/C EX HOBART landed ESSENDON 0635K & would overfly FOREST HILL at this time. Assessed as aircraft sighting.

Signature of Interrogator [signature] FLT LT
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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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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer Mr.& Mrs.Fechner Age.....

2. Address of Observer "Willow Grove", Trafalgar. Telephone Trafalgar 297.

3. Occupation of Observer Farmer.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
Sunday 11/8/68 - about 1915 hours E.S.T. (Previously seen about 2 months earlier, at about 2315 hours E.S.T.).

5. Duration of Observation(s) About 5 minutes.

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

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) Fine. Vis.30 N.M. 4/8th cloud at 5000 feet. QNH 1014. Winds 280/20 at 2000', backing to 260/16 at 10,000'.

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

9. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Travelling east to west at an unknown distance north of the observer.

10. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Saw flashing light - first seen by child.

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... Red

14. What was its apparent shape. Single flashing light.

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... Not known.

19. Speed or angular velocity.. About aeroplane speed.

20. Was the object stationary... Moving - east to west.

.../2.

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

East to west.

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

Apparently straight.

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

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

Over the horizon.

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

Nil

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

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

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

No particular 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..On first occasion the light was seen by six or eight people. On second occasion by Mr.& Mrs.Fechner and family.

Signature of Observer..Mrs.Fechner

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

Nil IFR and night VMC traffic out of Moorabbin on 11.8.68. No known traffic in Trafalgar area.

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

34. Comments..Above information was passed to Civil Aviation Department, Victoria-Tasmania Region by telephone.

AAG0051 N → S 1920 11/8 A2274 EL56. No Civil aircraft from E Sale, W Sale or Latrobe Valley Flying Club (MORWELL). However civil aircraft "CTE"

Signature of Interrogator. [signature]

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

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departed BAIRNSDALE + landed MOORABBIN 1920 EST. Twin engine a/c authorized for IFR flying. Would verify TRAFALGAR on track MOORABBIN. Time of sighting assessed as not accurate (note - "about 1915 hrs") + sighting therefore, is of this aircraft. [signature] FLT LT C INTELL O.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. ALISON M. GOULD Age. 18

2. Address of Observer. 12, RONALD STREET, MITCHAM. VIC

3. Accupation of Observer. Relieving Telephonist with P.M.G.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time) 1927
Wednesday 31st of July '68, approx. 6:27pm to 6:30pm 1927

5. Duration of Observation(s). approx. 2 minutes

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
in Barween Ave. just turning into Ronald Street.

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s). very clear and still with stars and moon in the sky

8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the Observation)
none were used

9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc)
at a distance, possibly over the city area

10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
the fact that a small light was moving

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?
— there were no others.

13. What was the colour of the light or object? yellowy white

14. What was its apparent shape? a bright light, with an oblong white shadow around it.

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. I was given the impression that it was low.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. about the speed of an aeroplane perhaps a little slower

20. Was the object stationary? no.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
it came from the city, over the eastern districts towards the Dandenong Ranges where it then disappeared from sight.

/2.

Fig. 3 [illegible]

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? It seemed to move in a quarter circle

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? a white shadow ~~app~~ was around the light.

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

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 A. M. Gould

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

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

Two a/c dep ESSENDON 1838 & 1839 for SYDNEY but given 'left turn' to avoid aircraft ahead. These would not be sighted at MITCHAM.

34. Comments.....

Report suggests aircraft sighting, but unable identify through any civil source. No satellite activity at time. Assessed as probable aircraft sighting.

Signature of Interrogator [signature] FLT LT CINTELLO

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... E. PURCELL (Mrs) ... Age ~~21~~ OVER 53

2. Address of Observer.... 8 DAY STREET, DANDENONG

3. Accupation of Observer.... HOUSE WIFE

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

... 11th AUGUST 1963 ..... 6-45 pm - 7.00 pm 1845-1900K

5. Duration of Observation(s).... 2 Mins

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)

WALKING ALONG GLADSTONE RD TOWARDS PRINCES HIGHWAY DANDENONG (WEST ~~ER~~ MINSTER CARPETS AT CORNER

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s).. CLEAR DARK SKY WITH STARS

NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT — NO WIND NO MOON AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

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

EYES

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

Coming TOWARDS ME from a South West direction taking 1min (about) to reach overhead

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

MOVING LIGHT GLITTERING (NO NOISE)

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

OBJECT, LIGHT + BRILLIANT

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

GLITTERING MASS - ONE OBJECT

13. What was the colour of the light or object? ... SILVER BRILLIANT

14. What was its apparent shape? ... Couldn't define shape EXACTLY, IF ANYTHING 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. Aeroplane height when in flight but WOULD SAY VERY HIGH FOR THIS AREA AS I HAVE WATCHED THEM GO OVER DAY + NIGHT.

19. Speed, or angular velocity..... very swift

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

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

S.W. to N.E.

.../2.

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?
After passing overhead it took ABOUT 1 min. to disappear in 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? 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.
HAVE SEEN SATELITE CROSSING SKY WATCHED IT FOR 10 to 15 MINS IT APPEARED VERY HIGH & MOVING SLOWLY COMPARED TO THIS OBJECT, WHICH TRAVELLED IN A STRAIGHT, LOW & SWIFT DIRECTION (SATELITE LOOKED TO BE UP WITH THE STARS)

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 (Mrs) E. Powell

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
Ten minutes after sighting I saw & heard a plane in the distance & coming from an easterly direction. ~~overhead flashing the usual lights~~

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Do not know

34. Comments. Probably civil/private aircraft from MOORABBIN Airport. Aircraft activity at this time in the area but reported time uncertain. Assumed aircraft sighting

Signature of Interrogator [illegible] FLT LT C INTELL O

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PS Sorry to have answered questions 32 & 33 didn't realize they were to be left for interrogator until I read further down the page.



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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... Janice JUDSON ... Age. 21
2. Address of Observer... 2/16 The Avenue Baladava
3. Accupation of Observer... Soldier
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
   ... 24 Feb 68 ... about 10 PM
5. Duration of Observation(s)... approx ½ hour
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
   ... on the opposite side of a dam.
   ... Dam located near Halls Gap.
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s). Clear however it became cloudy about 11 PM
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)
   ... 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?
    ... only as light
12. If there was more than one object, how many were there and what was their formation?
    ... there was one big one & two smaller ones which didn't ~~interest us~~ come close enough to interest me
13. What was the colour of the light or object? ... white & blue
14. What was its apparent shape? ... oval
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... -
20. Was the object stationary? ... It stopped when it came to the hill opposite us went behind it for about ten minutes & returned to above position.
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
    ... towards the hill

.../2.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
as per question 20.

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?
saw it disappear behind the hill + return. The sky was becoming cloudy + we lost interest did not see it disappear

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.
—

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

30. Name and address of organisation —

31. Any additional information The other disc UFO's were seen or must have been along way off - they were going across the sky at a very fast rate.

Signature of Observer Judson

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

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
No scheduled satellite sightings.

34. Comments Apparent variation in movement probably caused by movement of observer. Report received mid August. Assessed as probably star and/or planet sighting.

Signature of Interrogator [signature] C INTELLO

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.... Smithard Hogan ..... Age. 20.

2. Address of Observer.. 2/16 The Avenue, PARACHAVA Vic. 3183...

3. Accupation of Observer... SOLDIER (female) .....

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

24 Feb 68, approx 2200 hrs .....

5. Duration of Observation(s)... 3/4 hour .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)

HALLS GAP VICTORIA AT A ~~LAKE~~ DAM .....

.....

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s)... clear .....

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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.

moving 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?

3, spread out different parts of the sky .....

13. What was the colour of the light or object? .. bluish white .....

14. What was its apparent shape? looked like big stars .....

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.....

20. Was the object stationary? No, ~~[illegible]~~

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

~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ towards the hills across the other side of ~~lake~~ DAM

.../2.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
It moved across the sky and went down behind the hills and then came up again after that it remained stationary the sky ~~was~~ then became cloudy and we didn't see it 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?
behind a hill see question 22

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 18 and 19.
N/A

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. At first I thought it was a star but its path across the sky and movements made me think otherwise

Signature of Observer J L Hogan

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

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
No scheduled satellite sightings

34. Comments. Apparent variation in movement probably caused by movement of observer. Report received mid-August. Assessed as probably star and/or planet sighting

Signature of Interrogator [signature] Pvt Ltd Cinfrad

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report of an unidentified flying object by Captain H.R. Wainwright.

John C. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

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13. What was the colour of the light or object?...light blue with trail of red sparks...

14. What was its apparent shape?.....oval.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable?....no.....

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

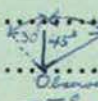
PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..CAPTAIN....H.R..WAINWRIGHT.....Age..43....
2. Address of observer...24...BRADLEY.AVE.....
   .....CLONTARF.....QLD.....Phone..84-4805
3. Occupation of observer...AIRLINE...PILOT.....ANSETT-ANA..
4. Date and time of observation.....02.1747.Z..SEP..68.....
5. Duration of observation.....20.to.30.secs.....
6. Observers location at time of sighting....TAXYING..A/C..AT..ROCKHAMPTON.
   .....
   .....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....VISUAL.....
   .....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   ...30° from vertical, to west of observer.....
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?.....N/A.....
    (b) in what formation were they?.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object?..light blue with trail of red sparks
14. What was its apparent shape?.....oval.....
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) 30° East to 45° East



19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) 75° in 20 to 30 seconds

20. Was the object stationary? No

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

West to East

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?

trail of red sparks

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

45° from vertical to the 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? 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.

Airline pilot

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 which relates to the sighting.

No

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 f

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

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

.....

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

at.....1715.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

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

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

Satellite Prediction Charts indicate ECHO II would be visible at approx 021739 travelling South to North at Azimuth of 99°, elevation 20°.

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

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39. The object reported could have been:- State Observatory indicated that from the description of the object it would be characteristic of a meteor.

40. ~~The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.~~ Possible meteor or satellite debris re entry.

.....(Unit) .....D. W. CHESHER.....(Name)

...9 SEP 68.....(Date) .FLIGHT LIEUTENANT.....(Rank)

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RESTRICTED AI59 REPORT OF URFO SIGHTING PD OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS BY MRS MATHEWSON AT TOOWOOMBA AT 281030Z 28 2030 K CIRCULAR BRIGHT ORANGE OBJECT MOVING RAPIDLY WEST TO EAST ACCOMPANIED BY NOISE SIMILAR TO JET OR ROCKET PD REPORT FOLLOWS

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference: A. Our 5/15/1/Air(26) 29 AUG 68

Attached is a further report of an unidentified flying object sighted by Mr. A. Pickford and reported to the Assistant Provost Marshal, Sydney.

John C Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

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Folio 36 was returned to HQ OPCOM for completion and unit evaluation.
This report is a different sighting by the same person.
(original sighting was 0140 - 0143 cigar shaped with portholes and glow at rear travelling at tremendous speed from coastal to mascot

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer MR A. PICKFORD

2. Address of Observer 152 OBERON STREET STREET SOUTH COOGEE

3. Occupation of Observer STORES CLERK

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
1920 HRS 23 AUG 68

5. Period of observation(s) 7 MINUTES

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
NAKED EYE & BINNOCULARS.
OVER COOGEE ½ MILE INLAND FROM COAST,

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
CAME FROM OVER NORTH VAUCLUSE AREA

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
~~DEFINITE OBJECT~~ LIGHT.

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape. NOT VISIBLE BUT LIKE STAR

13. Was any detail of structure observable. NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16.** Height, or angle of elevation 5 - 10000 FEET

17.** Speed, or angular velocity ABOUT 700 MPH IN DIRECT FLIGHT

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

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. COOGEE, ¼ MILE INLAND FROM COAST, ZIGZAGGED TO CLOVELLY AREA? AFTER GOING HIGH OVER COOGEE. 3 OBJECTS CLEARLY VISIBLE UP ABOUT 10,000 OVER COOGEE.

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

MANOEUVRE, DEVIATE FROM COURSE

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

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

EXTINGUISH LIGHT IN MID AIR

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

SIGHTING WITNESSED BY 3 OTHER PERSONS

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

CLEAR

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

PEAK TIME AT MASCOT

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

N

27. Any additional information. MR PICKFORD STATED HE HAS SEEN UFO's EACH AND EVERY NIGHT SINCE REPORTING HIS SIGHTING TO THIS DETACHMENT ON 23 AUG 68, (Our 6/3/4/Air(35) dated 26 AUG 68 refers).

(SEE ANNEX 'A' TO THIS REPORT)

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

ANNEX A TO
6/5/4/AIR (36)
DATED 04 SEP 68

SIGHTINGS - UFO

Mr Pickford stated he observed an UFO at 0109 Hrs 28th August 1968, an gave the following account of this sighting.

0109 HRS: Observed aircraft from Mascot heading due east. Aircraft headed towards 2 stars off coast of Coogee. Lower star blinked out on approach of aorcraft. Not observed again until 0120 hrs above a block of flats ¼ mile from his home (152 Oberon St South Coogee).

0124 HRS: Object rose considerable height above flats remained stationary. Object zig-zagged 3^{0}-5^{0} left higher or further out from coast.

0135 HRS Object changed course back to shore and 30^{0} left of original position, remained stationary. Witness one son.

0150 HRS: Vanished from position.

0210 HRS: Observed large amber object rising above houses near cliff edge, approx 1^{0}-2^{0} Rainbow Street Sth Coogee, where the road meets the cliff. Object rose higher and assumed proportion of one block of houses.
An amber glow down from object like transparent amber curtain. Top centre of object reddish yellow light. Shape of object like football.

Observed shafts of light from centre bottom of object glow towards the sea, cone shaped, approx 150' long. Bottom half of light bright red top half of light brilliant white, greenish light, lighting up the undersection of object. Outline on top of cone was thich black line(outer shell of object). Observed capsule approx 15-20' long ascend through amber transparent curtain of light. The capsule shaped like shuttle cock. The capsule seemed to be on a slant after a few seconds it righted itself (was vertical to object) and moved towards shaft of light exactly at the point where the red & white lights met. Capsule disappeared into portion where red and white light met. This continued every 15 to 20 minutes at 5 minute intervals.

0430 HRS: Mr Pickford went to bed, object was still visible when he retired.

Mr Pickford stated he has kept a record of all sightings by him and is willing to show them should he be asked. He also stated that watching for UFOs is a hobby with him. He concluded by saying that he would not contact this Detachment again however should any person wish to observe these UFOs he would welcome other witnesses to his sightings.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached is a report of an unidentified flying object sighted by Mr M. Bell.

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(J.C. LUKER)
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? BLUISH-WHITE...

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

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..M..BELL.....AGE..51....
2. Address of observer ..25..MYEE..S.T.....
.....STRATHFIELD.....PHONE 764:1295....
3. Occupation of observer ...SALES..MANAGER.....
4. Date and time of observation 19TH AUG 68.....1810 hrs APPROX...
5. Duration of observation ....5-10..MINS.....
6. Observers location at time of sighting ..IN..THE..BACK.....
..GARDEN...OF..HIS...HOUSE.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..CLOUDY.....
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
.....NIL.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
.....IN..THE..EASTERN...SKY.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
....A..BRIGHT..LIGHT..TRAVELLING..ACROSS..THE....
.....SKY.....
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? .....ONE...OBJECT.....
(b) in what formation were they? .....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? BLUISH..WHITE...
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? COULD HAVE BEEN JET ENGINE (SEE Q23)

17. Was there any sound? NO

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) COULDN'T SAY (ABOVE CLOUDS)

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) ABOUT THE SAME AS CIVILIAN JETS

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

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

APPEARED TO REMAIN ON STRAIGHT PATH BUT MAY HAVE CURVED TO THE S-E.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? APPEARED TO BE TWO TRAILS OF SPARKS COMING FROM BEHIND THE LIGHT.

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

INTO CLOUD

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

NO

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? NO

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

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 organization interested in aerial phenomena? NO

30. Name and address of organisation

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

THE TRAILS OF SPARKS (Q23) COULD HAVE BEEN VAPOUR. THE LIGHT REMAINED AT A STEADY SPEED AND MAY HAVE EVEN SLOWED DOWN A LITTLE.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....NUMBER OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT APPROACHING MASCOT AT THIS TIME.

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:-.....

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

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

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

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

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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 AN AIRCRAFT APPROACHING MASCOT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON.....

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

.....1 CAMU.....(Unit) .....L.R.BARNES.....(Name)

.....23 AUG 68.....(Date) .....PLT OFF.....(Rank)

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TELEPHONE: East Bullsbrook 200

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/9/Air(6)

Headquarters
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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Reference: A. Your 554/1/30(12) dated 10 SEP 68
B. Our 5/9/Air(138) dated 27 AUG 68

1. Attached is the revised form of OPCOM ASI 3/A/5 on a report received by this Headquarters from the Reverend Brother B.C.MANION on the observation of aerial activity.

(G.A.MARTIN)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Encl.

For Information

Headquarters Support Command RAAF Victoria Barracks MELBOURNE SCI VIC 3000

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19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Unable to estimate "enormous"

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer Reverend Brother B.C. MANION AGE: Not given

2. Address of observer Christian Brothers College, FRANKLIN Street LEEDERVILLE WA

PHONE: 24 1550

3. Occupation of observer Theology

4. Date and time of observation 12th August 1968 0516 Hours LMT

5. Duration of observation 3-4 seconds

6. Observers location at time of sighting LEEDERVILLE WA

7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear directly overhead, but a light cloud cover at 2000 feet.

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

9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon). From behind light cloud cover.

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? -

b. In what formation were they? -

13. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright yellow orange

14. What was its apparent shape? Unsure

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) 65° azimuth

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Unable to estimate "enormous"

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

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? Only light as previously answered.

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

Disappeared when object passed behind cloud cover.

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)

"Falling stars"

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

Aircraft observation in flight.

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

NO

30. Name and address of organization NO

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

NO

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.....,000ft

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

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:- a. Cessna departed Perth airport at 120508 LMT
b. Fokker Friendship departed Perth airport at 120519 LMT

Aircraft type .....

TRACK:
~~XXXXXXX~~ a. 020°M to Meekathara b. 350°M to Geraldton

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

Climbing to cruise altitude
Height ....., ~~XXXXX~~ ....., 000ft ....., 000ft

a. 90 Kts
Speed b. 150 Kts ....K.....K..... K

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

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

at 2200 .....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

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

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

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

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39. The object reported could have been: .....
The Cessna aircraft that set heading from Perth airport at 120508LMT
.....
for Meekathara after take-off.

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

HEADQUARTERS PEARCE .....(Unit) G.A.MARTIN .....(Name)

30 SEP 68 .....(Date) Flight Lieutenant .....(Rank)

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Attached is a report of an unidentified flying object sighted by Miss F. Prince.

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Enclosure: Intelligence - Report of Aerial Object Observed

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? METALLIC / SILVER

14. What was its apparent shape? SQUARE - ONE SURFACE APPEARED CURVED

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..F..PRINCE.....AGE..20....
2. Address of observer ...104..SPENCER..RD.....
.....CREMORNE.....PHONE ...T.....
3. Occupation of observer ....CLERK.....
4. Date and time of observation ..1130..1200..SUN..11 AUG.....
5. Duration of observation .....5..10..MINUTES.....
6. Observers location at time of sighting .IN..THE..GARDEN.....
.AT..THE..BACK..OF..THE..HOUSE.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .....
.....FINE..&..CLEAR.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
.....NAKED..EYE.....
.....
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).
.....NOISE..FROM..A..CIVILIAN..JET..AIRCRAFT.....
.....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?.....
.....DEFINITE....OBJECT.....
.....
12. If there was more than one object:-
(a) how many were there? ...ONE....OBJECT.....
(b) in what formation were they?.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? METALLIC/SILVER
14. What was its apparent shape?.....SQUARE - ONE SURFACE APPEARED CURVED
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)...40-45°.....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) SLOW (COULD NOT ESTIMATE)

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

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

.....N/E.....

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

APPEARED TO BE SLOWLY CLIMBING IN STRAIGHT PATH WHILST TUMBLING OVER.

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 WHEN TOO FAR AWAY TO SEE.....

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.

.....

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.

THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED APPROX 200 YARDS FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT MOVING AWAY FROM THE AIRCRAFT.....

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type...DC-9 (TJM).....

Heading..090°.....T.....T.....T

Height..ON THE CLIMB.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed....340.....K.....K.....K

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

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

at..2200...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

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

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

.....

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

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39. The object reported could have been..AN..OBJECT...DISPOSED..

OF..FROM..THE..ABOVE..MENTIONED..AIRCRAFT.....

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

.....1.CAV.....(Unit) .....J. R. BARNES...(Name)

.....14 AUG 68.....(Date) .....PLT...OFF.....(Rank)

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report of a sighting of an unidentified object by J.E. Walsh.

2. The sighting was reported to the RAAF ACC Sydney who believe that the object could have been a star seen through atmospheric haze.

John C Luker

(J. C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report

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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 WALSH J.E. AGE 47

2. Address of observer ~~[illegible]~~ Yarra Bay House Yarra Rd Phillip Bay NSW PHONE 661217

3. Occupation of observer Supt of Child Welfare

4. Date and time of observation 5 AUG 1045Z. 0045K.

5. Duration of observation 10 mins before report — not known

6. Observers location at time of sighting Phillip Bay (above address)

7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation Binoculars 10x50

9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon). Appx 40° above Horiz. SSE direction

10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise). Bright light with flashy red.

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? White/Red

14. What was its apparent shape? Not known

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) 40° approx

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

20. Was the object stationary? Yes

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

Stationary

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

N/A

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

NO

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

Gradually faded in intensity

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)

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 organization interested in aerial phenomena?

NO.

30. Name and address of organisation

N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Possibly a star seen through atmospheric haze

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 :-.....

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

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

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

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

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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..a star seen through.. atmospheric haze.....

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

RAAFACC SYDNEY.....(Unit) G. SUGGARS.....(Name)

05 AUG 68.....(Date) FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

BY

MR R G ROBERTS

OF THE

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF AIR

TO THE

BALLARAT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, IN FEBRUARY 1965

APPENDIX: Summary of Unidentified Aerial Sightings Reported to Department of Air from 1960.

The Term UFO and Some Objections to it

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

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

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

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

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

Assessment of Aerial Sightings

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

7. Much effort and time is devoted each year to the assessment of aerial sightings. Reports have been received from as far south as TASMANIA and as far north as NEW GUINEA. Immediately following a report the observer is usually contacted and requested to complete a detailed pro-forma covering all aspects of the sighting. If there is no immediate and obvious explanation for the sighting the observer may then be interviewed by a member of the RAAF so that his creditability may be assessed and in order to obtain useful additional information. The Department of Civil Aviation may then be contacted concerning civil aircraft movements in the area, while military aircraft movements and weather balloon flights are also checked, in case they may have been responsible for the sighting. Satellites are also responsible for a number of reports, basically because of public interest in satellites and the increasing number put into our skies. The movements of satellites and satellite debris are checked through the Department of Supply, which tabulates data on all satellites, regardless of country of origin. Because of the steadily increasing amount of traffic in our skies, and in space for that matter, (more than 500 pieces of satellite hardware are orbiting the earth at this minute), the task of identifying aerial sight-

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ings is assuming substantial proportions. The Department of Air cannot be expected to issue an immediate explanation for sightings publicised in the press until all the information has been obtained and assessed. Consequently, some days will have elapsed before its publication could be expected and, then, only if it is deemed necessary.

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

(a) Date and time of the sighting;

(b) Length of time sighting under observation;

(c) Where the sighting took place;

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

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

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

(g) What was its colour;

(h) What was its apparent shape;

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

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

(l) Was any method of propulsion obvious;

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

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

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

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

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example, an aircraft flying overhead at 300 mph at a height of 5,000 ft. could easily give an observer the erroneous impression that he had sighted an object flying at 3,000 m.p.h., if he thought that the height was about 50,000 ft. Thistledown, less than one inch in diameter, which are blown up to 100 ft or so by the wind during our summer months, can appear as objects flying very high at fantastic speeds and capable of the most amazing manoeuvres, simply because their size is a matter of conjecture at the time. Similarly an aircraft flying directly away from the observer, particularly at night, could appear as a slowly descending or hovering object.

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

The Identification of Aerial Sightings

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

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

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

15. In their effort to identify reported aerial sightings the Americans use automatic sorting and computing techniques, because

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these methods provide the best way to handle such great amounts of data. The written reports are reduced to IMB punch-card abstracts by means of logically developed forms and standardised evaluation procedures. The evaluation of the reports, a crucial step in the preparation of the data for statistical treatment, consists of an appraisal of the reports, the subsequent classification of the sighting, with the emphasis on complete consistency and objectivity. This consistency and objectivity can be maintained right through the analysis since the computer is a machine and not a man.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. Experience in UK. In the UNITED KINGDOM a somewhat similar picture presents itself. There, all reports of unidentified aerial sightings are processed through Defence Ministry Air Intelligence, and an average of 9 out of 10 sightings have been

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identified. Astronomical phenomena and aircraft are once again the main reasons for sightings. The Defence Ministry is confident that with more reliable information and improved reporting procedures, the number unidentified could be substantially reduced. The Ministry shares the opinion with the Americans that the impossibility of devoting more time and money is the main factor preventing the achievement of a rational identification for every report.

Conclusions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Headquarters Operational Command

May 1966

APPENDIX TO
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SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF AIR FROM 1960

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
23 Jan 60	Twin Yellow Lights over Launceston, Tasmania. Elevation 20° - 30°.	Refraction of Light.
1 Feb 60	Bright object emitting flashes, moving W to E over Melbourne, Victoria.	Meteor
26 Mar 60	Spherical, silvery object, elevation 80° - 65°, over Canberra, ACT.	Venus
13 Jun 60	Flashing red light and fixed white light over Mangalore, Victoria.	Aircraft
26 Jun 60	Explosion of light with spark showers, elevation 40° en route Melbourne, Victoria, to Launceston, Tasmania.	Meteor shower.
18 Aug 60	Bright flashing object travelling E to W, 160 miles N of Mullewa, WA.	Meteor
2 Oct 60	Crescent shaped object, horns lighted, 5° above southern horizon, Launceston, TAS.	Moon
4 Oct 60	"5 flying saucers and a mother ship" cigar shaped, 4 vertical bands, over Cressy, TAS.	Moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time.
13 Oct 60	White light, angle of elevation 45°, Mackunda Downs, Queensland.	Venus
25 Oct 60	Downs, Queensland	"
15 Oct 60	UAS traversing sky, W to E over Launceston, Tasmania.	Met Balloon with light attached.
18 Oct 60	Slow moving cigar-shaped object similar to aircraft - bright orange rear portion, rest dull grey.	Probably TAA aircraft Viscount VH-TVG.
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania - orange coloured ball hovering in sky, also described as cigar-shaped.	Meteor
27 Oct 60	Orange/blue/red round object, trailing cloud of sparks, exploded at Poatina, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Nov 60	Orange transluscent ball, approx 70 ft in diameter at altitude 35,000 ft heading 140° at high speed.	Meteor

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
27 Nov 60	Light in sky over Poatina/Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
29 Nov 60	Point of blue/green/red light, just above horizon rising slowly over Trevallyn, TAS.	Venus
7 Dec 60	Silvery, disc-shaped formation of 30/40 objects over Launceston, Tasmania, flying southwards.	Flight of pigeons.
21 Dec 60	24 grey/blue objects, moving southwards over Great Lakes, Tasmania.	Refraction of light
25 Dec 60	Star like object, 20 minutes to pass over sky over Campbell Town, TAS, west to east.	Satellite
5 Jan 61	Bright light in sky, Oatlands, Tasmania.	Venus.
Early Jan 61	Bright, white sphere, 45° from vertical, over Campbell Town, Tasmania.	Venus
18 Jan 61	Apparently controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang, VIC.	Venus
12 Mar 61	Bright light, with tail of orange sparks over Indooroopilly, QLD, from N to S.	Meteor
9 Apr 61	Flashes of light west of Beaconsfield, Victoria, similar to lightning.	Meteor shower.
23 May 61	Large object like a meteor - position 32305 15240E object broke up.	Meteor
25 May 61	Dull silvery thermometer-shaped object - Devonport, Tasmania - seen through binoculars.	Aircraft
5 Jun 61	Conical shaped object falling to earth - Darwin, NT.	Meteor
7 Jun 61	Oval shaped, red-glowing object, Cairns, Queensland, photographed through 4in telesclope.	Temperature inversion sighting of an aircraft.
31 Jul 61	Long white glowing object, flaming tail buzzed train on railway, 285 miles south of Darwin, NT.	Meteor
8 Aug 61	12 objects flying high, in pairs, dropping white substance - Meekatharra, WA.	Probably migrating "balloon spiders".
24 Aug 61	Red light, elevation 3.5° at Hobart airport.	Venus
Nov/Dec 61	Golden sphere with silver protuberances on either side - like motor armature, moving and rising in westerly direction, Koorda, WA.	Venus

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
28 Dec 61	Spherical object, emitting flashes of green and orange light - slow moving - Collaroy, NSW.	Meteor
16 Jan 62	Fiery, rocket-like object across Caulfield, VIC.	Meteor
23 Jan 62	Green fading to yellow object over East Sale, VIC.	Probably private aircraft.
30 Jan 62	White spherical object, Manly, NSW.	Venus.
25 Jan 62) 2 Feb 62) 13 Feb 62)	Bright white, planet-like object, sometimes orange and occasionally zig-zagging or changing direction, Fremantle, WA.	Venus
3 Mar 62	White spherical object with metal lustre, Manly, NSW.	Venus
11 Mar 62	Star-like object, 75% elevation to SSW of Flinders Island, Tasmania.	Venus
13 Apr 62	3 objects, 2 with fiery trails, moving from NW direction over Tennant Creek, NT.	Meteor shower
5 May 62	White object, zig-zagging, Redcliffe, WA.	Venus
5 May 62	Contrail and metallic glint preceding contrail, over Richmond, NSW.	Aircraft
7 May 62	Dark glinting object leaving 4 condensation trails - climbing vertically over Holbrook, Victoria.	Aircraft
25 May 62	Light, travelling across sky, stops, changes course and gradually disappears, Lucinda Point, Queensland.	Venus
25 Jun 62	Glowing red object, great size and speed at Kurrajong, NSW.	Meteor
22/23 Aug 62	Silver-coloured object over Yass, NSW.	Venus
16 Aug 62	Star-like object, red/green/blue - slowly moving up/down/right/left over Kimberley, Tasmania.	Venus
31 Aug 62	Bright, star-like object moving across sky over Denmark, WA.	Aircraft
Aug 62	Starlike object, stationary in sky over Cressy, Tasmania.	Venus
Aug 62	Moving, star-like object Launceston, TAS.	Venus
23 Sep 62	Bright cluster of lights, moving from S to N - aircraft en route Christchurch, NZ, to Sydney, NSW.	Meteor shower.

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
13 Oct 62	Aircraft like object high over sky, leaving yellowish trail - Canberra, ACT.	Aircraft
30 Oct 62	Large object with red front emitting thick orange coloured exhaust - over Goulburn NSW.	Meteor
3 Nov 62	Bright metallic glinting needle shaped object flying in straight-vertical path over Cressy, TAS.	Aircraft
8 Dec 62	Yellow, star-like object, from S to N in straight path, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Probably Satellite.
17 Dec 62	Cylindrical object, with 2 vertical projections travelling NNE/SSW over Norfolk Island.	Aircraft
Jan 63	Apparently spherical object, white vapour emitted. Moved downwards in sky over Penna, Tasmania.	Meteor
15 Feb 63	Grey, rotating object descending and then moving over to West - gave off swishing sound, Moe, Victoria.	Tornado like meteorological manifestation.
Feb 63	White, spherical object, illuminated, in level flight over Maitland, NSW.	Satellite
27 Feb 63	Two bluish/green lights, oval in shape, oscillating in sky in tandem, Braybrook, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
4 Apr 63	Two bright objects, star-like, side by side, stationary, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
7 Apr 63	Long slender, silvery-white pencil-like object - soundless, Forster, NSW.	Aircraft
19 May 63	Bright red/white object, rising vertically, looked like bulldozer, Mt Gambier, SA.	Meteor
1 Jul 63	Explosion of light in sky over Melbourne, Victoria.	Meteorites exploding on entry into earth atmosphere.
3 Jul 63	Bright greenish/blue light over Iron Range, Queensland.	Meteor
19 Jul 63	Bright star-like object, red, stationary over Deloraine, Tasmania.	Venus
25 Jul 63	Light grey, circular object, noise like jet engine heard, hovering above Warragul, Victoria.	Tornado.
8 Aug 63	Shower of lights over Darwin area, NT, making swishing noise.	Meteor shower of Aquarids.

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
20 Aug 63	Explosion in sky Turner Station/Ord River Station, SA. Silver spot or streak sighted before explosion.	Re-entry of Cosmos 2.
23 Oct 63	White starlike object, bulbous front and elongated tail - Mt Dandenong Area, VIC.	Venus
19 Nov 63	Bright orange light, jet engine noise - from W to NW, Moorabin, VIC.	Meteor
26 Nov 63	Pinkish/brown starlike object oscillating over Beaumaris, Victoria. Rotating in circular manner towards south.	Venus
24 Dec 63	Marks on negative of photo taken at RAAF, Darwin.	Static charge on photo paper during loading of camera.
23 Jan 64	Seen at sea by crew of a vessel NE point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Large lights in water, made compass go "haywire". Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, causing lights to pulsate.	Unknown
24 Feb 64 2 Mar 64 8 Mar 64	Bright light, like bushfire, Balladonia, WA, Eyre Highway (178 mile peg).	Venus
3 Mar 64	White, planet like object, bright light, Bridport, Tasmania.	Venus
22 Mar 64	Cigar shaped, travelling sideways, brown colour, at Armidale, NSW.	Venus
9 May 64	Two moving lights, yellowish, Pascoe Vale, Victoria, oscillating in sky.	Refraction of light.
24 Jul 64	Formation of whitish objects over Longreach, Queensland.	Meteor shower.
1 and 2 Aug 64	Bright headed object, glowing tail over Onslow, WA.	Meteor
2 Aug 64	Rocket like object, with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Wittenoom Gorge/ Hammersley Ranges, WA.	Meteor
12 Aug 64	White light moving across sky over Kavieng, Papua and New Guinea - like bright star.	Satellite.
17 Aug 64	Bluish star like object, moving in circles over Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
2 Sep 64	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight Melbourne/Canberra.	Refraction of light.

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
22 Sep 64	Object like exploding meteorite - lit up surface of sea, Cambridge Gulf, WA.	Meteor.
8 Nov 64	Light at horizon, Lowhead Lighthouse, TAS.	Venus.
8 Nov 64	Long and narrow, red/orange object - travelling fast over Point Sorrell, Victoria.	Meteor.
4 Dec 64	Strip of scrub 600 yds wide, 4½ miles long subjected to extreme heat, Queensland.	Bushfire
13 Jan 65	Apparent aerial objects, with vapour trails, flying in formation over Tasman Sea.	Meteor shower.
17 Jan 65	Elongated light with tail - oscillating in sky over Trevallyn, TAS.	Meteor
17 Jan 65	Two red lights and line of apparent cabin lights - stationary over Mentone, VIC.	Refraction of light.
23 Feb 65 30 Mar 65 1 Apr 65	Orange lights in sky over South Cottesloe, WA.	Probably Vampire aircraft from RAAF Pearce.
19 Mar 65	Yellow spherical object moved from overhead to horizon in SE direction - Lakes Entrance, Victoria.	Meteor
19 Mar 65	Orange spherical object, West Tamar, TAS.	Meteor.
21 Mar 65	Sphere with red dome on top; 3 illuminated tails - moving southwards over Malvern, VIC.	Weather balloon.
22 Mar 65	Yellow steady light from spherical body moved about the sky.	Venus
24 May 65	2 objects, one above the other, silvery, moved from SSW over Geelong area, VIC.	Refraction of light.
21 Apr 65	Dark grey/black amorphous object over Pakenham East, VIC - moving erratically up and down.	Tornado
5 May 65	Banana shaped, white/orange object over Mowbray, TAS.	Moon
5 May 65	Green changing to orange to green light over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Venus.
13 May 65	Slightly elongated brightly lit, broke into several pieces, over Griffith, NSW.	Meteor.
13 May 65	Greenish/yellow light travelling fast over Queanbeyan, NSW.	Meteor

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
25 May 65	Blue light eminating from object coloured red - through to green - wavered in sky. Eminated light sufficient to illuminate beach - Sehulea Papua and New Guinea.	Unknown
3 Jun 65	Bright starlike object, increasing in size, Bowen/Proserpine area, Qld.	Venus
13 Jun 65	Yellowish ball with tail. Emitted brilliant bluish-white flash on disappearing over horizon, Mudginberri Station, NT.	Meteor
17 Jun 65	Bright object, emitting red light directed to earth, passed over Sewataitai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Star shaped object, yellowish/white, moving over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Echo 2 Satellite
24 Jun 65	Saucer shape - dome top and rows of lights across front and along side - bluish white, red trail, Daunia Station, via Nebo, NT.	Meteor
24 Jun 65	Bright light, oscillating from L to R - Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
29 Jun 65	Blue to green cigar shaped object, red glow at rear, Lindisfarne, TAS.	Meteor
29 Jun 65	Bright object with short tail, morning E to W over Launceston, TAS.	Meteor
29 Jun 65	Vivid light blue, circular shape, travelling NS, Longford, Tasmania.	Meteor
3 Jul 65	Loud humming, glowing object, yellow/white light eminating from object illuminated herd of cattle, Kimberly, TAS.	Meteor
5 Jul 65	Bright white light, near Elliot, Qld.	Satellite
5 Jul 65	Bright light over sea, Tewatewa, Papua and New Guinea.	Satellite
12 Jul 65	Bright light oscillating from L to R, Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Venus
15 Jul 65	Brilliant white light in sky at moon rise over Murella Park, NT.	Venus
15 Jul 65	White spherical object, Canberra, ACT.	Venus.
17 Jul 65) 18 Jul 65) 19 Jul 65)	Red glowing cylindrical object, moving from L to R (oscillating) emitting "diesel-engine" sound, Nivani Plantation, Samarai, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor shower
22 Jul 65	Bright light turning from red, through white to green and red, Dalby, Qld.	Meteor

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
30 Jul 65	Silver coloured object - disappeared with flash, 70 miles west of Cook, SA.	Meteor
Aug 65	Saucer shaped object with bluish green glow at rim, grey in colour, Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, NSW.	Tornado
1 Aug 65	Bright green/red/white light, Woodstock, NSW.	Meteor
3 Aug 65	Two starlike objects over Frankston, VIC.	Met Balloons.
4 Aug 65	Silvery sphere with aerial on top,Orange, NSW.	Met Balloons
24 Aug 65	Red/orange body, leaving trail of white, came from SW lat 1048 S long 13315 E, WA.	Meteor
26 Aug 65	Flashing light travelling NS, Goomalling WA.	Meteor
26 Aug 65	Spherical, starlike objects Launceston, TAS.	Meteors.
14 Sep 65	Flashing red, green, white, flying object, Ganawe, Papua and New Guinea.	Meteor
19 Sep 65	Streak of light, Dubbo, NSW.	Meteor
15 Sep 65	White object sighted west of Port Moresby, Papua and New Guinea. Moved westwards, slowed then sped northwards.	Unknown
27 Sep 65	Bright light in sky MSW of Boroka, Papua and New Guinea. Intensity of light fluctuated. Later disappeared below horizon.	Satellite
2 Nov 65	Dull vertical narrow beam ascending from sea offshore Bunama Point, Papua/New Guinea.	Water spout
27 Nov 65	White, apparently triangular in shape, stationary in sky, under moon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Venus
2 Dec 65	Bluish-through-to-reddish light, larger than star, 20° above horizon. Disappeared below horizon after about 10 minutes. Popondetta, Northern Territory.	Satellite

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTING

1. The attached report was forwarded by No 1 Control and Reporting Unit and after making further checks at this Headquarters, it would appear that there are two possible explanations:

a. If the time of the sighting is inaccurate, it could have been the Mirage aircraft airborne from RAAF Williamtown on a test flight.

b. If the observers estimate of speed was inaccurate it could have been the meteorological balloon released from Mascot.

2. Operations Section at Mascot advise that the balloon could have been in the appropriate area at the time of the report and this is considered to be the most logical solution.

Brian J Hayes

(B.J. HAYES)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report of Aerial Object Observed

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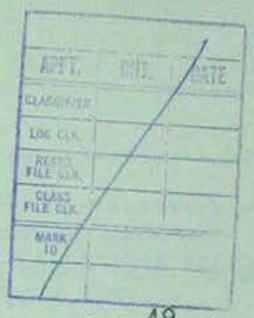
INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER



1. Name of observer MR C.M. WEATHERSTONE ..... AGE 49
2. Address of observer 6/KEMPSEY COURT, KEMPSEY CLOSE DEE WHY NSW ..... PHONE -
3. Occupation of observer PMG LINESMAN
4. Date and time of observation 24JUL68 1245 HOURS
5. Duration of observation APPROX 20 SECS
6. Observers location at time of sighting PITTWATER RD., MANLY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE AND SUNNY
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). IN THE DISTANCE OVER CENTRAL QUEENSCLIFFE
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise). SIGHTING WHEN CASUALLY GLANCING OUT OF CAR DRIVER'S WINDOW
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? DEFINITE OBJECT
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? SILVER
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 - CAR ENGINE RUNNING

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) APPROX 25000'

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity). VERY SLOW, THEN EXCEPTIONALLY FAST.

20. Was the object stationary? AT FIRST ALMOST HOVERING

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
SOUTH EAST THEN REVERSED NORTH EAST

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?
STRAIGHT PATH (REFER Q21)

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 A HILL, WE WERE AT THE BASE OF A HILL

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) N/A

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
NUMEROUS OBSERVATIONS OF AIRCRAFT PASSING OVERHEAD HOME

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.
(a) WIFE - SAME SIGHTING
(b) REF Q19 - FANTASTIC SPEED

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....NIL AT THE TIME, BUT ONE MIRAGE IN THIS POSITION ONE HOUR EARLIER.....

Heading.....180 T.....020 T.....T

Height.....CLIMBING ,000 ft.....36000 ,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....MACH .9 K.....ACCELERATING MACH 1.8 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:-.....

NIL

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

at.....0900.....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 ballonns).....

.....NIL.....

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

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39. The object reported could have been.....The above meteorological balloon if the observer's assessment of speed was incorrect.

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

NO 1 CRU .....(Unit)

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REPORTS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The attached UFO reports were received this day from RAAF EDINBURGH and are forwarded for information. The reports concern sightings observed in May 1968 and one sighting approximately January 1960, all of which have been transcribed from Flying Saucer Research Society reports.

(L.B. BROWN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Annexes: 5 reports

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIEIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer. MRS. E.M. GOTTSCHALL ..... Age. 71.....

2. Address of observer. 19 George St. Parkside 5063 SA....

.....Phone.....-.....

3. Occupation of observer. Housewife.....

4. Date and time of observation. 9 MAY 68 1850 HRS.....

5. Duration of observation.....5 mins.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting... Regent St. Parkside

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Overcast/dark.....

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8. Describe any aids or 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). over horizon.....

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10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise). Lights + movement.....

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

Light. 1" long at arms length

12. If there was more than one object :-

(a) how many were there ? 1

(b) in what formation were they ? N/A

13. What was the colour of the light or object ? Brt. Red

14. What was its apparent shape ? Line of light.

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). 10° Elev.

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

20. Was the object stationary ? N/A

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

West to South

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

Not recorded

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

No exhaust or trail

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

over rooftops.

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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...Sep. 67. Silver object.....

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.

.....None.....

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

.....No.....

30. Name and address of organization....—....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Quote....I was approaching my car when I looked up and saw Red light. I thought it was an aeroplane but then noticed it had 4 lights, the front and back ones of which flashed. This attracted my attention and I looked more intently at the object. I was certain the lights were

.....Interviewer.

emanating from within a craft and were flashing through portholes. I went inside and reported to my mother that I had seen what I assumed was a U.F.O. I ascertained the time to be 6.50 PM.

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SIGNED E.M. GOTTSCHALK
11 MAY 68

Transcribed from report made to Australian Flying Saucer Research Society

John Saunders. F.B.O.S.F.
UFO Officer
RAAF EDINBURGH
S.A.

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

Aircraft type.....N.I.L.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....there a period of heavy traffic at adelaide airport

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

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

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

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

.....—.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from

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

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

.....No Satellites predicted which could coincide.....

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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...aircraft.....

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

RAAF Edinburgh.....(Unit). John Saunders.....(Name)

2 July 68.....(Date)..Flying Officer.....(Rank)

(25)

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIEIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer. Dr. D.F. FURNISS ..... Age. 29 .....

2. Address of observer. 15 Seventh Ave. Cheltenham

Adelaide 5014 ..... Phone. - .....

3. Occupation of observer. Doctor of Medicine .....

4. Date and time of observation. 10 OCT 68 1855 HRS.

5. Duration of observation. 2-3 Seconds .....

6. Observers location at time of sighting. Port Road. Queenstown

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....

"Same Facts - Cumulus. Clear Sky"

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). Over Horizon

.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise). Lights + Movement.

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.../2

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

5 lights.

12. If there was more than one object :-

(a) how many were there ? 5.

(b) in what formation were they ? Open Box

13. What was the colour of the light or object ? Pale Yellow

14. What was its apparent shape ? -

15. Was any detail of structure observable ? -

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? -

17. Was there any sound ? NO.

18. What was its height ? (or angle of elevation) 5-10,000 ft. 30°

19. What was its speed ? (or angular velocity) Mach 1-1·5

20. Was the object stationary ? NO

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

SW.

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 ?

Over horizon

.../3

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.

Experienced in Aviation Medicine & Aerospace allied medicine
Student Pilot.

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

NO

30. Name and address of organization.....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

"Immediate conclusion was that this could not have been anything conventional or any natural phenomenon. Speed, climb & Configuration was not in keeping with aircraft or shooting stars etc. My wife sitting alongside me in the car also saw this and was equally disturbed."

Interviewer.

14th Oct/68. D.R. FURNISS

Transcribed by J. Saunders Scott.

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

Aircraft type.....N.C.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....This is a period of peak traffic in Adelaide area.....

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

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

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

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

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.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from

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

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

.....Not any predicted satellite.....

.../5

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

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

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

RAAF Edinburgh.....(Unit).John Saunders.....(Name)

2 July 68.....(Date).Flying Officer.....(Rank)

(25)

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIEIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... Gwenyth Maida Alexander Age... 51.....
2. Address of observer... 30 Catherine St. Clapham S.A. 5062
.....Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer... Home duties.....
4. Date and time of observation... 11 may 68. 0510.....
5. Duration of observation... 30 seconds.....
6. Observers location at time of sighting... Clapham.....
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7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Clear sky.....
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....
... Nil. Opera glasses.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed ? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).... over horizon.....
.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise)... Light.....
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.../2

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

Solid object.

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 ? Orange

14. What was its apparent shape ? Flat bottom - Curved top

15. Was any detail of structure observable ? -

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? -

17. Was there any sound ? None

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

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

20. Was the object stationary ? yes : when sighted.

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

west.

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

yes straight path west.

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 ?

over horizon.

.../3

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 organization.....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

" I observed this object from a window. I just couldn't believe my eyes. Took a few seconds to get a clear view through which I saw no further details as it began to recede very quickly. It diminished in size until it disappeared altogether.

.....
Interviewer.

14 MAY/68 G.M. ALEXANDER

Transcribed by F. Saunders.

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....707. on International route west-

Heading...270°/...T.....T.....T.....

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

Speed.....?.....K.....K.....K

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

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35. A meteorological balloon was released from

.....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 satellites. rockets, research balloons)

.....No predicted satellites.....

.../5

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

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

.....

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

RAF Edinburgh.....(Unit)..John Saunders.....(Name)

2 July 68.....(Date)..Flg. Offr.....(Rank)

(25)

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIEIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer G. K. FITTON ..... Age 46.....

2. Address of observer 35 Burbank Ave. Bedford Park

5042. SA. .....Phone.....

3. Occupation of observer Dept. Manager.....

4. Date and time of observation After 10 JAN 1968.....

5. Duration of observation 3 min.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting Werribee Vic.....

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear Sky.....

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8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....

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

.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise) movement.....

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.../2

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

Solid object.

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 ? Golden

14. What was its apparent shape ? 

15. Was any detail of structure observable ?

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? (Obvious) Jet.

17. Was there any sound ? N.L.

18. What was its height ? (or angle of elevation) Abv. 1 mile

19. What was its speed ? (or angular velocity) 10 x normal Jet.

20. Was the object stationary ? When sighted

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

S. to N.

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 ?

Exhaust seen when object moved.

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

over horizon thro skywards.

.../3

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)....—.....

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

Engineer.

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

No.

30. Name and address of organization....—.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Both witnesses. MRS T.D. Fitton (wife) Mr. John A. Leather. a photograph identical to our sighting appeared in the P.I.X. magazine of March 1960 and was confirmed by Mr. Leather as the sighting of Werribee. But on reading further the photograph was taken in California USA. Terrain + hills were the same except U.S.A. had power line on left of photo. I was a disbeliever before sighting.

Interviewer.

10 JUNE 68 G.K. FITTON.

Transcribed by J. Saunders. .../4

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from

.....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

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

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

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.../5

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

.....

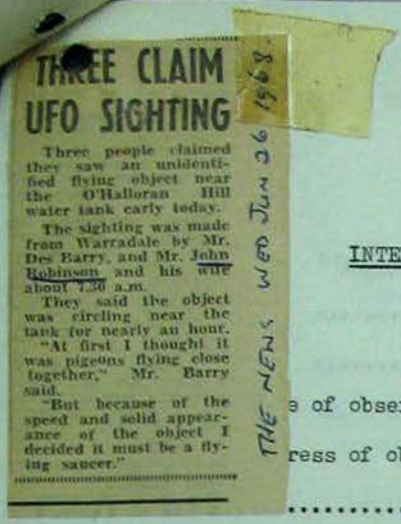
39. The object reported could have been.....

In view of delay in report no information is available at this unit.

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined. Probable satellite / meteor entry

RAAF Edinburgh (Unit) John Saunders (Name)

2 June 68 (Date) Flying Officer (Rank)



THREE CLAIM UFO SIGHTING

Three people claimed they saw an unidentified flying object near the O'Halloran Hill water tank early today.

The sighting was made from Warradale by Mr. Des Barry, and Mr. John Robinson and his wife about 7.30 a.m.

They said the object was circling near the tank for nearly an hour.

"At first I thought it was pigeons flying close together," Mr. Barry said.

"But because of the speed and solid appearance of the object I decided it must be a flying saucer."

THE NEWS, WED JUN 26 1968

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIRIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

e of observer..F.W.T. Robinson..... Age..24.....

ress of observer..#4 No 1 Walkley Ave. Warradale.....

.....Phone.....

3. Occupation of observer..Fitter & Turner.....

4. Date and time of observation..17 JUN/68. 0700.....

5. Duration of observation....Seven minutes.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting..bottom of O'Halloran Hill.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..overcast.....

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8. Describe any aids or 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)..from the surface.....

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10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise)....movement.....

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.../2

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

Solid object.

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 ? dark Grey

14. What was its apparent shape ? Saucer/donut shaped.

15. Was any detail of structure observable ? 40' by 20'

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? No.

17. Was there any sound ? No

18. What was its height ? (or angle of elevation) ~~500 - 1000~~ '

19. What was its speed ? (or angular velocity) 200 mph

20. Was the object stationary ? No.

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

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

Circled. Then NW.

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 a hill

.../3

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. (has since by newspaper report).

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

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

Have flown in several Gliders - drop tow rope at 900'. (Height go to nearly all motor rates (speed.

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

NO.

30. Name and address of organization.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Firstly let me state that prior to this sighting I had held an open mind concerning "Flying Saucers". Secondly after sighting this "thing" I am sure that there must be something in it. What I don't know.

My wife & I were sitting in the lounge room at the office table, having a cup of tea. I looked up onto O'Halloran Hill as I always do every morning and I observed what appeared to me to be a dark cloud circling above the hill. I called my wife from the kitchen to "come and have a look at this queer thing" my wife watched from the lounge room window and I went out to the letter box to see it better and to try & hear something. There was no sound that I could hear but it must be remembered I was about 2 mile away.

When I got back to the lounge room I noticed that a car was coming down the road that is known as Cement Works Road. The driver had his headlights on due to it being a little dark this time of the morning. The UFO flew off from its previous flight pattern and hovered over this car for about 10 sec then just flew out of sight behind the hill.

The speed that it departed at was at least 5 times greater than the speed it was doing when we first ~~sighted~~ saw it. (200 mph)

It appeared to me that after hovering over and probably observing the motor car it decided to "buzz" off.

Interviewer.

Hoping this will help you in your research.
Signed: IAN. J. Thomson
Transcribed by J Saunders

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....this is a period of heavy domestic traffic in the Adelaide area.....

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

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

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

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

—

.....

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

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

.....none forwarded.....

.../5

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

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39. The object reported could have been.....— optical illusion of car lights in overcast.....

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

R.A.F. Edinburgh.....(Unit)..John Saunders.....(Name)

..2 July 68.....(Date)..Flying Officer.....(Rank)

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded are UFO reports, annotated with Command Intelligence Officer's comments, of un-identified sightings by civilians on 18-19 May 1968, viz:

Mr and Mrs L. WARNOCK, Castlemaine VIC
Miss E.L. LYLE of Falconer St North Fitzroy.

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

Annex:
2 reports

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. MR. MRS L. WARNOCK ..... Age. —

2. Address of Observer. NEWCOMBE ST., LITTLE BENDIGO, CASTLEMAINE

3. Occupation of Observer. —

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
18 MAY 1968 2330 HRS

5. Duration of Observation(s). 4 OR 5 MINUTES

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

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

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.
ABOUT 1 MILE IN FRONT OF US AS WE STOOD AT FRONT DOOR

10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg light or noise.
MOVING LIGHT 3 OR 4 TIMES BIGGER THAN AVERAGE STAR, OR ABOUT TWICE THE SIZE OF VENUS RISING IN THE EARLY MORNING

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
A ROUND OBJECT WITH SEPARATE LIGHTS OF WHITE WITH A SILVER TINGE ALL AROUND THE OUTSIDE. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STERN WAS A LARGE WINDOW

12. ~~If there was more than one object, how many were there~~ and what was their formation.
OMITTING AN ORANGE PALE FLUORESCENT LIGHT WITH A SHADOW IN THE MIDDLE.

13. What was the colour of the light or object. SEE ABOVE.

14. What was its apparent shape. " "

15. Was any detail of structure observable. " "

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO

17. Was there any sound. NO NOISE AT ALL

18. Height, or angle of elevation. APPROX 1000 FT.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. NOT KNOWN

20. Was the object stationary. NO

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass...
TRAVELLED SOUTH / SOUTH WEST

.../2.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all? OBJECT GAVE A SHORT BURST OF FANTASTIC SPEED THEN WOULD STOP, TURN AT ~~FIRST~~ RIGHT ANGLES TO FIRST THE RIGHT (WEST) AND HOVER AND THEN TO THE LEFT (EAST) AND HOVER. IT DID THIS MANOEUVRE TWICE, WITH A SHORT BURST OF SPEED IN BETWEEN

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. IT FINALLY CONTINUED ON ITS ORIGINAL COURSE AND JUST BLACKED OUT COMPLETELY BEFORE IT REACHED THE HORIZON

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

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously. NO, BUT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SEEN OBJECTS LIKE THIS AT DIFFERENT TIMES, BUT HAVE NEVER REPORTED IT

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.

AN EX NAVY MAN WHO HAS SEEN SATELLITES, WEATHER BALLOONS STAR SHELLS, ETC

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. SIGHTING REPORTED TO CASTLEMAINE POLICE ABOUT 10 MINUTES AFTERWARDS.

Signature of Observer.....

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

N/L recorded

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

N/L

34. Comments. This report compiled from letter to this HQ. Unable to identify object sighted - no satellite activity scheduled for this time - but possibly ~~possibly~~ satellite or space matter decaying. No known aircraft activity.

Signature of Interrogator. [signature]
AT LT
C INTELL O.

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....Edna Lyle Lyle.....Age. 63.....

2. Address of Observer...98. Falconer St. North Tilgray Vic 3068.

3. Occupation of Observer..Home Duties.....

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

.....19th day of May 1968 at 8.50 P.M.....

5. Duration of Observation(s). Said Ah!! and it was gone

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

.....About 200 yds from Rushall Station Standingon verandah at 98, Falconer St.

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

.....Dark. No rain and No moon.....

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

.....Clear eyesight.....None.....

.....

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

I was looking at sky. It moved across horizon from one lot of dark cloud. Made sky clear like a spot light and went into another lot of dark clouds.

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

.....The light object itself.....

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 object.....

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

14. What was its apparent shape. Like a Torpedo.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable. Pointed at front of object like a Biro Pen

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

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation. Sky high on horizon.

19. Speed, or angular velocity. A Flash. Only time to say Ah!! gone on its way.

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

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

.....North West.....

.../2.

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

On straight path

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.

Straight on course to North West

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 paras 18 and 19.

As I was looking at sky, & seeing this object like afforesaid white light tube so clear it threw up the sky in background itself white like a torpedo.

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

No

30. Name and address of organisation. No —

31. Any additional information. Gave me such a shock. There was no one about I could speak to, so I ran "tge office" Gentleman was so interested, he rang Essendon Aerodrome.

Signature of Observer. Edwin L. Lyle

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

N/L

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

N/L

34. Comments. Or sighting for such a short time can only be meteorite activity. Shape of "like a torpedo" consistent with residual light held by retina

Signature of Interrogator. [signature]
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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.

ff said t[illegible] Maryland's new Constitu-n "shou[illegible]e as a significant point of parture [illegible]odel for other states."

It was hoped that Maryland might give drive for state constitutional reform much-needed push. New Constitutions d been defeated by voters in New York, ode Island and Kentucky recently. nnsylvania, Connecticut and New sey, much in need of reform, decided risk only half steps and their conven-ns came up with amendments to exist-Constitutions. Maryland is now con-mplating the exhumation of parts of its ied new Constitution in the form of endments to its old Reconstruction Era nstitution, which has already been ended over 200 times.

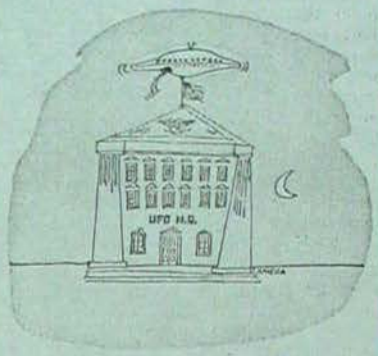
The major changes in Maryland's w Constitution were generally referred by supporters as "streamlining" and opponents as "undemocratic." The vernor would have had more authority. dges were to be selected in a way that ve them a two-year term on the bench fore the voters ruled on them. The ite Legislature was to relinquish control er strictly local county and city matters. gislative districts were to be redrawn such a way that only one member uld be elected from each. The Legisla-e itself was to be reduced in size. The ting age was to be lowered from 21 19. Some political offices were to abolished. The Legislature was given specific power to create "regional vernments."

This last, probably more than anything e, led to the defeat of the new nstitution. It raised the fear in the burbs of Baltimore of consolidation with city, higher taxes, possibly integration the presently almost all white tax-pported schools in the suburbs with the edominantly Negro schools of the city. ne of the most effective tactics was an onymous telephone campaign in the burbs the day before the vote, forecast-that the new Constitution would lead children being transported by bus tween city and suburb to achieve racial lance in the schools. Another effective ack was the well publicised charge that plementing the new Constitution would t $154 million instead of the $2.4 llion estimated by the State Fiscal search Bureau. To the surprise of no , Baltimore County voted almost 2 to gainst. So did the city's other large sub-an county, Anne Arundel. Not totally prising, all of the traditionally nservative rural counties voted solidly inst. As expected, the two counties ich are suburbs of Washington, DC, ditionally liberal, with no threat of mbination with the federal capital, ed for. The surprise of the voting was timore city, which is the main victim state inefficiency and would be the or beneficiary of regional arrange-nts. But it voted "no." In those white districts of the city where anti-gro feelings are highest, the ratio was and 7 to 1. Negro districts were almost mphatic the other way.

The rejection of the Constitution was a statement of negativism and a rebuff to the state's "establishment." Business leaders, the trade union council, the Governor and past Governor, the Mayor and ex-Mayor of Baltimore, the state's delegation in the United States Congress, the County Commissioners' Association, the principal state judge, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives and the President of the State Senate, most office holders whose careers would not be threatened by the new arrangements, the Baltimore and Washington newspapers—all these supported the new Constitution. But they were not enough.

Saucers down to earth

Denver, Colorado



Once again the efforts of terrestrial authority to be manifestly "objective" and "scientific" about flying saucers have run into the usual cloud of suspicion and abuse. The American authority "responsible," to use the quaint phrase, for unidentified flying objects (UFOs) is the United States Air Force, to which reports of sightings of such objects are passed as a matter of routine. Each Air Force base has a UFO officer who, following a procedure laid down in Regulation 80-17, forwards reports of all the "unexplained" sightings to the Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio. There the reports have been accumulating through the years. In the past 18 months the reports that are still regarded as "unexplained," after the Air Force has made what it can of them, have been filtered on to a special staff of learned civilians formed for the purpose at Boulder, Colorado, where the University of Colorado accepted in 1966 an Air Force contract to conduct an investigation into the whole phenomenon.

Promised an inquiry that would be not only objective and scientific, but also independent, some of the perennial critics of authority's frivolous attitude to UFOs were temporarily mollified. Just like earthly interests, unidentified flying objects have a lobby, groups who believe in them and want the authorities to admit that they exist and to treat them without levity. There is a National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington and an Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation in Tucson, Arizona. Tucson is also the home of one of the better-known scientists who maintain that UFOs are not a frivolous matter and need more serious attention than they get, Professor James McDonald, a meteorologist; another, Professor J. Allen Hynek, is the chief astronomer at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Both these men were invited to Boulder in the early days of the new investigation by its head, Professor Edward Condon, the physicist, to address the staff which he was assembling there. NICAP went so far as to express cautious support for the project.

But the relative harmony did not last and it is now quite broken. Dr Condon's record and credentials are unassailable (he is a former director of the Bureau of Standards, and is, or has been, president of very nearly everything) but his tongue is sharp and free. Rather early in the investigation he was heard confessing to an inclination to tell the government that it might as well drop the whole subject, adding, to twist the knife in the wound, "But I'm not supposed to reach that conclusion for another year."

Dr Condon showed a collector's interest in the obvious cranks and extreme believers in little green men and his funny stories about them enlivened the scientific gatherings that he was always being called upon to address. The serious UFO converts began to get a nasty feeling that they were being made fools of. They had their allies on the project's staff, who thought that too much attention was being given to studying the psychology and background of people who thought they saw flying objects and not enough to the actual phenomena.

What then happened was narrated at length in *Look* magazine of May 14th, in an article heavily biased against Dr Condon's side, accusing the authorities of trying to bamboozle the public with an expensive confidence trick. Two members of the staff who believed that the critics were right dug out an old staff memorandum describing the background of the contract. In one passage he faced the fact that, while the project would have to appear totally objective to the public, it would in fact be conducted "almost exclusively" by men who expected, after exhaustive inquiry, to find nothing.

A copy of this memorandum found its way out of the project's offices and into the hands of Professor McDonald, who pounced on it. In January the opposition began to prepare plans, in concert with Professor McDonald, to keep an investigation in being after Dr Condon had finished his report, which is due shortly. In February the two staff members, both academic men, who had been concerned in disclosing the memorandum were summarily dismissed and another of the staff resigned. The whole row has now been brought into the open by the *Look* article and by a ferocious statement from NICAP "breaking relations" with the Colorado study and demanding an entirely new one. The honeymoon between earthly authority and the believers in interventions from space, never warm or comfortable, is over.

NOTE (21)

Sightings up to this enclosure included in summary 19 JUN 68

SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF AIR, CANBERRA, ACT, FROM 1960

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
23 Jan 60	Twin Yellow Lights over Launceston, Tasmania. Elevation 20° - 30°	Refraction of light
1 Feb 60	Bright object emitting flashes, moving W to E over Melbourne, Victoria.	Astronomical
26 Mar 60	Spherical, silvery object, elevation 80° - 65°, over Canberra, ACT.	Astronomical
13 Jun 60	Flashing red light and fixed white light over Mangalore, Victoria.	Aircraft
26 Jun 60	Explosion of light with spark showers, elevation 40° en route Melbourne, Victoria, to Launceston, Tasmania	Astronomical
18 Aug 60	Bright flashing object travelling E to W, 160 miles N of Mullewa, WA.	Astronomical
2 Oct 60	Crescent shaped object, horns lighted, 5° above southern horizon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
4 Oct 60	"5 flying saucers and a mother ship" cigar shaped, 4 vertical bands, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Astronomical
13 Oct 60	White light, angle of elevation 45°, Mackunda Downs, Queensland.	Astronomical
25 Oct 60	Downs, Queensland.	Astronomical
15 Oct 60	UAS traversing sky, W to E over Launceston, Tasmania	Met balloon with light attached.
18 Oct 60	Slow moving cigar-shaped object similar to aircraft - bright orange rear portion, rest dull grey.	Probably TAA aircraft Viscount VH-TVG
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania - orange coloured ball hovering in sky, also described as cigar-shaped.	Astronomical
27 Oct 60	Orange/blue/red round object, trailing cloud of sparks, exploded at Poatina, Tasmania.	Astronomical
15 Nov 60	Orange transluscent ball, approx 70 ft in diameter at altitude 35,000 ft heading 140° at high speed.	Astronomical
27 Nov 60	Light in sky over Poatina/Cressy, Tasmania	Astronomical
29 Nov 60	Point of blue/green/red light, just obove horizon, rising slowly over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Astronomical

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
7 Dec 60	Silvery, disc-shaped formation of 30/40 objects over Launceston, Tasmania, flying southwards.	Flight of pigeons
21 Dec 60	24 grey/blue objects, moving southwards over Great Lakes, Tasmania.	Refraction of light
25 Dec 60	Star like object, 20 minutes to pass over $\frac{1}{4}$ sky over Campbell Town, Tasmania, west to east.	Satellite
5 Jan 61	Bright light in sky, Oatlands, Tasmania	Astronomical
Early Jan 61	Bright, white sphere, 45° from vertical, over Campbell Town, Tasmania.	Astronomical
18 Jan 61	Apparently controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang, Victoria.	Astronomical
12 Mar 61	Bright light, with tail of orange sparks over Indooroopilly Queensland, from N to S.	Astronomical
9 Apr 61	Flashes of light west of Beaconsfield, Victoria, similar to lightning.	Astronomical
23 May 61	Large object like a meteor - position 32305 15240E object broken up.	Astronomical
25 May 61	Dull silvery thermometer-shaped object - Devonport, Tasmania - seen through binoculars.	Aircraft
5 Jun 61	Conical shaped object falling to earth - Darwin, NT.	Astronomical
7 Jun 61	Oval shaped, red-glowing object, Cairns, Queensland, photographed through 4 in telescope	Temperature inversion, sighting of an aircraft.
31 Jul 61	Long white glowing object, flaming tail buzzed train on railway, 285 miles south of Darwin, NT	Astronomical
8 Aug 61	12 objects flying high, in pairs, dropping white substance - Meekatharra, WA.	Probably migrating "balloon spiders"
24 Aug 61	Red light, elevation 3.5° at Hobart airport.	Astronomical
Nov/Dec 61	Golden sphere with silver protuberances on either side - like motor armature, moving and rising in westerly direction, Koorda, WA.	Astronomical
28 Dec 61	Spherical object, emitting flashes of green and orange light - slow moving - Collaroy, NSW.	Astronomical
16 Jan 62	Fiery, rocket-like object across Caulfield, Vic.	Astronomical
23 Jan 62	Green fading to yellow object over East Sale, Vic	Probably private aircraft.

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30 Jan 62	White spherical object, Manly, NSW	Astronomical
25 Jan 62 2 Feb 62 13 Feb 62	Bright white, planet-like object, sometimes orange and occasionally zig-zagging or changing direction, Fremantle, WA.	Astronomical
3 Mar 62	White spherical object with metal lustre, Manly, NSW	Astronomical
11 Mar 62	Star-like object, 75° elevation to SSW of Flinders Island, Tasmania	Astronomical
13 Apr 62	3 objects, 2 with firey trails, moving from NW direction over Tennant Creek, NT.	Astronomical
5 May 62	White object, zig-zagging, Redcliffe, WA.	Astronomical
5 May 62	Contrail and metallic glint preceding contrail, over Richmond, NSW	Aircraft
7 May 62	Dark glinting object leaving 4 condensation trails - climbing vertically over Holbrook, Victoria	Aircraft
25 May 62	Light, travelling across sky, stops, changes course and gradually disappears, Lucinda Point, Queensland.	Astronomical
25 Jun 62	Glowing red object, great size and speed at Kurrajong, NSW.	Astronomical
22/23 Aug 62	Silver-coloured object over Yass, NSW	Astronomical
16 Aug 62	Star-like object, red/green/blue - slowly moving up/down/right/left over Kimberley, Tasmania.	Astronomical
31 Aug 62	Bright star-like object moving across sky over Denmark, WA.	Aircraft
Aug 62	Starlike object, stationary in sky over Cressy, Tasmania	Astronomical
Aug 62	Moving, star-like object Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
23 Sep 62	Bright cluster of lights moving from S to N - Aircraft en route Christchurch, NZ, to Sydney, NSW.	Astronomical
13 Oct 62	Aircraft like object high over sky, leaving yellowish trail - Canberra, ACT.	Aircraft
30 Oct 62	Large object with red front emitting thick orange coloured exhaust - over Goulburn, NSW	Astronomical
3 Nov 62	Bright metallic glinting needle shaped object flying in straight-vertical path over Cressy, Tasmania.	Aircraft
8 Dec	Yellow, star-like object from S to N in straight path, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Probably Satellite
17 Dec 62	Cylindrical object, with 2 vertical projections travelling NNE/SSW over Norfolk Island.	Aircraft

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Jan 63	Apparently spherical object, white vapour emitted. Moved downwards in sky over Penna, Tasmania.	Astronomical
15 Feb 63	Grey, rotating object descending and then moving over to West - gave off swishing sound, Moe Victoria.	Tornado like meteorological manifestation
Feb 63	White, spherical object, illuminated, in level flight over Maitland, NSW.	Satellite
27 Feb 63	Two bluish/green lights, oval in shape, oscillating in sky in tandem, Braybrook, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
4 Apr 63	Two bright objects, star-like, side by side, stationary, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
7 Apr 63	Long slender, silvery-white pencil-like object - soundless, Forster, NSW	Aircraft
19 May 63	Bright red/white object, rising vertically, looked like bulldozer, Mt Gambier, SA.	Astronomical
1 Jul 63	Explosion of light in sky over Melbourne, Victoria.	Astronomical
3 Jul 63	Bright greenish/blue light over Iron Range, Queensland.	Astronomical
19 Jul 63	Bright star-like object, red, stationary over Deloraine, Tasmania.	Astronomical
25 Jul 63	Light grey, circular object, noise like jet engine heard, hovering above Warragul, Victoria.	Tornado
8 Aug 63	Shower of lights over Darwin area, NT, making swishing noise	Astronomical
20 Aug 63	Explosion in sky Turner Station/Ord River Station, SA. Silver spot or streak sighted before explosion.	Re-entry of Cosmos 2.
23 Oct 63	White starlike object, bulbous front and elongated tail - Mt Dandanong area, Victoria	Astronomical
19 Nov 63	Bright orange light, jet engine noise - from W to NW, Moorabin, Victoria.	Astronomical
26 Nov 63	Pinkish/brown starlike object oscillating over Beaumaris, Victoria. Rotating in circular manner towards south.	Astronomical
24 Dec 63	Marks on negative of photo taken at RAAF, Darwin.	Static charge on photo paper during loading of camera

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23 Jan 64	Seen at sea by crew of a vessel NE Point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Large lights in water, made compass go "Haywire". Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, casing lights to pulsate.	Unknown
24 Feb 64 2 Mar 64 8 Mar 64	Bright light like bushfire, Balladonia, WA, Eyre Highway (178 mile peg).	Astronomical
3 Mar 64	White, planet like object, bright light, Bridport, Tasmania.	Astronomical
22 Mar 64	Cigar shaped, travelling sideways, brown colour, at Armidale, NSW	Astronomical
9 May 64	Two moving lights, yellowish, Pascoe Vale, Victoria oscillating in sky.	Refraction of light.
24 Jul 64	Formation of whitish objects over Longreach, Queensland.	Astronomical
1 and 2 Aug 64	Bright headed object, glowing tail over Onslow, WA.	Astronomical
2 Aug 64	Rocket like object, with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Wittenoom Gorge,/Hammersley Ranges, WA.	Astronomical
12 Aug 64	White light moving across sky over Kavieng, Papua and New Guinea - like bright star.	Satellite
17 Aug 64	Bluish star like object, moving in circles over Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
2 Sep 64	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight Melbourne/ Canberra	Refraction of light
22 Sep 64	Object like exploding meteorite - lit up surface of sea, Cambridge Gulf, WA.	Astronomical
8 Nov 64	Light at horizon, Lowhead Lighthouse, Tasmania.	Astronomical
8 Nov 64	Long and narrow, red/orange object - travelling fast over Point Sorrell, Victoria.	Astronomical
4 Dec 64	Strip of scrub 600 yds wide, 4½ miles long subjected to extreme heat, Queensland.	Bushfire
13 Jan 65	Apparent aerial objects, with vapour trails, flying in formation over Tasman Sea.	Astronomical
17 Jan 65	Elongated light with tail- oscillating in sky over Trevallyn, Tasmania.	Astronomical
17 Jan 65	Two red lights and line of apparent cabin lights - stationary over Mentone, Victoria.	Refraction of light
23 Feb 65) 30 Mar 65) 1 Apr 65)	Orange lights in sky over South Cottesloe, WA.	Probably Vampire aircraft from RAAF Pearce.

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19 Mar 65	Yellow spherical object moved from overhead to horizon in SE direction - Lakes Entrance, Victoria.	Astronomical
19 Mar 65	Orange spherical object, West Tamar, Tasmania.	Astronomical
21 Mar 65	Sphere with red dome on top; 3 illuminated tails - moving Southwards over Malvern, Victoria.	Weather balloon
22 Mar 65	Yellow steady light from spherical body moved about the sky	Astronomical
24 May 65	2 objects, one above the other, silvery, moved from SSW over Geelong area, Victoria.	Refraction of Light
21 Apr 65	Dark grey/black amorphous object over Pakenham East Victoria - moving erratically up and down	Tornado
5 May 65	Banana shaped, white/orange object over Mowbray, Tasmania	Astronomical
5 May 65	Green changing to orange to green light over Youngtown, Tasmania	Astronomical
13 May 65	Slightly elongated, brightly lit, broke into several pieces, over Griffith, NSW.	Astronomical
13 May 65	Greenish/yellow light travelling fast over Queanbeyan, NSW	Astronomical
25 May 65	Blue light eminating from object coloured red - through to green - wavered in sky. Eminated light sufficient to illuminate beach - Sehulea Papua and New Guinea	Unknown
3 Jun 65	Bright starlike object, increasing in size, Bowen/ Proserpine area, Queensland.	Astronomical
13 Jun 65	Yellowish ball with tail. Emitted brilliant bluish-white flash on disappearing over horizon, Mudginberri Station NT.	Astronomical
17 Jun 65	Bright object, emitting red light directed to earth Passed over Sewataitai, Papua and New Guinea	Astronomical
24 Jun 65	Star shaped object, yellowish/white, moving over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Echo 2 Satellite
24 Jun 65	Saucer shape- come top and rows of lights across front and along side - bluish white, red trail, Daunia Station, via Nebo, NT	Astronomical
24 Jun 65	Bright light, oscillating from L to R - Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea	Astronomical
29 Jun 65	Blue to green, cigar shaped object, red glow at rear Lindisfarne, Tasmania.	Astronomical
29 Jun 65	Bright object with short tail, moving E to W over Launceston, Tasmania	Astronomical

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29 Jun 65	Vivid light blue, circular shape, travelling NS, Longford, Tasmania.	Astronomical
3 Jul 65	Loud humming, glowing object, yellow/white light eminating from object illuminated herd of cattle, Kimberly, Tasmania.	Astronomical
5 Jul 65	Bright white light, near Elliot, Queensland	Satellite
5 Jul 65	Bright light over sea, Tewetewa, Papua and New Guinea	Satellite
12 Jul 65	Bright light oscillating from L to R, Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea	Astronomical
15 Jul 65	Brilliant white light in sky at moon rise over Murella Park, NT	Astronomical
15 Jul 65	White spherical object, Canberra, ACT	Astronomical
17 Jul 65) 18 Jul 65) 19 Jul 65)	Red glowing cylindrical object, moving from L to R (oscillating) emitting "diesel-engine" sound, Nivani Plantation, Samarai, Papua and New Guinea	Astronomical
22 Jul 65	Bright light turning from red, through white to green and red, Dalby, Queensland.	Astronomical
30 Jul 65	Silver coloured object - disappeared with flash, 70 miles west of Cook, SA	Astronomical
Aug 65	Saucer shaped object with bluish green glow at rim, grey in colour, Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, NSW.	Tornado
1 Aug 65	Bright green/red/white light, Woodstock, NSW	Astronomical
3 Aug 65	Two starlike objects over Frankston, Victoria	Met Balloons
4 Aug 65	Silvery sphere with aerial on top, Orange, NSW	Met Balloon
24 Aug 65	Red/orange body, leaving trail of white, came from SW Lat 1048 south long 13315 East, Western Australia	Astronomical
26 Aug 65	Flashing light travelling NS, Goomalling, WA	Astronomical
26 Aug 65	Spherical, starlike objects, Launceston, Tasmania	Astronomical
14 Sep 65	Flashing red, green, white, flying object, Ganawe, Papua and New Guinea	Astronomical
19 Sep 65	Streak of light, Dubbo, NSW	Astronomical
15 Sep 65	White object sighted west of Port Moresby, Papue and New Guinea. Moved westwards, slowed then sped northwards.	Unknown
27 Sep 65	Bright light in sky WSW of Goroka, Papua and New Guinea. Intensity of light fluctuated. Later disappeared below horizon.	Satellite

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2 Nov 65	Dull vertical narrow beam ascending from sea offshore Bunama Point, Papua and New Guinea	Water spout
27 Nov 65	White, apparently triangular in shape, stationary in sky, under moon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
2 Dec 65	Bluish-through-to-reddish light, larger than star, 20° above horizon. Disappeared below horizon after about 10 minutes. Popondetta, Northern Territory.	Satellite
13 Dec 65	Bright object high in sky moving N to S for about 10 minutes at Taroona Tasmania.	Satellite
1 Jan 66	Bright flash high in sky for about 5 minutes which left a smoke trail. Aitape TPNG	Meteor
17 Jan 66	Unusual light effects on two 35 mm colour slides taken at night in Perth WA.	Camera lens aberration
8 Feb 66	Star shaped light 25 degrees above horizon for about 30 minutes at Mitcham Vic	Astronomical
8 Feb 66	Light in S. sky 45 degrees above horizon for 3 hours at Melbourne Vic	Astronomical
20 Feb 66	Light moving rapidly from E to W for about 8 seconds Essendon, Vic	Meteor
21 Feb 66	Bright object at great height moving from S to N for 6 minutes at Richmond NSW	Satellite
28 Feb 66	Star shaped brightlight moving from SE to NW for about 3 minutes at Franklin, Tas	Satellite
2 Mar 66	Moving light high in sky for about 20 minutes at Rosetta Tas	Satellite
26 Apr 66	Star shaped light moving for about 30 minutes at Toorak Vic	Incomplete data

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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 Eucla 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.

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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 WA 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.

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12 Nov 66	Lighted object moving fast from N to S for about 10 Seconds at Brisbane, Qld.	Meteorite or satellite
22 Nov 66	Object moving from N to S for about 2 minutes at Daly Waters, N.T.	Probable met balloon.
22 Nov 66	Moving bright red light for about 6 minutes at Willaura, Vic	Aircraft
24 Nov 66	Light moving from W to E for 20 minutes at Brisbane Qld.	Incomplete data
27 Nov 66	Light with black mass on top during a severe electrical storm for 3-4 minutes at Eildon Weir, Vic	Electrical discharge phenomenom
10 Dec 66	Star shaped point of light moving S for about 3 mins at Camberwell, Vic.	Satellite
15-18 Dec 66	Very high light moving from W to E for 15-20 minutes at West Pymble, NSW	Satellite
28 Dec 66	Very high light moving from W to E for 5 minutes at Yarra Glen, Vic.	Satellite
30-31 Dec 66	Very high light in the sky, two sightings at Fingal Tas.	Satellites
4 & 6 Jan 67	Bright light moving from NW to SE for about 4 minutes each sighting at St Kilda Vic.	Satellite
6 Jan 67	Light flashing every 8-10 secs moving SE to NW at great height for 90 seconds at Narribri, NSW.	Tumbling satellite
11 Jan 67	Moving light at Coolac, NSW	Incomplete data
13 Jan 67	Lighted object moving W to E at about 1,000' for 7 seconds at Fawkner, Vic	Aircraft
13 Jan 67	Two red lights moving across sky for about 2 minutes near Camden, NSW	Aircraft
15 Jan 67	Light moving W across sky for 10 minutes at Springvale Vic.	Aircraft
17 Jan 67	Flash in sky, high speed descent of object, then puff of smoke for about 1 minute at Charleville, Qld	Atmospheric entry of meteor.
19 Jan 67	Very high light moving W to E for 45 minutes at Blackburn, Vic.	Satellite
21 Jan 67	Object seen accompanied by loud humming noise for about 1 minute at Maitland, NSW	Nearby debris airborne by Willy Willy
23 Jan 67	Moving lights, appearing and disappearing in low cloud conditions for about 20 minutes at Nambrok, Vic	Light reflections of nearby towns.

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4 Feb 67	Light moving SSW to NNE for 8 minutes at Eildon Weir, Vic.	Satellite
6 Feb 67	Dull red light moving W to E at great speed for 3 minutes at Bremlea, Vic	Astronomical
12 Feb 67	Orange light for about 5 minutes near Dampier, WA	Incomplete data
13 Feb 67	Fiery object with tail for several seconds near Perth, WA (40 miles S)	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
15 Feb 67	Object about 20-30,000 feet moving SW to NE for about 10-15 seconds near Townsville, Qld (30 miles S).	Aircraft
19 Feb 67	Fiery light which descended and disintegrated above ground seen for several seconds at Fernvale, Qld	Atmospheric entry of meteor
20 Feb 67	Bright light descended vertically for 15 seconds at Port Macquarie, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
21 Feb 67	Light moving from overhead to horizon near Macquarie Light, NSW.	Imcomplete data
22 Feb 67	Lights moving W disappeared below horizon after 15 minutes at Box Hill, Vic	Aircraft
16 Mar 67	Red flashing light then bright white light for several seconds moving E at Picnic Point, Qld.	Aircraft
16 Mar 67	White light appeared from behind cloud and appeared to move in and out of cloud at Cooparoo, Qld	Light reflection on clouds
16 Mar 67	Light moving high from W to E for about 30 minutes at Malvern, Vic.	Satellite
17 Mar 67	Bright light with tail seen from aircraft above cloud for 3-4 seconds about 100 miles N of Brisbane, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
19 Mar 67	Star shaped light in W sky seen for about 40 minutes at Currajong, Vic.	Astronomical
21 Mar 67	Object moving from N to S for 4-5 seconds at Forrest Hill, Vic.	Light aircraft
1 Apr 67	Slow moving red light for about 10 minutes at Darwin, NT	Astronomical
12 Apr 67	Slow moving object high in sky for about 10 minutes at Caulfield, Vic.	Astronomical
17 Apr 67	Object sighted at 2000hrs and two at 2200 hrs at Minto, NSW	Incomplete data
22 Apr 67	Slow moving light in sky, SE to NW for about 7 minutes at Coolangatta, Qld.	Astronomical

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3 May 67	Light moving across sky at about speed of aircraft for 5 minutes at Yarrambat, Vic.	Aircraft descending
5 May 67	White light which left white trail moved from NW horizon to SE for about 2 minutes at Mowbray, Tas.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
6 May 67	Stationary light above horizon disappeared then re-appeared, but smaller in size, during 1 minute at Newnham, Tas.	Aircraft moving from observer
17 May 67	Star shaped object high in sky moving slowly NW to SE for about 1 hour at Thomastown, Vic	Satellite
22 May 67	Light moving N to SE disappeared behind cloud seen for 5 minutes at Kew, Vic	Aircraft
25 May 67	Object moving NW to SE appeared to slowly break up over about 30 seconds at Daly Waters, NT	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
27 May 67	Object above horizon appeared as bright light moving slowly for 7 minutes at Yagoona, NSW	Met. balloon
17 Jun 67	Slow moving red light for about 15 minutes at Burrinjuck NSW	Incomplete data
24 Jun 67	Fire-like object about size of golf ball disappeared over horizon after 3 minutes at St Mary's NSW.	Astronomical
27 Jun 67	Between 2105 hrs and 2200 hrs, 21 separate sightings mainly over S and SE Victoria varying from 1 sec to 30 minutes referred to a bright star-shaped object which rapidly grew to about half full moon size. Most saw a ball of light, travelling horizontally across sky which slowly curved towards earth at shallow angle. Brilliant green or blue-green in colour during 75% of travel it then changed to "hot orange" or "reddish pink" culminating in a "whitish-yellow-orange" bright burst of colour before disappearing. A vapour trail persisted over final path which changed shape and disappeared after 15 minutes.	Atmospheric entry of large meteor
8 Jul 67	Stationary object unusually coloured, low in Western sky for about 30 minutes at Lindenow South, Vic	Light reflections on low cloud
14 Jul 67	Stationary light in W sky about 10 degrees above horizon for 10 minutes at Harbord, NSW	Met. balloon
15 Jul 67	Stationary light in W sky for short duration at Barrenjoey, NSW	Astronomical
17 Jul 67	Light above S horizon descended and disappeared after 30 seconds at Wollstonecraft, NSW.	Astronomical

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20 Jul 67	Silvery object with trail descended at steep angle at Karoonda, SA. Duration unknown.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
22 Jul 67	Lighted object seen moving for 7 seconds at Kinglake West, Vic.	Incomplete data
28 Jul 67	Very high star shaped light seen for 45 minutes at Kalbar, Qld.	Astronomical
30 Jul 67	Large, steady, circular green light which disappeared into distance after 10 minutes at Musswellbrook, NSW	Aircraft
31 Jul 67	Light changing from orange to white to green which descended steeply with dull red sparks during 10 seconds at Coffs Harbour, NSW	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
2 Aug 67	Red light larger than falling star which broke into pieces leaving trail during 10 seconds at Collaroy, NSW	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
3 Aug 67	Lighted object moving across sky for 20 minutes at Melton South, Vic.	Aircraft
4 Aug 67	Light, high in sky, descending straight with smoke trail for 10 seconds at Dee Why, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
11 Aug 67	High bright light moving from S to N for 10 Seconds at Brookfield, Qld.	Satellite
11 Aug 67	Lights moving to NW and climbing for 5 minutes at Yarraville, Vic	Aircraft
15 Aug 67	Bright light above horizon in W sky for 5 minutes at Alberton, Vic.	Astronomical
16 Aug 67	Bright light above horizon in W sky for 11 minutes at Yarram, Vic.	Astronomical
16 Aug 67	Light above horizon in W sky for 3 minutes near Foster, Vic.	Astronomical
28 Aug 67	Light moving from S to NE at altitude for about 20 minutes at Bondi, NSW.	Aircraft
29 Aug 67	High bright light moving rapidly for about 5-12 seconds from SW to NE leaving trail. Four sightings at Ivanhoe Mac Leod, Rosanna and Foster in Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor.
1 Sep 67	High light in sky, moving W to E leaving trail, seen for 5-7 seconds at Mount Egerton, Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
23 Sep 67	High light moving slowly for 3-4 minutes at Riverslea, Vic.	Astronomical
23 Sep 67	Small light, larger than a star, flashing orange to dull red, moving across sky for 2 minutes at Coogee, NSW	Aircraft

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4 Sept 67	Flash of light moving downwards just above eastern sky near Melville, WA	Incomplete Data
9 Sept 67	Flash of light then an object moving slowly to the north west at Alice Springs, NT	Met balloon
12 Sept 67	Bright moving light with red and white light at rear near Dee Why, NSW	Aircraft
23 Sept 67	Rapidly moving object which seemed to break into smaller pieces at Donald & Watchem, Vic	Atmospheric entry of meteor
8 Oct 67	Light at great height moving across sky at Perth, WA	Satellite
17 Oct 67	Trail with object in front at great altitude seen for 6 seconds at Gordon, NSW	Atmospheric entry of meteor
22 Oct 67	Bright light which appeared to move rapidly downwards sighted for 2 seconds near Darwin, NT	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
22 Oct 67	Light at great altitude moving from northerly to southerly direction at Norwood, SA	Satellite
23 Oct 67	Light moving from Carlton towards Essendon at Carlton, VIC	Aircraft
24 Oct 67	Light moving near Fern Tree Gully, Vic	Incomplete data
24 Oct 67	Light grey object moving to the south east sighted for about 15 seconds at Sunshine, Vic	Aircraft
24 Oct 67	Light at great altitude moving to the east sighted for about 7 minutes at Toorak, Vic	Satellite
24 Oct 67	Object moving north disappeared into cloud sighted for 30 seconds at Crowsnest, NSW	Aircraft
28 Oct 67	Light moving just above horizon for 30 seconds near Box Hill, Vic	Aircraft
4 Nov 67	Light at altitude moving from southerly to northerly direction sighted for 3 minutes near Altona, Vic	Satellite
10 Nov 67	Light moving rapidly from north to south at Gympie, Qld	Atmospheric entry of meteor
11 Nov 67	Object 50° above horizon moving south east at Paddington, Qld	Aircraft

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13 Nov 67	Light above horizon near Blakehurst, NSW	Incomplete Data
19 Nov 67	Light sighted for 5 secs moving rapidly to the south west at Sandringham Vic	Atmospheric entry of meteor
19 Nov 67	Ten minute sighting of bright light moving towards the east near Ipswich, Qld	Satellite
21 Nov 67	Lighted object over iron ore pellet plant Dampier, WA	Local Atmospheric conditions
22 Nov 67	Object moving in and out of cloud sighted for about 1 minute near Wiluna, WA	Aircraft
23 Nov 67	Lights moving from east to north west sighted for about 10 minutes near Melton South Vic	Aircraft
26 Nov 67	Lighted object moving along main road at about 25 mph which suddenly disappeared near Kimberley Downs Station, WA	Not known
29 Nov 67	Bright light moving slowly from south to north for about ½ minute near Dalby, Qld	Met balloon
29 Nov 67	Light moving from east to west at great speed leaving a trail sighted for two seconds at Darwin NT	Atmospheric entry of meteor
30 Nov 67	Object moving from east to west sighted for about 10 seconds near Perth airport, WA	Aircraft
6 Dec 67	Bright light 15° above horizon in the east sighted for several hours at Gymea Bay, NSW	Astronomical
13 Dec 67	Bright light moving across sky sighted for about 30 minutes at Currumbin, Qld	Satellite
15 Dec 67	Object moving from west to east at great altitude near South Pritchard	Satellite
30 Dec 67	Starlike light moving from north to south and sighted for about 5 minutes at Brisbane, Qld	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Starlike object sighted for 20 minutes moving from west to east at Nedlands, WA.	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Object at great altitude moving from south west to north east sighted for 2 minutes at Cabramatta, NSW	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Light moving at great speed from south to north in Botany Bay area NSW	Atmospheric entry of meteor
1 Jan 68	Light moving rapidly across sky and breaking up into smaller lights at Rockhampton, Qld	Atmospheric entry of meteor

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8 Jan 68	Object at great height moving from west to east sighted for five minutes near South Yarra, Vic	Satelitte
13 Jan 68	Bright light with flashing red and green lights manoeuvring near Chadstone, Vic	Aircraft
15 Jan 68	Light moving from west to east at great altitude at Mitcham, Vic	Satellite
16 Jan 68	Red and green lights moving from west to east and climbing near Melton South Vic.	Aircraft
17 Jan 68	Light moving from north to south sighted for about 30 seconds at Zillmere Qld	Aircraft
19 Jan 68	Object at great altitude moving towards the east sighted for 7 minutes at Penshurst NSW	Satellite
19 Jan 68	Light at height moving rapidly from west to east and breaking up into smaller lights at Ashfield	Atmospheric entry of meteor
20 Jan 68	Light with long trail moving rapidly from west to east for about 20 seconds at Wagga, NSW	Atmospheric entry of meteor
22 Jan 68	Object moving from east to west near Morapoi Homestead, WA	Met balloon
27 Jan 68	Light like a star moving across the sky sighted for 15 minutes near Brahma Lodge, SA	Satellite
27 Jan 68	Light at altitude moving from north to south at East Sale, Vic.	Satellite
31 Jan 68	Light at great height moving from north to south east sighted for 5 minutes at Dolans Bay	Satellite
6 Feb 68	Lights moving from south to north sighted for about 15 seconds at Perth, WA	Incomplete data
12 Feb 68	Light at great altitude moving towards south east for 10 minutes at Toorak, Vic	Satellite
13 Feb 68	Bright light in eastern sky sighted for about ten minutes near Chadstone, Vic.	Astronomical
13 Feb 68	Time 0030 hrs Duration 90 mins. Weather fine. Light moving from south to north at great altitude at Barmera, SA.	Satellite
20 Feb 68	Time 1948 hrs. Duration ½ minute. Weather fine. Light at great altitude moving from west to east at Cannon Hill,	Satellite
22 Feb 68	Time 1930 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Bright light very high, moving towards the east in a straight line at Zillmere, Qld	Satellite

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23 Feb 68	Time 0145 hrs. Duration several seconds. Weather 6/8 low cloud. Light in sky which appeared to move slowly away from observer at Carlingford, NSW	Mascot meteorological search light on cloud
8 Mar 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 secs. Weather fine. Light appeared to be falling at great speed at Yass.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
19 Mar 68	Time 2000 hrs. Duration approx. 40 minutes. Weather fine. Flashing red and green lights moving towards north west, at Sale, Vic.	Aircraft
21 Mar 68	Time 2055 hrs. Duration 5 minutes, light moving north west then turning to the south and fading during the turn at Armadale, WA.	Aircraft
24 Mar 68	Time 0100 hrs. Duration 10 minutes. Light accompanied by low humming noise travelling from West to east at Point Leo, Vic.	Aircraft
1 Apr 68	Time 1917 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather fine. Light at great height moving from south west to north east at Bacchus Marsh, Vic.	Satellite
9 Apr 68	Time 1910 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Weather fine. Light moving north west then north at Williamstown, Vic.	Aircraft
9 Apr 68	Time 1905 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather cloudy. Light moving from west to east in a straight line at Thornbury, Vic	Satellite
10 Apr 68	Time 1850 hrs. Duration not known. Weather fine, $\frac{3}{8}$ cloud. Flashing red light moving in various directions and being lost at times due to cloud at Williamstown Vic.	Aircraft
10 Apr 68	Time 1917 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Light moving in a straight line from west to east at Flinders Is.	Satellite
10 Apr 68	Time 1855 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather fine. White light at great altitude moving very rapidly from south to north at Williamstown, Vic	Atmospheric entry of meteor
12 Apr 68	Time 1900 hrs. Duration 10 mins. Star like object moving at great height at Manly, NSW	Satellite
22 Apr 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Bright light 5° above horizon moving in a straight line from north to south, at Newcastle, NSW	Satellite
24 Apr 68	Time 0330 hrs. Duration 1-2 hrs. Light just above horizon moving upwards at very slow rate at Maffra, Vic	Astronomical
25 Apr 68	Time 1800 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Weather fine. Light moving in a northerly direction at Longwarry Vic.	Aircraft

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25 Apr 68	Time 0430 hrs. Duration about 1 hour. Light about 10° above horizon moving extremely slowly upward, at Wayfield, Vic . what about report of 45° moving ??	Astronomical
3 May 68	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Weather fine. Light moving towards the east disappearing over the horizon at Smithfield, NSW. (9 objects reported)	Satellite

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JOHN HALLOWS takes

A serious look at an old joke . . .

UFOs

AT LEAST two Australian scientists — well-known and respected in their different fields—are now working seriously on the problem nearly everyone else dismisses as a 20-year-old joke: unidentified flying objects.

They are working unofficially and in secrecy. In fact they would only agree to talk to me on condition their anonymity was respected.

George Adamski and the rest of the lunatic fringe who claim personal contact with the little green men removed respectability from flying saucers in the early fifties — no reputable scientist can now afford to suggest he takes the phenomena even semi-seriously.

Why, then, are these scientists risking their reputations with work on UFOs? Firstly, because they, in common with many other scientists all over the world, are not satisfied with lame official explanations for a large proportion of UFO sightings.

They believe official investigations are often more concerned with pooh-poohing UFOs than with credibility: they suspect that some sightings may be inexplicable in terms of what is so far known about the universe, and that valuable scientific discoveries might be gained from further investigation.

And secondly, there is a sound argument for at least retaining an open mind on the possibility of this planet being visited by intelligently-directed probes from outer space.

This is not a lunatic suggestion. It is backed by some sound scientific opinion.

We are not talking here in our galaxy alone, has nine planets. Even allowing that the proportion of earth-like planets to non-inhabitable worlds may be far less than the solar system's eight to one, Hoyle and other astronomers calculate that there must be 100 million planets identical to earth in this cluster of galaxies alone. It is hardly reasonable to suppose that earth should have been the only one to develop intelligent life.

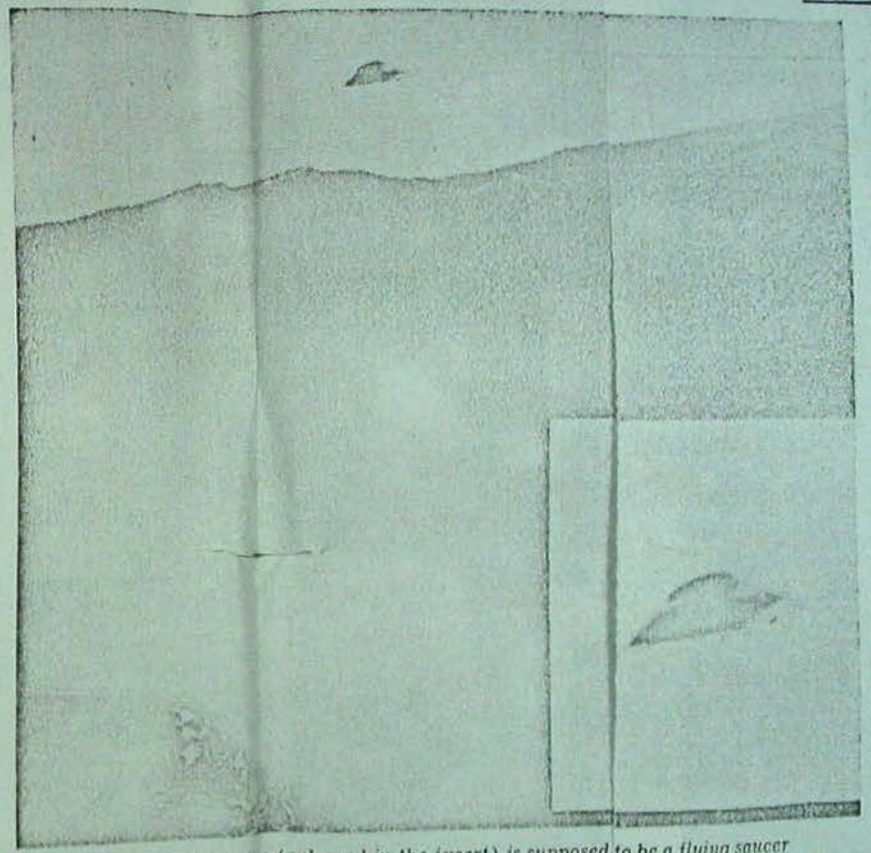
As Sydney University's Professor of Theoretical Physics Stuart T. Butler remarks: "I certainly believe there must be intelligence on some of the other inhabitable planets. It's the only logical interpretation from the evidence. I would go even further and say that there must be intelligent races far further advanced than us. Why should the earth be either at the start or the end of the scale? It is more likely that we are about average, in which

as the RAAF, seek inevitably to explain every sighting away in terms of natural phenomena, even though the explanations often seem very thin on the evidence available.

"I am now concerned to analyse UFO sightings, using a computer, to attempt to see if there are any common circumstances or any statistical indications that unsuspected natural causes may be behind them — if, for example, there is a preponderance of sightings when Venus is at its brightest, and so on.

"So far, I can find no such indication. I am inclined to think that the official agencies very much underestimate the percentage of UFO sightings which are inexplicable in natural terms. Personally, I would put this percentage at considerably more than ten per cent."

In Australia UFO investiga-



The object above the skyline (enlarged in the insert) is supposed to be a flying saucer sighted in California in 1951. The man who took the picture says he and two friends saw the object fly by once and he took the picture on the second pass

accelerated in pursuit and the lights, diving and swooping across the countryside, led them in a high-speed chase around the early-morning lanes for the best part of an hour.

The two officers reported the incident, and, after the story was reported in British papers, were firmly reprimanded for allowing their imagination to get the better of them. They stuck to their story, to the amazement of their chief constable — and saw the lights again on the next night's

said the USAF spokesman. "If the policemen saw the crosses between midnight and 2 am as they say, it could not have been us."

The Royal Observatory comment, in fact, had gone as far as anyone reasonably could towards an explanation of the Hampshire crosses. "There is something up there" — these occurrences, attested to by policemen and amateur astronomers from four countries, were classic examples of the inexplicable UFO, which is not to say there was any evidence

was asked to comment in the House of Commons he gave the assurance: "They are not men from Mars or anything of that kind" and blandly trotted out the exploded Ministry story . . . "it was Venus."

In Australia too there are signs of an official desire to explain UFOs away irrespective of the evidence. (Paradoxically, the Department of Air seems also to be extraordinarily keen to investigate reported sightings on occasion, though the scientific division responsible is unwilling to be interviewed on the accusation

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An Open Mind on UFOs — part two, by John Hallows

Some Australian sightings

THIS is a sample of some of the more remarkable UFO sightings in Australia — taken from the Department of Air file — together with the comments of some independent scientists.

DATE	INCIDENT	DEPARTMENT OF AIR EXPLANATION	INDEPENDENT COMMENT
October 27, 1960.	Explosions heard in sky at Cressy, Tasmania, and orange-colored ball also described and cigar-shape hovering in sky.	Astronomical.	Hard to reconcile official explanation with the description of clergyman witness who saw cigar joined by round shapes.
January 18, 1961.	Apparently-controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang, Victoria.	Astronomical.	Hard to see how an "astronomical" object moved in "apparently controlled fashion."
February 15, 1963.	Grey, rotating object descending and then moving away to the west. Gave off "swishing" sound. Moe, Victoria.	Tornado-like manifestation. meteorological	Independent scientist who investigated incident said this was "the least likely explanation." The scientist, a UFO sceptic, could not suggest any natural cause for incident.
January 23, 1964.	Large lights in sea seen by vessel NE of Point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Compass went "haywire." Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, causing lights to pulsate.	Unknown.	
August 2, 1964.	Rocket-like object with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Wittenoom Gorge and Hamersley Ranges, WA.	Astronomical.	An odd explanation.
September 2, 1964.	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight between Melbourne and Canberra.	Light refraction.	The experienced pilot was sure they were solid.
May 25, 1965.	Blue light emanating from object colored red, wavering in sky. Light sufficient to illuminate beach. Sehulea, Papua-New Guinea.	Unknown.	
June 24, 1965.	Saucer-shaped with cone top and rows of lights across front and along side, with bluish-white and red trail. Daunia Station, near Nebo, Northern Territory.	Astronomical.	Explanation sounds hard to accept on the basis of this description.
July 3, 1965.	Loud humming, glowing object, emanating yellow-white light which illuminated herd of cattle. Kimberley, Tasmania.	Astronomical.	Again, the explanation stretches credibility. Does an astronomical object hum?
July 15, 1965.	White spherical object over Canberra, A.C.T.	Astronomical.	Seems to be another example of the "least likely explanation." The object was seen by airline pilots and control officers in the Canberra tower. They were certain it was neither a star nor a balloon, and they are used to looking at the sky.
September 15, 1965.	White object sighted west of Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea. Moved westwards.	Unknown.	

country than the Department of Air is prepared to admit.

The second of the two scientists, a sceptical Victorian working in the atmospheric sciences who has written papers on UFO phenomena, says:

"The vast majority of so-called UFO sightings can unquestionably be put down to natural and man-made causes. For example, you can throw away all the sightings which are seen within 10 degrees elevation from the horizon because these will normally be light refractions in the atmosphere. Then there are peculiar cloud formations or unusually bright stars which people can often mistake for UFOs.

"But there are incidents which we cannot explain, and it seems to me that official agencies are damaging the chances of proper scientific inquiry by their anxiety to write them off as natural happenings.

"They may well be natural, in a way we don't understand as yet. But we need to find out, and it seems to me that many of the Department of Air's Australian investigations come to unacceptable answers in this hunt for any old natural explanation that will do.

Conceal

"In one incident at Moe, Victoria, which I also investigated myself, the official inquirers plumped arbitrarily for a natural explanation which was in fact — and this is in my field — the least likely of all.

"Other incidents are simply not mentioned at all officially. Schoolchildren in Moorabbin, Victoria, some time ago saw a silvery object descending behind a clump of trees nearby and later taking off again.

"It was an interesting report. The children were familiar enough with aircraft — there is a light plane airfield nearby — not to confuse a crop-dusting plane, or a helicopter, with a UFO.

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'I saw — two people in white

JOHN HALLOWS concludes his series, An Open Mind on UFOs

NYONE who makes a living out of interviewing strangers — a barrister a policeman for example knows from bitter experience that some of the most likely-sounding stories turn out on examination to be the most complete fansy.

Even detailed evidence from unimpeachable sources requires careful checking with second and third parties before it serves as a foundation for belief. The human capacity for self-delusion can make dreamers out of doctors and judges just as well as the dottiest neurotic housewife.

This sort of confirmation is the exact thing missing from all the stories of people who claim to have seen or contacted the crews of UFOs. Some of the claims come from apparently highly reliable people — including several policemen who had everything to lose from telling wild stories — but the absence of good, independent confirmation makes acceptance impossible.

Sometimes inquirers wonder why, if the stories are not real, the claimants should risk ridicule in telling them.

But there are psychological explanations far more appealing to an impartial observer than the wildly unlikely hypothesis that aliens might, after all be landing. The dream of being picked out for confidences by shining beings from the sky has floated in the human subconscious since the dawn of religion.

Mental unbalance, delusion, inverbalised desire for some personal difference which calls for respect and attention from other people are found as often in the ranks of the police force as among the neurotic virgins whose evidence is so vital to the field of mystical experience and so doubted in the court witness box.

None of the Australian scientists quoted in this series believes you need look further than psychologically-induced fantasy for the explanation for claims of personal contact with UFO aliens.

Even so, there is another side to the coin in this argument.

The experienced detective who on principle doubts even the clergyman's reasoned statement knows, too, that the drunk tramp's wild story can sometimes be the truth. Without corroboration either way he can neither believe nor

medically examined aboard the craft.

Australia, too, has a number of impressive close-contact reports.

In Yericorn, 99 miles north of Perth, Western Australia, 43-year-old farm manager Alan Pool told police last November that a 15-foot flying saucer landed beside his Land-Rover as he drove through a paddock. The saucer, the same size as his vehicle, came so close he could hardly open his door, and took off "like a rocket" as he opened the other side.

"It was flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on top," said Mr Pool. "It appeared to be made of smoky-grey metal."

Denis Crowe, a technical artist of Vaucluse, Sydney, reported watching a 20-foot green disc take off from a beach near his home one night in July 1965. He claimed the craft was no more than 60 feet from him as it rose into the air.

Jim Tilse, Queensland hotel proprietor, claimed that a large disc "buzzed" his hotel near Mackay in May 1965, scorching nearby trees.

Mrs D. Manhood, of Canterbury, NSW, and her sister, Mrs R. Coleman, described a saucer which hovered over a bowling green less than 100 feet from the verandah where they stood, in March last year.

Agricultural research scientist Dr Miran Lindtner, who is president of the Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre in Sydney and who does believe in UFOs and their crews, has collected two other remarkable Australian close-contact claims.

The first is the earliest UFO report in the country, mentioned yesterday.

Says Dr Lindtner: "The story as we have it comes from a farming family in central NSW. It was apparently handed down verbally in the family and was given to us in confidence. The man it happened to found he could not speak of it to outsiders without being jeered at.

"The man, a farmer, claimed that a saucer-shaped UFO landed in his paddock one day in 1893.

"As he approached a man in strange clothing emerged from it. The farmer walked towards him — perhaps making some threatening gesture — and the stranger shone some kind of torch at him.

"The farmer was thrown to the ground and stunned. When he came to the machine had taken off. His hand, where the torch beam had hit him, was paralysed for life."

Historic

Dr Lindtner's second report was from a woman in Newcastle who claimed to have seen a saucer land in a nearby paddock in 1960.

UFO-contact claims are almost as old as history, on some readings of the Bible, Hindu scriptures and the Tibetan Book of the Dead.

Take Elijah's ascent to heaven . . . "there appeared a chariot of fire . . . and Elijah went up like a whirlwind into Heaven."

Or, the Ezekiel 1.4-5 quote much beloved by UFO believers: "As I looked and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst, thereof, as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst, thereof, came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man."

And Zachariah 5:1-2: "Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying roll. The length thereof is twenty cubits and the breadth thereof ten cubits."

The 3000-year-old Sanskr epic Mahabharata talks of spinning aerial missile whic radiates light and leaves wake of scorching heat.

UFO historians have u earthed reports which can b interpreted as sightings fro all periods of European history Flying saucers and discs in th Middle Ages, fiery balls in th sky during the Renaissanc cigar shapes spotted in the 19t century which sound exactl like those reported in July 194 in the U.S. by Eastern Airline flight crew Captain C. S. Chile and First Officer John F Whitted.

But after 30 centuries of awe struck human examination o the sky, the enigma remains The vital corroboration i always missing.

The pilots were not carryin cameras . . . the photograph taken from the ground ar always fuzzy, looking like any thing from an old hubcap to a odd trick of light in the sky . . the policemen who see flyin saucers taking off never think of calling in the air force t track them on radar.

Even with the inexplicable incidents there are always natural hypotheses that make it unnecessary to stretch imagina tion as far as aliens, choosing to travel light-years in order t visit our insignificant planet, out of millions of others.

The most an impartial inquirer can say on UFOs is an expansion of the British Royal Observatory comment on last year's Hampshire sightings: "There is something flying around up there . . . but what it is, natural or intelligent, there is no evidence to decide."

After sifting for several weeks through all the evidence and claims surveyed in this series, and countless others, I find myself still with an open mind — but I shall only BELIEVE in intelligent visitors from outer space the day that wise golden giants step out of their saucer and invite my help in avoiding the detection they plainly seek to avoid.

Only if it happens, I can't logically ask you to believe me without pictures, finger prints, and one of them locked in the bathroom.

Alice in blu

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17 MAY 1968

Department of Air (DAFI)
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UFO INVESTIGATION

Reference: A. Your 580/1/1 15th May 1968

1. Investigations by this Command concerning the object sighted over POINT LEO at 0100 hours on 24th March 1968 have revealed that:-

   a. There were no satellite predictions for that time.

   b. Electra aircraft ZK-TEB was cleared for T/O ESSENDON 0040 hours (1440Z) outbound for WELLINGTON.

2. The aircraft ZK-TEB would have been in the POINT LEO area around 0100 hours, flying ESE to FLINDER'S ISLAND before turning onto EAST track.

3. It is therefore assessed that this sighting was of the above-mentioned aircraft.

(B.K. KILDEY)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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15 MAY 68

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HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND FLT L. GAVEY

UFO INVESTIGATION

1. Enclosed is a letter which was forwarded to this Department through Department of Civil Aviation channels for further investigation

2. It is appreciated that the great delay between the sighting date and the reporting date, with a further delay due to the method in which the sighting was reported, may not permit any positive identification of the sighting

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Canberra, ACT.

2 - MAY 1968

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Unidentified Flying Object

Forwarded herewith for your information and action, as necessary is a letter received from Miss Isobel Reynolds of 12 Powyss Drive, Beaumaris.

2. We have no information which enables us to identify the phenomena reported by Miss Reynolds.

(R. M. WHITECROSS)
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

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12 Pomyss Drive
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Hon. Schwartz,
Minister for Aus.
Canberra.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report the following sighting, on the advice of a member of D.C.A.

Date: Sunday, 24th March, between 1 am – 1.10 am, at Pt. Leo, Vic.

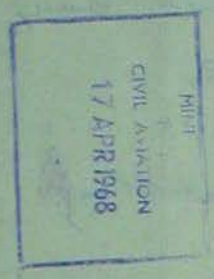
Appearance: Brilliant white light, accompanied by low even humming sound.

Direction: West to East, travelling horizontally in a straight line, lower than

fighter aircraft seen every night over Westernport Bay

Yours faithfully

Ethel Reynolds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REPORTS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

A number of UFO reports, received this day from the Flying Saucer Research Society, are forwarded for information. The objects were sighted during January/February 1968.

(H.R. HARROD)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Annexes:

OFFICIAL .... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No.
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society

Name PETER JOHN CHANDLER Age 12yrs 1 month

Address 99 RENDELL ST., MANNUM 5238 Occupation STUDENT

State South AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
MAIN STREET MANNUM SEE SKETCH OVERLEAF

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? NO WIND CLEAR SKY NORMAL TEMP

* Object was first observed: Date 4/2/68 Time ~~1030~~ 3 30 a.m./p.m.

(Overhead) From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: Noise: Movement: (Other reasons)

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration 5 minutes No. of objects 1 Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: Magnetic Energy to counteract gravity

Details of structure and shape: SAME AS A STAR ONLY MUCH BRIGHTER

ESTIMATE: Speed 700 mph Height (Alt.) 25-30,000' Size 75-100' Diam
Distance approx 5 miles Sound NONE Colour WHITE
mainly when it disappeared

State any experiance which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: ——

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: (Over horizon:) Or otherwise

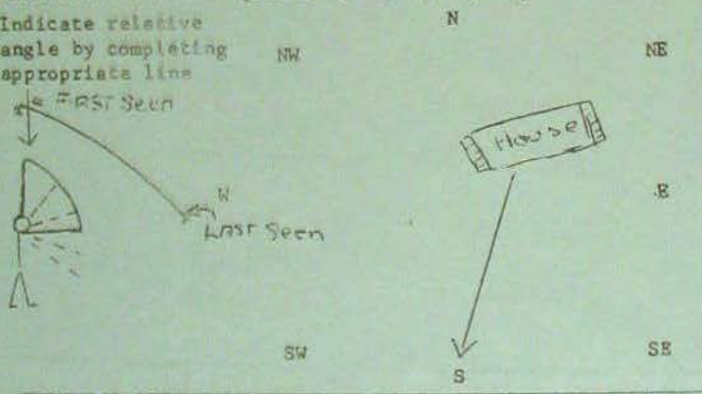
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO
Is this your first sighting? ~~If not, give details of others:~~
YES

Are you a member of any aerial study group? NO
Organisation's name and address:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: Family - as above

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



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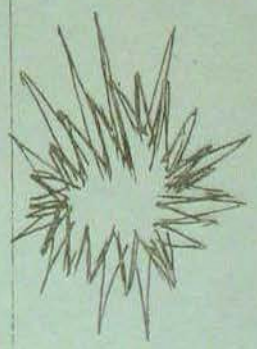

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

SUDDENLY FELT I WANTED TO LOOK UP (WHEN I DID I SAW THE OBJECT. I FIRST THOUGHT I MIGHT BE A NATURAL SATELLITE BUT WHEN IT STOPPED I KNEW IT WASN'T

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Date: 8/2/68 Signature: Peter John Chandler

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

Name BRIAN EDWARD YOUNG Age 28

Address 419 THE TERRACE Occupation RESIDENT INSPECTOR
PORT PIRIE State SOUTH AUST.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
419 THE TERRACE PORT PIRIE - RESIDENTIAL AREA.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR. NIGHT

* Object was first observed: Date 18-2-1968 Time 5.15 (0515) a.m./~~p.m.~~
Overhead: From behind ~~a hill~~ (PORT HOUSES): Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: ~~Noise:~~ ~~Movement:~~ Other reasons

* Object appeared as: A light: ~~Solid object:~~ ~~Changing shape.~~
Duration 20 MINS. No. of objects ONE Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: UNKNOWN

Details of structure and shape: DISC SHAPED.

ESTIMATE: Speed _____ Height (Alt.) 20,000' (RISING) Size UNKNOWN
Distance _____ Sound _____ Colour CHANGING

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
NIL.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
INTO RISING SUN.

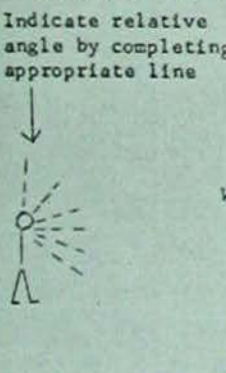
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: YES

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO.

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: MRS. ELAINE YOUNG 419 THE TERRACE
MISS L. KNOX 419 THE TERRACE PORT PIRIE

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



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SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
WHILST ASLEEP ON FRONT LAWN, I AWOKE TO NOTICE A BRIGHT RED LIGHT IN THE WEST AT APP 20000' OVER PORT PIRIE, THE DISC SHAPED LIGHT CHANGED COLOUR AS IT ACCELERATED AWAY FROM THE GROUND & DISAPPEARED INTO THE RISING SUN. THE OBJECT HAD CHANGED COLOUR FROM RED THROUGH BLUE GREEN TO WHITE. IT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELLING AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 20/4/1968 Signature: [signature]

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Local U.F.O. Group THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

Name J.E. Matthews Age 21½ years

Address 51 Clyde Street Albert Pk Occupation Motor Mechanic

5014 State S.A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
EASTERN SKY ABOVE ADELAIDE.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? over cast - one clearing east.

* Object was first observed: Date 19-4-68 Time 5-20 a.m./p.m.
[Overhead:] From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: [Light]s: Noise: Movement: Other reasons

* Object appeared as: [A light:] Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration 15 MINUTES No. of objects ONE Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: STATIONARY AT FIRST, THEN ROSE SLOWLY INTO OVERCAST

Details of structure and shape: —

ESTIMATE: Speed — Height (Alt.) — Size —
Distance — Sound NONE Colour YELLOW LIGHT

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
—

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? —

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
INTO OVERCAST ABOVE CLEARING IN EAST.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: one other sighting - P.R.O. has record.

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: No

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: — C.O. NORRIS P.R.O.

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

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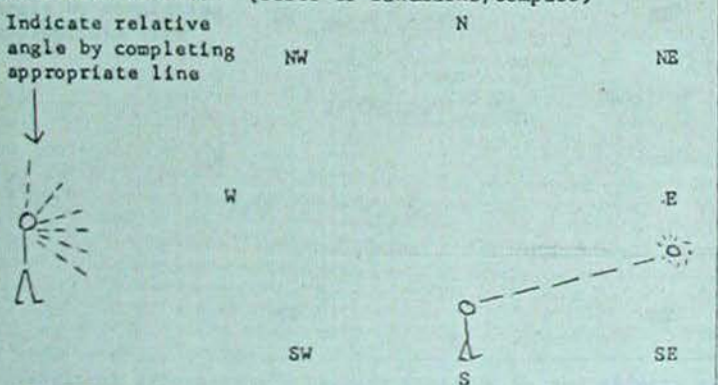
NO SATELLITE PREDICTIONS



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
object was observed for about 15 minutes in a stationary state, it then began to rise slowly into over cast, it was at this time I rang the PRO so that he could be a witness, from my vantage point it was a large yellow glow actual size or shape were not distinguishable

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Date: 30-4-68 Signature: J.E. Matthews

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Local U.F.O. Group _____

Name MEYERS LYAL Age 46

Address 132 PENFOLD ROAD WATTLE PARK SA Occupation AGENT

State SOUTH AUS.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
132 PENFOLD ROAD WATTLE PARK. OVERLOOKING CITY AND SEA BEYOND

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR NO CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date 27. 1. 68 Time 2130 9.30 a.m./p.m.
Overhead: From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: Noise: Movement: Other reasons
(LIGHT AND MOVEMENT)

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration 4-5 MINS No. of objects ONE Formation CIRCULAR

Opinion of Propulsion: NO OPINION

Details of structure and shape: NO IDEA

ESTIMATE: Speed PARACHUTE TYPE Height (Alt.) 25,000 FT Size 9 to 10 INCHES
Distance 15 MILES Sound NIL Colour CERISE RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
RAMP

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? YES

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: (Over horizon:) Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / ~~NO~~
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: _____

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: BETTY MEYERS WIFE AS ABOVE

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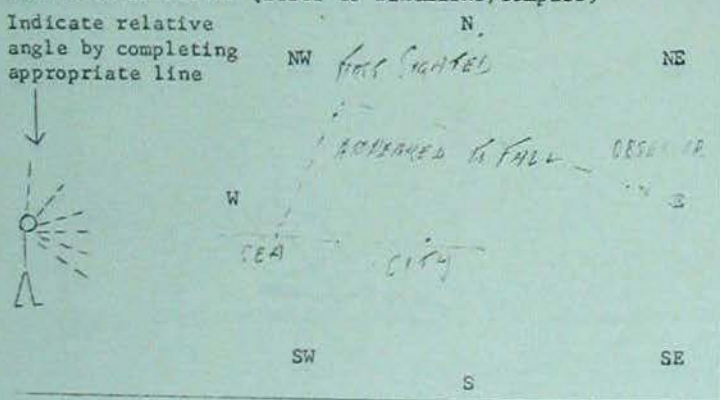
Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



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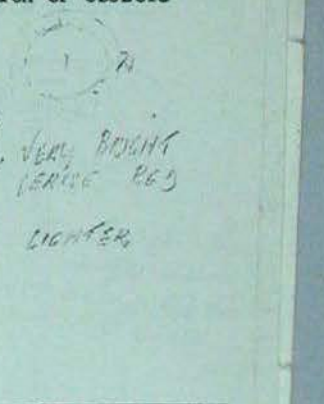

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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
FIRST IMPRESSION A DISTRESS SIGNAL. ON REFLECTION REALIZED THAT HEIGHT WAS TOO HIGH. NEXT IMPRESSION A FALLING SATELLITE (BURNING) BUT FELT THAT SPEED WAS TOO SLOW
INTRIGUED AT FIRST AND THEN CONCERNED SO RANG POLICE IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE SIGHTING CONFIRMED

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Date: 29. 1. 68 Signature: L Meyers

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Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

Name Douglas Anthony McKeown Age 24

Address 106 Military Road, Occupation Real Estate Salesman
Henley Beach South State South Australia

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
from home address looking south/east towards hills

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Nil

* Object was first observed: Date 24th Jan. 1968 Time 0300 3.00 a.m./~~p.m.~~
Overhead: From behind a hill: (Over horizon:) From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (Light/s:) Noise: (Movement:) Other reasons
as the object moved up and down in it's go-go movement

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration approx 1 hour No. of objects One Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: No idea

Details of structure and shape: Oval shape

ESTIMATE: Speed Stationary Height (Alt.) 1 mile Size three feet approx. appeared
Distance 4-5 miles Sound Nil Colour Yellow/white

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
Experience + training as member of S.A. Police Force

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Shaft of light projected from object towards ground. Shaft of light approx 6 inches wide
* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
object still same position when we returned. Still illuminated

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO

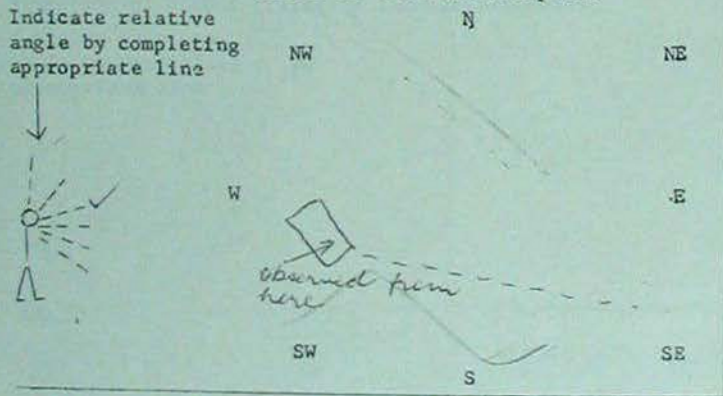
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others:
First sighting

Are you a member of any aerial study group? No.
Organisation's name and address:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: Wife

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



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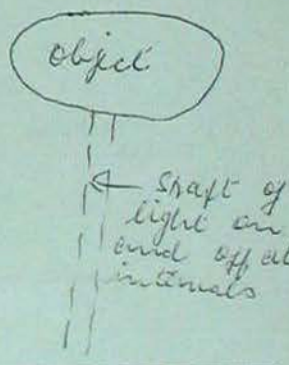

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
I arose from bed to have a glass of water and sighted the object through the kitchen window. Intrigued, I watched the object for about ½ hour then awoke my wife to witness the sighting. My Wife seemed to be upset and afraid of what the object might do.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall~~ not/may be published ~~using~~/withholding my name.

Date: 27th January, 1968. Signature: Douglas McKeown.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

No Satellite Reduction
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OFFICIAL .... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group _____
Name GODWIN JOHN RAYMOND Age 40 YRS
Address 1 VIZ-LA COURT Occupation A/C ENGINEER.
BELAIR PARK State SOUTH AUST

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
AT MY HOUSE LOOKING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 50 % 0257

* Object was first observed: Date 26-1-65 Time 02.57 a.m./p.m.
Overhead: From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: Noise: Movement: Other reasons

* Object appeared as: A light: Solid object: Changing shape. SKETCH.
Duration 2½ MINS No. of objects 5 Formation AS PER SKETCH.

Opinion of Propulsion: NONE.

Details of structure and shape: ROUND BALLS OF LIGHT. GROUP ½" x 12" long.

ESTIMATE: Speed 600 MPH Height (Alt.) 10,000-30,000 ft Size
Distance UNKNOWN Sound NIL Colour WHITE-RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
A/C ENGINEER & PRIVATE PILOT 20 YRS

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? YES TRAIL VAPOUR

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise

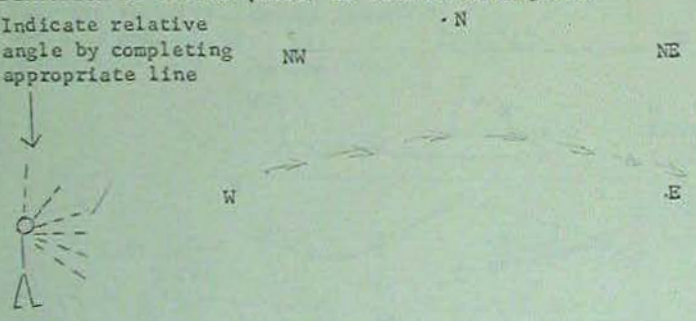
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: _____

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO.

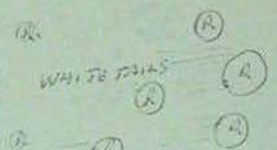
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: WIFE. MARY ELIZABETH (GODWIN)

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
UNBELIEVABLE & AWESOME SIGHT. MY FIRST THOUGHTS WERE THAT THEY WERE A CLUSTER OF ASTEROIDS ENTERING THE EARTHS ATMOSPHERE.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 27-1-65 Signature: J. R. Godwin.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

No satellite predicted

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File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group _____
Name KEITH PAUL WASHINGTON Age 39 YEARS.
Address FLAT 3. TRAMERE HSE KINGS GROVE Occupation SALESMAN.
TENNYSON. State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
RANCH. (OUTSIDE OF WAIKERIE) MONDAY 25:12:67
THE SAND BAR. (OUTSIDE OF RENMARK) 27·12·67 25/12 - 2100 / 21/12 - 0100
Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 100% CLEAR. PM AM

* Object was first observed: Date 25th & 27th 12.67. Time 9.0 — 1.0 a.m./p.m.
(Overhead:) From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (Light/s:) Noise: (Movement:) Other reasons
LIGHT SIMILAR TO A STAR. MOVING IN ZIG ZAG FASHION. STOPPING

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration 20 MINUTES. No. of objects _____ Formation ZIG ZAG. STRAIGHT LINE, HALF CIRCLE

Opinion of Propulsion: NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: SIMILAR TO A STAR

ESTIMATE: Speed APPROX 15 MP Height (Alt.) APPEARED TO BE SAME HEIGHT AS STAR. Size 20 CENT PIECE
Distance _____ Sound _____ Colour _____

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
(NIL)

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
ON THE 25th AT RANCH. OBJECT MOVED AROUND IN SAME AREA. MOVED OFF & WAS LAST SEEN AMONGST OTHER STARS. (STILL)

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

(Is this your first sighting?) If not, give details of others: _____

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO.

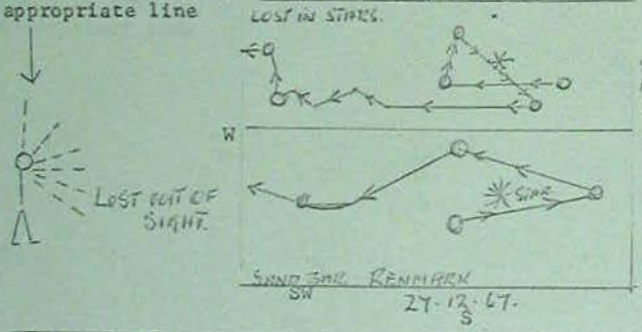
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: MRS E. J. WASHINGTON ADDRESS AS ABOVE.

25/12
2056 HRS 2
2044 42.1°
2052 53°
N → E

27/12
NO REACTION
AROUND 0100.

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
WIFE WAS A LITTLE DISTURBED MY REACTION WAS JUST THAT A STAR HAD MOVED & THAT WAS A LONG WAY AWAY

I the undersigned state that the above shall/~~not~~/~~may~~ MAY be published ~~with~~/withholding my name.

Date: 12 Jan - 1968. Signature: [signature]

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY.

Name GEORGE KITCHENER DENT Age 44

Address 54 STRADBROKE AVE PLYMPTON PARK Occupation PRODUCTION MANAGER State S/AUST

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, PALM TREE etc. in vicinity)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? FINE 1% CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date 23.2.68 Time 1945 7.45 ~~a.m.~~/p.m.
Overhead: From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: 1 Noise: Movement: 2 Other reasons

* Object appeared as: A light: 1 Solid object: Changing shape. 2
Duration No. of objects 5 Formation IN LINE

Opinion of Propulsion: NO

Details of structure and shape: NONE

ESTIMATE: Speed — Height (Alt.) — Size 1 CENT AT ARM LENGTH
Distance — Sound — Colour CREAM

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: NO

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? ELECTRIC BLUE TAIL OF LIGHT

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: NO

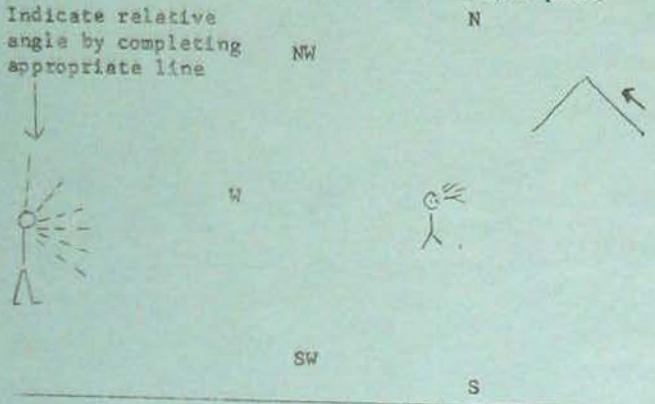
Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: FAMILY AND MR & MRS J FORSTER.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



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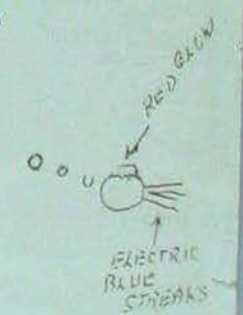

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
EXCITEMENT - CURIOSITY AND WANTED VERIFICATION

ALL LIGHTS (5) GRADUALLY DISAPEARED AT DIFFERENT TIMES IT SEEMED WITH A TUMBLING MOTION. THEY WERE MORE ON THAN OFF. THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE LIGHT ON AT ALL TIMES

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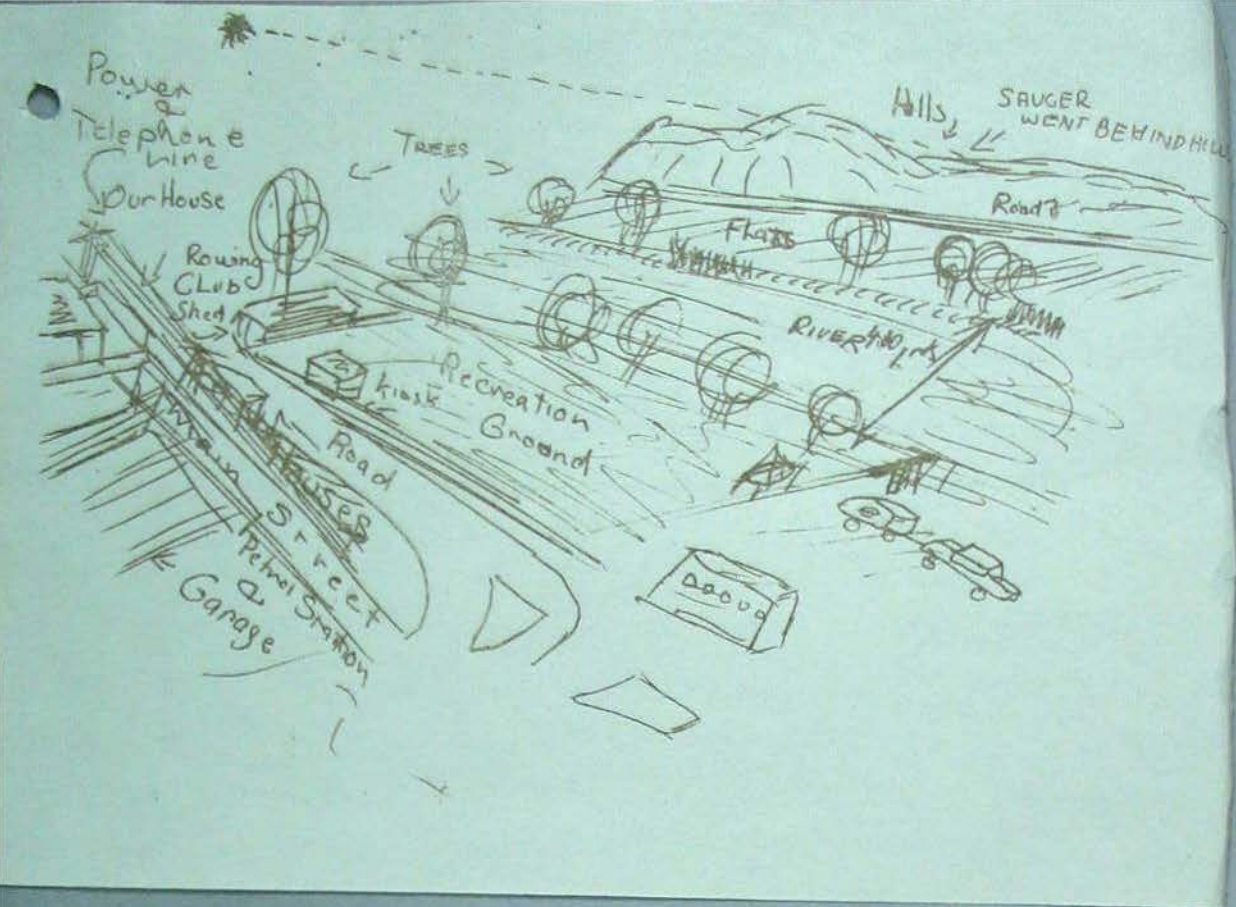
Date: 23.2.68 Signature: [signature] 6/32/[illegible]


Power & Telephone Line
Our House
Trees
Hills
Sauger went behind Hill
Road
Flats
River
Rowing Club Shed
Recreation Ground
Kiosk
Road
Houses
Street
Petrol Station & Garage

Unable to estimate size distance speed etc. If object was same altitude as a satellite then its speed would be roughly 3 times that of satt. However it appeared to be at a much lower altitude while still being a fair distance away.

Sound was intermittent, faint and very high pitched Similar to but much faster than a cricket.

However only 2 people heard this sound and whether it actually came from the object is hard to determine

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File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group _____

Name BILL HENDRICKSON Age 22

Address FLAT 1 ARMINDA COURT JERVOIS ST GLENELG NTH Occupation CLERK

State SOUTH AUST.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
OVER ADELAIDE

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR NIGHT NO CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date 24-2-68 (20.10) Time 8.10 a.m./p.m.
(Overhead:) From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (Light/s:) Noise: (Movement:) Other reasons
HIGH SPEED ERRATIC COURSE

* Object appeared as: (A light:) Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration ~~5 MINS~~ No. of objects ONE Formation NIL

Opinion of Propulsion: UNABLE TO FORM OPPINION

Details of structure and shape: SMALL PULSATING REDDISH LIGHT

ESTIMATE: Speed P.T.O Height (Alt.) _____ Size BRIGHT STAR
Distance _____ Sound P.T.O Colour RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? LIGHT ONLY

* Object disappeared: (In mid-air:) behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
OBJECT SEEMED TO STOP IN MIDAIR GREW FAINTER AND DISAPPEARED

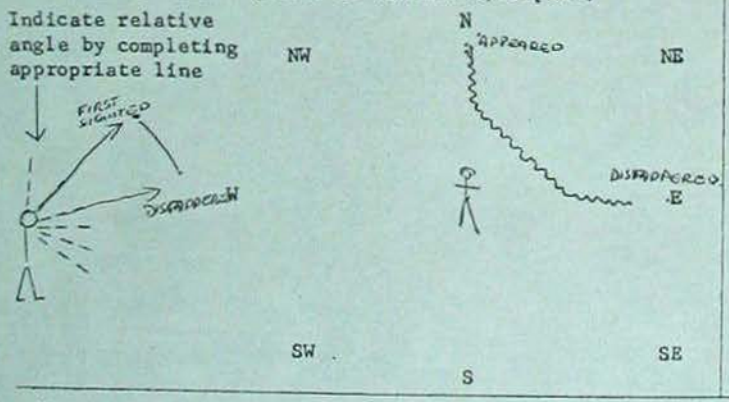
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~ / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: SIMILAR EXPERIENCE
ABOUT 7 YEARS AGO BUT NOTHING AS CONCRETE AS THIS

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: NO

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: CARMEL SINCLAIR FLAT 1 ARMINDA COURT GLENELG NORTH.
MR+MRS HENDRICKSON. 66 ADDISON RD PENNINGTON.

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
Attitude of ~~fear~~ curiosity unable to form opinion as to what object was.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~/may be published using/~~not including~~ my name.

Date: 27/2/68 Signature: B Hendrickson

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AIRIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..Mr Richard James MULES Mrs Joy Faith MULES Age..33yrs. 32yrs.

2. Address of observer..Germein Road, BARMERA

.....Phone..108

3. Occupation of observer..Fruit grower and Homeduties.

4. Date and time of observation..Between 0005hrs & 0130hrs on Tuesday 13th.February 1968.

5. Duration of observation..Between 0005hrs and 0130hrs.

6. Observers location at time of sighting..At rear door of home facing North, on Fruit block East of Barmera.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..Clear night, stars bright. At 0030hrs cloud obscured object for 10minutes only.

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation..Pair of binoculars, 'highness' brand, 8 x 30, Field of View 7.50°

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9. Where was object first observed ? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon)..Just above Eastern Horizon between two Peach trees on property.

10. What first attracted observer's attention ? (eg, light or noise)..Saw red and green flashing light, thought it an Aircraft but no noise heard.

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

Looking through Field glass it looked a definate object, but with naked eye only flashing lights could be seen.

12. If there was more than one object :-

(a) how many were there ? One only

(b) in what formation were they ?

13. What was the colour of the light or object ? Through glasses, a golden colour.

14. What was its apparent shape ? Complete circle

15. Was any detail of structure observable ? Mosaic pattern over object.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? No

17. Was there any sound ? No

18. What was its height ? (or angle of elevation). 30° to Horizon

19. What was its speed ? (or angular velocity) Took 1½hrs. to cross sky.

20. Was the object stationary ? No

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

From Eastern horizon to due North.

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

Appeared curving path same distance from earth all the way.

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

No trail, but red and green flashing lights. Green then red light but not flashing togeather.

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

Last seen heading North in the sky.

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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).....

N.A.

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 organization.....

N.A.

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Wife assisting husband with night watering of block when object sighted. Mrs MULES observed it for a short time and went to get her husband to have a look also. Mrs MULES then got her Field glasses and looked at the red and green flashing light which appeared to be a shining golden circle with mosaic design on it. Design similar to what is seen in a Kaleidoscope. Object watched at intervals of 10-15minutes on its path across sky. Was still on Northern Horizon when Mrs Mules went to bed.

Interviewer.

Barmera
12.3.68

J.A. FITZGERALD
F.C.C. No.1484

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

Aircraft type.....NIL from EDINBURGH.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....none known.....

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

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

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

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

.....NIL.....

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 satellites. rockets, research balloons)

.....There were no predicted visual orbits for this time.

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38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was N/A

39. The object reported could have been an unpredicted satellite

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

2 AIR TRIAS UNIT (Unit) [signature] (Name)

24 APRIL 1968 (Date) Flyts Lieutenant (Rank)

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PEARCE WA 6085

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/9/Air(125)

16th May 1968

The Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Enclosed is a copy of a report received by this Headquarters on the observation of an aerial object by CPL WALLACE of RAAF Base PEARCE.

(E.R.DART)
Squadron Leader
For Officer Commanding

Encl. 1

For Information

Headquarters Support Command Victoria Barracks MELBOURNE SCI VIC 3000

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer P.C.WALLACE Age 27

2. Address of Observer RAAF Base PEARCE

3. Occupation of Observer Service Policeman

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
1545 Hours 7 MAY 68

5. Duration of observation(s) Approximately 1 minute

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
Doorway of Unit Service Police Office facing in a NNE direction
RAAF Base PEARCE WA

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) Clear, light cloud.

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

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

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

11. Did the 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 object.

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

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 Vertical, 4000ft approximately

19. Speed, or angular velocity High speed

20. Was the object stationary NO

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

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
First sighting, straight path; second sighting - angle 3° clock

23. Was there 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 formation

25. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or any 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 18 and 19.
NONE

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

30. Name and Address of Organization..... N/A

31. Any additional information: NIL

Signature of Observer: .....
(P.C. WALLACE)
CORPORAL

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
Vampire aircraft from PEARCE

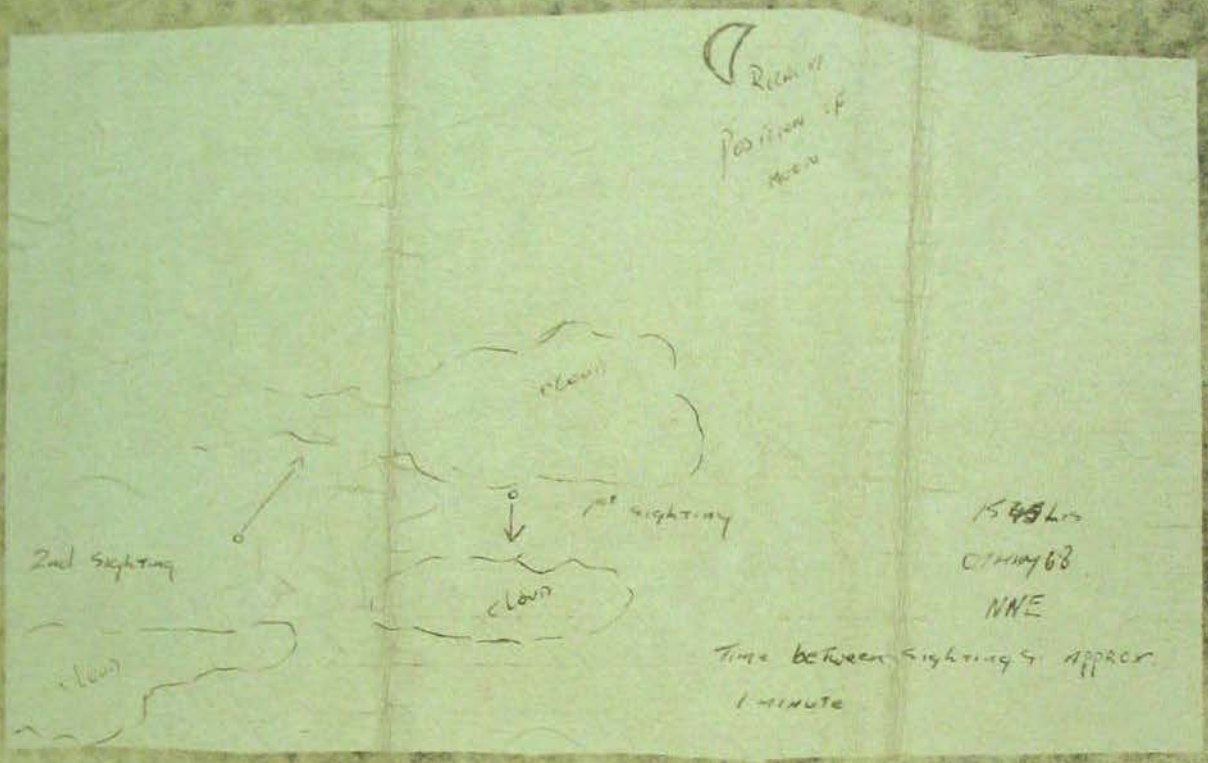
33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
PEARCE and GUILDFORD

34. Comments: Observer has stated that object sighted was not a Vampire or any other aircraft. Attached diagram of object suggests something material caught in the vertical air movement associated with cloud structure.

Signature of Interrogator: .....
(E.R.DART)
Squadron Leader
For Officer Commanding

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.


Position of moon
cloud
1st sighting
2nd sighting
cloud
cloud
15 45 hrs
07 May 68
NNE
Time between sightings approx.
1 minute

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14 MAY '68

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by Flt Lt A.E Churches and Flg Off R.B. CARGILL.

(JOHN C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

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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 FLT LT A.E. CHURCHES / FLG OFF R.B. CARGILL ..... AGE 47 / 46

2. Address of observers RAAF WILLIAMTOWN .....

..... PHONE 222

3. Occupation of observer AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL .....

4. Date and time of observation 22ND APRIL 1968 2030K .....

5. Duration of observation APPROX 8 MINUTES .....

6. Observers location at time of sighting CONTROL TOWER . RAAF WILLIAMTOWN

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE, NO CLOUD .....

.....

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation BINOCULARS .....

.....

.....

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

IN DIRECTION OF NEWCASTLE .....

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

NORTHERLY MOVEMENT OF BRIGHT LIGHT .....

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

AS A BRIGHT LIGHT (MOVING) .....

.....

12. If there was more than one object:-

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

(b) in what formation were they? N/A .....

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

14. What was its apparent shape? JUST A BRIGHT LIGHT .....

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). APPROX 15° ABOVE HORIZON

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) SIMILAR TO MEDIUM SPEED PISTON ENGINE A/C

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

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

...SOUTH. TO. NORTH.....

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

...STRAIGHT. PATH. (SOUTH. TO. NORTH).....

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

SMALL. RED. LIGHT. BENEATH.....

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

.FADED. FROM. SIGHT. NORTH. OF. WILLIAMTOWN.....

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) ..N/A.....

.....

.....

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

ATC OFFICER & AIRCREW.....

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

.....NO.....

30. Name and address of organization ....N/A.....

.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

ATTENTION OF APPROACH CONTROLLER DIRECTED TO SIGHTING. ...CONTROLLER....

SAW LIGHT BUT NO RADAR CONTACT MADE; ...WAS NOT A MILITARY A/C.....

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PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type ... NO REPORTED CIVIL A/C .....

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:- .....

..SIGHTING NOT CONSISTENT WITH PLANET OR STAR.....

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

at .1030.....Z and could NOT have been in the reported UFO position at the time. Upper winds at the time were Westerly and met balloon was equipped with radar reflector.

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) NOT A SCHEDULED SATELLITE BUT POSSIBLY A SATELLITE RECENTLY

.PUT INTO ORBIT.....

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

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

.....

39. The object reported could have been ..A NEWLY LAUNCHED SATELLITE - NOT

.RECORDED IN SATGEN PREDICTION BULLETIN.....

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

.....HQNUM.....(Unit) .....Meade.....(Name)

.....1 MAY 68.....(Date) .....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

Enclosed are reports of sightings by Flt Lt K. Furlonger and Mrs Hickey.

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(JOHN C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
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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 ..... Flt Lt K. FURLONGER ..... AGE ... 43 .....

2. Address of observer ..... RAAF Base WILLIAMTOWN .....

..... PHONE ... 222 .....

3. Occupation of observer ..... RAAF - Air Traffic Control .....

4. Date and time of observation ..... 2030 hrs 22 Apr 68 .....

5. Duration of observation ..... 5 - 10 mins. .....

6. Observers location at time of sighting ..... Control Tower .....
(Approach Control Radar)
.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..... Fine - Clear -
Nil Cloud - Westerly winds.
.....

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
Attempted to pick up on radar - no result.
.....

9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
Approaching from Newcastle area.

10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
Advised by Tower Controller (Flt Lt Churches)
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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? ..... N/A .....

(b) in what formation were they? ... N/A .....

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

14. What was its apparent shape? Appeared as bright light. .....

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) Difficult to assess, estimate 2000' to 4000'.

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Appeared approx medium aircraft speed.

20. Was the object stationary? No.

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

South to north.

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

Did not maintain continuous watch.

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)

Not seen.

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)

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

Aircrew duties and air traffic control.

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

No.

30. Name and address of organization N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Tower controller advised position and direction of travel but no return seen on approach control radar. High and Low beam used.

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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. HICKEY AGE 22
2. Address of observer VALE ST. SMITHFIELD
   PHONE 632-5801
3. Occupation of observer HOUSEWIFE
4. Date and time of observation 032200K
5. Duration of observation 1 MIN
6. Observers location at time of sighting
   IN FRONT OF ABOVE ADDRESS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation
   CLEAR NIGHT
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).
   OVER HOUSE
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 BALL OF LIGHT
12. If there was more than one object:-
    (a) how many were there? 9
    (b) in what formation were they? IRREGULAR
13. What was the colour of the light or object? YELLOW LIGHT
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? NO

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

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

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

EAST.

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)

OVER A HILL

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).....

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.....

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

5 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT.
AND ALSO OBSERVED OBJECTS.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....N/K.....

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.....N/K.....

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 :-.....

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

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

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

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

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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.....

.....

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

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

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

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded are UFO reports, with relevant comments, of UFOs sighted by the following civilians during April 1968.

9 April	K. TURNBULL	(Thornbury Victoria)
10 April	A. STACKHOUSE	(Flinder's Island)
25 April	N. GRAY	(Ringwood East)
	C. BORBETT	(Bayswater)
	P. ROSE	(Croydon)
30 April	B. PETTIFER	(DCA Controller Hobart)

(H.R. HARROD)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Annexes: 1-6 UFO Reports

RECD. 17 MAY 1968 C.A.S.

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer MR K. TURNBULL Age.....

2. Address of Observer 758 HIGH STREET THORNBURY, VIC TEL. 44 1623

3. Occupation of Observer.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
9 APR 68 1905 K.

5. Duration of Observation(s) [NOT KNOWN]

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

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
PATCHES OF CLOUD, MAINLY CLEAR NIGHT

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.
OVERHEAD

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.
LIGHT

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. WHITE LIGHT

14. What was its apparent shape. OVAL

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. UNABLE TO DETERMINE BUT VERY HIGH

19. Speed, or angular velocity. UNABLE TO DETERMINE

20. Was the object stationary. NO

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

.../2.

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 mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

[NOT KNOWN]

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

NIL

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously..[N/K]....

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.

[NOT KNOWN]

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

[NOT KNOWN]

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

[N/A]

31. Any additional information.....NIL.....

Signature of Observer.....

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.....

34. Comments. Report compiled from information given to Duty Officer HQ RAAF. Assessed as Satellite PEGASUS 2 visible Melbourne 1903 AZ 343 EL 26 travelling WEST to EAST

Signature of Interrogator.....

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C INTELL O.

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. Alfred C. Stackhouse ....Age. 47...

2. Address of Observer. ~~KING~~ KILLIECRANKIE ....FLINDERS IS 7255

3. Occupation of Observer. Grazier & fishing boat owner.....

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

.....10-4-68...at....7:15..p.m.....

5. Duration of Observation(s)..about...~~1 min~~ 1 minute...

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

.....1...mile..east..from..centre..of.....
...Marshall Bay..on..West coast of Flinders Island.....

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s)..Cloudad overhead
....edge of cloud..in..north direction..about 45°..of..from where I was standing

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.

.....at elevation of 45°...in the N.N.W.....

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

.....White..flashing..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.....unable..to..see.....

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....45°....to..North.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity..fairly..fast..(guess...200..m.p.h)

20. Was the object stationary..N.o.....

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

.....West..to..East.....

.../2.

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 only light previously mentioned

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

mid air, ~ about NE from observer

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 paras 18 and 19.

I am a private pilot having some 600 odd hours of flight experience over 12 years

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

No

30. Name and address of organisation... —

31. Any additional information... The white light observed was flashing but ~~who~~ between bright flashes could be seen quite clearly, the flashes appeared not exactly regular, very slight variation in timing

Signature of Observer... A.L. Stackhouse

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

None

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

34. Comments. Probably satellite PEGASUS 2 -
Predicted 1914 hours AZ 340° EL 19° at MELBOURNE -
Observation 1915 " " 340° " 45° " Flashes 1c (elev should be < 19°)

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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P.T.O.

The object passed from about NNW to NE at an ~~and~~ angle of elivation of about 45° in ~~about~~ about 1 ~~[illegible]~~ minute

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

REC'D. -7 MAY 1968 H.Q.S.C. REGISTRY

1. Name of Observer.. Nola GRAY ..... Age. 16..
2. Address of Observer.. 2... Kemps.... Street.. Ringwood East
3. Accupation of Observer. SELF... SIGNS PTY LTD... CUTLINE — OPERATOR
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
The approx Time was 6 PM 25th of APRIL....
5. Duration of Observation(s)..... 2 minutes.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
South of Princes Highway.....
.....
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s).....
FINE Weather Slightly windy.....
8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the Observation)
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9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc)
~~Sighted~~ Spotted coming in Northern Direction
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
LIGHT.....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?
The object appeared as a light because it was DARK and at NIGHT TIME
12. If there was more than one object, how many were there and what was their formation?
There was only one object.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? .. BRIGHT RED.
14. What was its apparent shape? .In the Shape of a Circle.
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 height was appax 300 ft
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?
Northerly direction Grid Ref. 82.10/8310 DROUIN 1.6.3360

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

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? Behind a hill

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

N.O

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? N.O

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? N.O

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

31. Any additional information.....

Signature of Observer Nola GRAY

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

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area. NO

COMMENTS

34. When we spotted the object, it was not travelling at great speed, we could see a large red light, the light glitted and the object was gliding towards earth we thought it was a plane going to crash land. We are quite certain the objected landed because it disappeared beyound a hill in the distance.

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

NOLA GRAY

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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7 MAY 1968
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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... COLIN SUTTON CORBETT ... Age 21
2. Address of Observer... 4 KENNETH ST. BAYSWATER VIC
3. Accupation of Observer... SILK SCREEN PRINTER
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
25TH APRIL 1968 APPROX: 6:00 P.M.
5. Duration of Observation(s)... APPROX TWO MINUTES
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
NORTH EAST OF LONGARRY AND JUST SOUTH OF PRINCES HWY. ~~GRID REF 8210/8310 DROUIN 1:63360~~
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s)... FINE, SLIGHTLY WINDY
8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the Observation)
NOTHING
9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc)
GOING IN ROUGHLY SAME DIRECTION AS I WAS (NORTH)
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
LARGE BRIGHT LIGHT / RED WITH A BLUE HUE
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 their formation?
ONLY ONE
13. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT RED/BLUEISH HUE
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. APPROX 500 ft
19. Speed, or angular velocity... 20 - 25 M.P.H.
20. Was the object stationary? ... NO - MOVING
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
NORTHERLY DIRECTION... GRID REF. 8210/8310 DROUIN 1:63360

.../2.

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

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon?
IN A SMALL VALLEY

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).....

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
HEIGHT WAS ASCERTAINED BY MOUNTAIN IN BACKGROUND

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 Col J Corbett

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

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

34. Comments.....
See last page

Signature of Interrogator_____

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

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OBJECT DROPPED AT APPROX. 45°

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

REC'D. 7 MAY 1968 H.O.S.C. REGISTRY

1. Name of Observer. Peter David Rose ..... Age. 17

2. Address of Observer. 378 Mt Dandenong Rd Croydon

3. Accupation of Observer. Printer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
About 6 PM

5. Duration of Observation(s). 60 Seconds

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
South of Princes Highway
NTH-EST of Longwarry

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s). Fine but windy

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)
Spotted coming in Northern direction

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 object

13. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright Red

14. What was its apparent shape? a circle

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

20. Was the object stationary? no

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
Northerly direction Grid Ref 8210/8310 DRONIN /63360

.../2.

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

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

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

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

.....

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?
no.

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

.....

31. Any additional information.....

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Signature of Observer Peter D Rose.

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

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

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34. Comments. This would be at last light and seemed to be a light aircraft landing at LABERTOUCHE, Gippsland. No information or flight plans available from DCA.

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.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer BERNARD PETTIFER

2. Address of Observer BOX 541 F GPO HOBART TASMANIA

3. Occupation of Observer AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
30/4/68 0030 Z (GMT) 1030 Local

5. Period of Observation(s) TWO LOTS OF TEN MINUTES

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
ON TRACK 010° FROM HOBART AIRPORT BETWEEN 20 AND 30 MILES

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

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

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

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

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

12. What was its apparent shape ROUND

13. Was any detail of structure observable NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16. ** Height, or angle of elevation 20° FROM GROUND BASE

17. ** Speed, or angular velocity NO MOVEMENT

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
NO MOVEMENT APPARENT.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
NO MOVEMENT APPARENT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27. Any additional information The first circle of light was noticed approximately ten minutes after a Viscount had departed from the aircraft tracking 010° for 30 miles. As a second Viscount was lined up to leave on the same course at this time, the light was noticed by various observers including pilot of second Viscount. Soon after departure of second Viscount the light disappeared. A light similar to the first appeared at about the same time out from the airport of the second Viscount as the first and disappeared at a similar time. There two Viscount turn left at 30 miles out.

Obviously, the lights were caused by sun shining on each Viscount, but they were unusual enough to disturb a number of ~~excellent~~ expert witnesses.

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

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3. Accupation of Observer... SILK SCREEN PRINTER ...
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   ... 25TH APRIL ... 1968 ... APPROX: 6:00 P.M. ...
5. Duration of Observation(s)... APPROX. TWO MINUTES ...
6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
   NORTH EAST of LONGWARRY AND JUST SOUTH of PRINCES HWY. ~~GRID REF 8210/8310 DROUIN 1:63360~~
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s)... FINE, SLIGHTLY WINDY ...
8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the Observation)
   ... NOTHING ...
   ...
9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc)
   GOING IN ROUGHLY SAME DIRECTION AS I WAS (NORTH)
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg, light or noise.
    LARGE BRIGHT LIGHT / RED WITH A BLUE HUE
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 their formation?
    ... ONLY ONE ...
13. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT RED/BLUEISH HUE
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. APPROX. 500 ft ...
19. Speed, or angular velocity... 20 - 25 M.P.H. ...
20. Was the object stationary? ... NO - MOVING ...
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
    NORTHERLY DIRECTION ... GRID REF. 8210/8310 DROUIN 1:63360

.../2.

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

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon?
.....IN...A...SMALL...VALLEY.....

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).....
.....

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
HEIGHT...WAS...ASCERTAINED...BY...MOUNTAIN...IN...FOREGROUND

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.....
.....

Signature of Observer Col. J. Corbett

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.
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34. Comments.....
See last page
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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.

OBJECT DROPPED AT APPROX. 45°

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

REC'D. 7 MAY 1968 H.O.S.C. REGISTRY

1. Name of Observer. Peter David Rose Age. 17

2. Address of Observer. 378 Mt. Dandenong Rd Croydon

3. Accupation of Observer. Printer

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
About 6 PM

5. Duration of Observation(s). 60 Seconds

6. Observer's location at time of sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
South of Princes Highway
NTH-EST of Longwarry

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of Observation(s). Fine but windy.

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)
Spotted coming in Northern direction.

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 object

13. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright Red.

14. What was its apparent shape? a circle.

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.

20. Was the object stationary? no.

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
Northerly direction Grid Ref 8210/8310 DROWIN /63360

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

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

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

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? 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?
no.

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

.....

31. Any additional information.....

.....

Signature of Observer Peter D Rose

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

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

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34. Comments. This would be at last light and assumed to be a light aircraft landing at LABERTOUCHE, Gippsland. No information on flight plans available from DCA.

Signature of Interrogator Harvey

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.

~~DID (PPS)~~ Jn
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FOLIO 13

MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE 5/6/1/AIR (25)

FROM HQ SUPCOM

DATE 9 MAY 68

TO ~~DEPT~~ OF AIR

DAFI

ATTENTION DAFI

REFERENCES ~~EAST DALE~~ 5/2/AIR (47)

DEPT OF AIR 580-1-1 PPS DAFI 15.3.68

SUBJECT UFO SIGHTINGS.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of investigating officers' report regarding UFO sightings in the Heyfield (Gippsland) area.

2. These sightings were given an amount of publicity in the Melbourne and Sale newspapers. For purposes of comparison, therefore, attached also is a cutting from the Melbourne "Herald", which would appear to contain a large element of 'journalistic licence'.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
Gavey	J. GAVEY	FLT LT C INTELLO	7410.

C.D.O. 9777

9. On investigating the Air Almanac, it was found that the Moon rose at 0312 EST, and 0412 EST, on 24 Apr 68 and 25 Apr 68 respectively; that is, the top of the moon was coincident with the horizon. The azimuth of the moon was 098°T on 24 Apr 68 and 090°T on 25 Apr 68. The moon on each occasion was in the Last Quarter.

10. In conclusion, it is my firm opinion that the object seen by the witnesses on each occasion was the Moon. The inversions would account for the red-orange discolouration on each day. The witnesses reports coincide with the movement of the Moon on each day, and their descriptions of its shape is exactly that of the Last Quarter.

Lord + Wheelan say 45° elev when moon < 10°
Humphill says 10° elev " " ~ 15°

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5/6/1/AIR (25)

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT
UFO SIGHTINGS
24 APR 68 AND 25 APR 68

1. On 30 Apr 68, Mr Gavin Whelan, of 84 McAdam Street, Maffra, and Mr Ian Lord of 23 Princess Street, Maffra, reported having seen a UFO at 0330 EST on 24 Apr 68, and at 0430 EST on 25 Apr 68, in conjunction with a third witness, Mr Lloyd Hemphill, of Heyfield.

2. The location on the first sighting was two miles East of Heyfield on the Heyfield-Maffra road. The second sighting took place at the Heyfield Railway Station with all three witnesses.

3. The observed weather conditions at 0317 EST 24 Apr 68 as supplied by the Met Office, RAAF Base East Sale was as follows:

W/V - CALM
Cloud - 2/8 Sc 4000
Slight - inversion at 1000'
Visibility - 20 miles.

4. At 0330 EST on 24 Apr 68, Mr Whelan's truck broke down on the Heyfield-Maffra road approximately two miles east of Heyfield. Mr Whelan and his employee, Mr Lord were repairing their vehicle, when they looked east towards Maffra, and observed a Banana-shaped object on the ground. It appeared to be like the lights of a semi-trailer coming towards them, but never actually reaching them. It then appeared to rise into the air (about 50') then travel very slowly in an easterly direction. It appears that the witnesses did not actually observe when the object disappeared from sight. An estimate of the time of observation varies from $\frac{3}{4}$ hour to two hours. Both witnesses state that the object was about 45° - 50° elevation when last observed.

5. The following day, 25 Apr 68, the object was again observed in conjunction with Mr Hemphill, at 0430 EST at the Heyfield Railway Station. The observed weather conditions at the time of sighting, as supplied by the Met Office, RAAF Base East Sale, were as follows:

W/V - CALM
Visibility - 20 miles
Patches of Shallow Fog
Temperature Inversion @ 1500'.

Lord says 0430-0445
Whelan " 0430 - 0550
Hemphill " 0515 - 0615

6. Mr Hemphill last saw the object at about 0630 EST, and is of the opinion that the object could have been the moon.

7. Mr Whelan and Mr Lord both described the object as a red colour, changing to an orange glow. The colour in latter stages of observation was not described by any witness.

8. On investigation, there was no civil or military air traffic notified at the time of the reported sightings. The Met Office at RAAF Base East Sale releases weather balloons at 0300 EST. On the days of the sightings the wind was North-westerly at all levels above 5000 feet, and it is the Met Officer's opinion that the met balloon would not be visible from Heyfield.

9. On investigating the Air Almanac, it was found that the Moon rose at 0312 EST, and 0412 EST, on 24 Apr 68 and 25 Apr 68 respectively; that is, the top of the moon was coincident with the horizon. The azimuth of the moon was 098°T on 24 Apr 68 and 090°T on 25 Apr 68. The moon on each occasion was in the Last Quarter.

10. In conclusion, it is my firm opinion that the object seen by the witnesses on each occasion was the Moon. The inversions would account for the red-orange discolouration on each day. The witnesses reports coincide with the movement of the Moon on each day, and their descriptions of its shape is exactly that of the Last Quarter.

Lord + Whelan say 45° elev when moon < 10°
Hemphill says 10° elev " " ~ 15°

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11. From the evidence given by the witnesses, and the Astronomical data given in para 9, there is little doubt in my mind that the object seen was the Moon.

(D.V. CRAIN)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

2 May 68

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(1A.)

1. Name of Observer MR. LLOYD HEMEL Age 28...
2. Address of Observer GEORGE ST. HEXFIELD.....
3. Occupation of Observer ASSISTANT STATION MASTER
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
THURSDAY 25 APR 68 0515
5. Duration of Observation(s) APPROX 1 HOUR
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
HEXFIELD RAILWAY STATION
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) CLEAR
NO CLOUD SCATTERED NO MOON
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.
APPROX 10° ABOVE HORIZON
10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg light or noise.
& NO NOISE LIGHT
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 OBJECT
13. What was the colour of the light or object. MAIN COLOUR
14. What was its apparent shape. BANANA SHAPE (CRESCENT)
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 AS FAR AS O.O.
19. Speed, or angular velocity STATIONARY
20. Was the object stationary? YES
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass...
APPROX N.E.

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

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.
NOT OBSERVED

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 18 and 19.
N/A

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. BANANA SHAPE WITH LIGHT CIRCLE ROUND CALLED POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN THE MOON

Signature of Observer L. J. Hemphill

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
NO CIVIL OR MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
RAF BASE FIRST SAFE

34. Comments. WITNESS REASONABLY CERTAIN OBJECT WAS MOON

Signature of Interrogator

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

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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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(1A.)

1. Name of Observer. MR. IAN. LORD. Age. 21.

2. Address of Observer. 23. PRINCESS. ST. MAFFRA

3. Occupation of Observer. CASUAL. LABOUR.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
24. APR. 63. 0330. 25. APR. 63. 0430.

5. Duration of Observation(s). 1-2 HRS. 15. MINS.

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
2. MILES. EAST. HEXFIELD.
HEXFIELD. RAILWAY. STATION.

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

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.
(1). ON. GROUND. (2). IN. SKY.

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

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. OBJECT.

13. What was the colour of the light or object. RED. - THEN. ORANGE

14. What was its apparent shape. SEMI. CIRCULAR. - OUTLINE. OF FULL CIRCLE

15. Was any detail of structure observable. NO.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.

17. Was there any sound. NO. 1ST. OCCASSION. ON. GROUND.

18. Height, or angle of elevation. ABOUT. 50. ON. 2ND. OCCASION

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

20. Was the object stationary? NO. AS FOR. 19.

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

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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.
DISAPPEARED IN 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... 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 18 and 19.
N/A

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.... LOOKING EAST ON BOTH OCCASIONS

Signature of Observer.....

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
NO CIVIL OR MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC

33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
RAAF BASE EAST SALE

34. Comments.. WITNESS CERTAIN OF DATE MOON

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of Observer MR. GAVIN WHEELAN Age 27

2. Address of Observer 84 McADAM ST. MAFFRA

3. Occupation of Observer CONTRACTOR

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
WED 24 APR 68 0330 + THURS 25 APR 68 0430

5. Duration of Observation(s) 3/4 HR + 1/2 HR

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
① 2 MILES EAST HEYFIELD
② HEYFIELD TOWNSHIP

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) ① CLOUDY
② SKY CLEAR

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.
① ON GROUND ② APPROX 45° ELEVATION

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

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
DEFINITE OBJECT - A LOT LIGHTS

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. RED - THEN ORANGE THIN LIGHT RING AROUND.

14. What was its apparent shape. BANANA SHAPE - BOTH OCCASION

15. Was any detail of structure observable. AS FOR 11 + 13

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO

17. Was there any sound. NO

18. Height, or angle of elevation. AS FOR 9

19. Speed, or angular velocity. NO - SLOW MOVING

20. Was the object stationary? NO

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
MOVED NORTHERLY THEN VERTICAL

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(1) Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?

FAIRLY 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.

BECAME LESS VISIBLE AS IT ROSE

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 18 and 19.

N/A

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..... ~~[illegible]~~ CERTAIN OBJECT NOT THE MOON

Signature of Observer Gavin D. Whelan

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

NO CIVIL OR MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC

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

RAAF BASE EAST SALE

34. Comments WITNESS ADAMANT OBJECT NOT MOON

Signature of Interrogator [illegible]

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

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.

S/6/1/AIR/25)

The Herald - Melbourne 26/4/68

NIGHT LIGHT NOT QUITE RIGHT

HERALD 26/4/68

SALE. — What Heyfield's sanitary collectors saw in a paddock at 3.30 a.m. has set off an RAAF inquiry.

It happened on Wednesday when their truck broke down 1½ miles from Heyfield on the Sale Rd.

Gavin Whelan and his helper, **Ian Lord** of Maffra, said they were thinking about getting a tow when they saw a string of red lights approaching.

"But when it didn't come closer, we got up on the truck bonnet and saw it was an object in a paddock. It had a row of red lights and a dome with a light on top," Mr Whelan said today.

"Ian said, 'let's get the hell out of here.'

"Later on Wednesday, I went to the paddock with my wife, **Valerie**, and her brother, **Steve**, and his wife **Jeanette**.

"We found the area of dock grass wilted as if it had been sprayed with poison."

On Thursday morning at 4.30 on their collection round, Whelan and Lord saw more lights moving above ground level.

The men did not tell about their sighting until today for fear of ridicule.

DID (OPS)
A1-4

MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE 5/6/1/MR (23)

FOLIO 12

FROM Headquarters, Support Command

DATE 7 MAY 68

TO Department of Air

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ATTENTION DAFI

REFERENCES

DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1

SUBJECT UFO Sightings

PPS DAFI 15.3.68

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of investigating officers' report regarding the sightings as reported in Laverton signal A288 of 16 Apr 68.

2. This Headquarters fully endorses the remarks contained in para 8 and has no additional comment to offer.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
[signature]	J. GAVEY	FLT LT C INTELLO	7410

C.D.O. 9777

BS/5/4/Air(38)

Headqu rters
RAAF Base
LAVERTON VIC 3027

29th April 1968

Headquarters Support Command (2)
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

REPORT ON SIGHTINGS MADE ON 9-10TH APRIL 1968 MELBOURNE AREA
LAV MESSAGE A288 DATED 16TH APRIL 1968

1. On the evenings of 9th April 1968 and 10th April 1968 Master Garry Little aged 14 years of 32 Tobruk Crescent Nth Williamstown Victoria observed several objects in the sky near his home. On the second night, 10th April 1968, a Master T. Smith, estimated age 14 years, of 50 Tobruk Crescent Nth Williamstown Victoria was a witness to the sightings listed as two to five inclusive.

2. Various organisations were contacted in regard to these sightings and the following information was used to assess them.

a. Satellites in the area

9th April 1968
1. Pegasus ONE
2. Pegasus THREE
3. Pagoes ONE

10th April 1968
1. Pegasus ONE
2. Pegasus THREE
3. Pagoes ONE

Although Pegasus One and Three had similar orbits to the sightings, Pagoes one did not. Also the ETA's in the Melbourne area of all three satellites were too early for the sightings and therefore the satellites were not used in the assessment.

b. Aircraft in the Area

9th April 1968
1. TJD DC9 Adelaide for Essendon ATA 0915Z
2. RMD DC9 Adelaide for Essendon ATA 0918Z
3. Qantas HS125 Adelaide for Avalon ATA 0926Z
4. QantasHS125 Avalon for Sydney ATD1025Z
5. Beech type Aircraft Moorabbin for Essendon Mangalore Moorabbin ATD Moorabbin 0940Z
6. Cherokee Aircraft Moorabbin for Essendon-Bendigo-Bacchus Marsh-Moorabbin ATD Moorabbin 0905Z

10th April 1968
1. TJK DC9 Adelaide for Essendon ATA 0930Z
2. Qantas HS125 Hobart for Avalon ATA 0946Z
3. Qantas HS125 Avalon for Sydney ATD1030Z
4. Qantas Training 707 circuits and ILS training at Avalon from 0645Z to 1100Z.

c. Met Balloons released in the Area

No met balloons were released by either Laverton or Essendon met section during the time of the sightings.

d. Weather in the Area

9th April 1968 Laverton Weather (0800Z Periodic No 0900 periodic avail)
Surf wind 160/2 KTS vis 15 WX fine and haze 2/8 CCS 25000
Upper winds recorded at 1000Z were light and variable from 090 through 180 to 360 max speed 10 knots.

Essendon weather (0900Z Periodic)

Wind 190/2 KTS VIS 17 WX fine 1/8 Cl 25000

10th April 1968 Laverton Weather (0800Z Periodic)

Wind calm VIS 8 WX hazy 5/8 AC 10-14000
Upper winds recorded at 1000Z were 225 max 10 knots.

Essendon Weather (0900Z Periodic)

Wind 360/3 vis 15 WX smoke haze 3/8 AC 11000
Last night both evenings 0804Z.

e. Planets visible in area

9th April 1968 1. Moon bearing 035 T elevation 30 Full moon.
2. Jupiter bearing 035 T elevation 30

10th April 1968 1. Moon bearing 050 T elevation 30 Full moon.
2. Jupiter bearing 035 T elevation 30

f. Garry Little is a member of the Victorian UFO research society and is considered by the Secretary Mrs. J. Magee 18 Hanby Street, Brighton Victoria Phone 922502 as a reliable type of lad.

g. All sightings were made with the aid of binoculars.

3. Sighting One 090910Z April 1968

A pin point of light was observed 45-30 degrees above the horizon moving at medium speed towards the North East passing three north. This sighting could have been either one of two DC9 aircraft approaching runway 26 at Essendon, inbound from Adelaide. Only cabin lighting appeared to be visible to the observer.

4. Sighting Two 100850Z April 1968

A flashing red/orange light was observed in the North West moving at slow speed towards the North East. It disappeared in cloud. This could have been the Qantas 707 operating at Avalon. Controllers at Avalon say it is possible for aircraft to be up to 6 miles East of Avalon when proceeding north to intercept the ILS glide path. The anticollision light would be operating in anticipation of the arrival of the HS125 from Hobart.

5. Sighting Three 100855Z April 1968

Dull white light sighted in the south moving at high speed from South to North at a very high altitude. It disappeared into the north. In the absence of any other information this sighting would most likely be an object rdentering the earths atmosphere.

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6. Sighting Four 100905Z April 1968

Bright yellow light moving at medium speed was sighted in the West, above cloud. Object disappeared into the north. Flight path was curved then straight. This is consistant with the flight path followed by an aircraft positioning on the ILS at Avelon. However the colour and being above cloud creates some doubt as to its being an aircraft. Aldebran which is a yellowish star, was in the western sky at the time bearing 310 T Elevation 20. It is possible that a combination of cloud movement and the movement of the leaving aircraft may have confused the observer.

7. Sighting Five 100915Z April 1968

Dull white light observed moving at slow speed from the Northwest. Then North to the Northeast. Object disappeared in cloud. This sight was most likely to have been the outbound DC9 from Adelaide to Essendon.

8. Although the observer is considered by his organisation to be reliable, his age and enthusiam to sight UFO's may at times get the better of him. In one report he states " I went outside to have a look to see if I could see any UFO's" and within 10 minutes he has observed one and the next night four more. There was plenty of aircraft activity in his area on both nights and with slight time adjustments there movements could easily suit the case. Whem the observer lives is at the Southwest corner of the junction of three major air routes, a light aircraft corridor and the Laverton/Point Cook training zones.
With the provision of radar at Tullamarine Aircraft need not follow set pa ths as in the time before radar and are often vectored away from standard tracts to suit various needs. Therefore it is possible for an aircraft to be sighted in unusual places. No other organisation or the aircraft in the area has reported any sightings during this period of time.

George A Richard

(GEORGE A. RICHARD)
Flight Lieutenant
UFO Investigating Officer

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ....Garry Little.... Age 14 yrs

2. Address of Observer ..32 TOBRUK CRESENT NTH Williamstown.

3. Occupation of Observer TECH ~~T~~ STUDENT

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

..approx 10 Past 7 PM 9/4/68 TUESDAY

5. Duration of Observation(s) ..APPROX 5 MINS

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

..ON THE LAWN IN FRONT OF HOME

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

ABOUT 3/8 CLOUD, COOL WIND (FAIRLY STRONG) BRIGHT MOONLIGHT

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.

NW OF HOME, JUST APPEARED IN SKY

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

..JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK

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

...JUST 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.....NONE

15. Was any detail of structure observable....NONE

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....NONE

17. Was there any sound.....NONE

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

19. Speed, or angular velocity..SLOW

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

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

..NW → N then appeared to go out to N

.../2

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

STRAIGHT

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen NONE

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

MID AIR - FADED

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) N/A

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

REF. 18: SCHOOL WORK - SOLID GEOMETRY ETC

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

VICTORIAN U.F.O. RESEARCH SOCIETY

30. Name and Address of organisation NAME AS ABOVE

SECRETARY MRS JUDITH MAGEE 18 HANAY ST. BRIGHTON PHONE 922502

31. Any additional information

NONE

Signature of Observer G. Liffle

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

VH-TJD DC9 ATA EN 0915 # FROM AD

VH-RMD DC9 ATA EN 0918 # FROM AD

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

LAVERTON, ESSENDON.

34. Comments Could have been on acft from AD going into EN. No apparent Met Balloons at the time were launched.

Signature of Interrogator Lyn Kelly Sgt/J

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 GARRY LITTLE Age 14.

2. Address of Observer 32 TOBRUK CRES. N. WILLIAMSTOWN

3. Occupation of Observer TECH. SCHOOL STUDENT

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

WED. 10 MAR. 68 10 TO 7PM TIL 15 TO 7PM 15 PM

5. Duration of Observation(s) 25 MINS FOR 4 SIGHTINGS.

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

ON THE CHICKEN SHED ROOF IN BACKYARD OF HOME

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) 1/8 CLOUD

A SOUTHERLY WIND FAIRLY STRONG, HAZE ON HORRIZON

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. 1 NW IN SKY. 2 S IN SKY

3 W FROM OUT OF CLOUDS 4 NW IN AIR

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

ALL WERE LIGHTS

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

ALL AS LIGHTS

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

ONLY ONE OBJECT AT EACH SIGHTING

13. What was the colour of the light or object 1 ORANGE - RED 2 DULL WHITE 3 BRILLIANT YELLOW 4 DULL WHITE

14. What was its apparent shape NONE

15. Was any detail of structure observable NONE

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious NONE

17. Was there any sound NONE

18. Height, or angle of elevation 1 LOW 2 VERY HIGH 3 VARIED IN HEIGHT

19. Speed, or angular velocity 1 SLOW 2 VERY FAST 3 MEDIUM PACE

20. Was the object stationary NO

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

1 NW TO E 2 S TO N 3 W TO N 4 NW TO NE

.../2

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

1) STRAIGHT 2) ARC 3) CHANGED DIRECTION TWICE 4) STRAIGHT

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen NONE

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

1) IN CLOUD 2) N HORIZON 3) LOW IN N (FADE) 4) IN CLOUD

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

NONE

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously YES

27. If so, give details of incident(s) 9 APR 68 (ACCOMPANING REPORT)

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

REF 18 SCHOOLWORK - SOLID GEOMETRY ETC

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

VICTORIAN UFO RESEARCH SOCIETY

30. Name and Address of organisation NAME AS ABOVE

SECRETARY MRS JUDITH MAGEE 18 HANBY ST BRIGHTON PHONE 922502

31. Any additional information

WITNESS TERRY SMITH

50 TOBRUK CRES NTH WILLIAMSTOWN

TECH SCHOOL STUDENT

Signature of Observer G Lift Co

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

VHTJK DC9 AD FOR EN ATA 0928 #

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

LAVERTON ESSENDON

34. Comments Two of the sightings appear to be acft. No met Balloon released at the reported times of sightings

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.

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

1. Enclosed is a report of a sighting by Mr J.K. Middleton.

2. Mr and Mrs Middleton's description of the observations at the time of interview was continually clouded with reference to extra-terrestial space vehicles and when asked how many objects were observed during one observation the answer changed from:

a. All over the sky,

b. Lots of them,

c. A number of them, to

d. Three (3).

3. The above answers tend to indicate that observers are unreliable, however, there are certain similarities to the report submitted under cover of our 5/15/1/Air(38) dated 4 Mar 68.

(JOHN C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report of Aerial Objects Observed

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..MR. J. K. MIDDLETON.....Age. 18.....
MRS E. L. MIDDLETON 44

2. Address of observer...11 BRADWELL ST.....

.....ZILLMERE.....QLD.....Phone...—.....

3. Occupation of observer. UNEMPLOYED..., HOUSEWIFE.....

4. Date and time of observation..(I) 22 0931Z FEB 68 (II) APPROX 5 WEEKS LATER..
(III) WERE SIGHTED LATE 1967 BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER DATE OR MONTH BUT ALL OBSERVATIONS OCCURRED BETWEEN 0900Z + 1000Z

5. Duration of observation..APPROX 5 MINUTES FROM FIRST SIGHTING TO LAST SIGHTING.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting...ZILLMERE.....

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8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....

...(I) BINOCULARS.....

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

...(I)(II)(III)....TOWARDS HORIZON.....

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

...LIGHT, ACCIDENTAL SIGHTING.....

.....

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

.BRIGHT LIGHT LARGER THAN STAR.....

.....

12. If there was more than one object:-

(a) how many were there?....3 OBJECTS ON 22 FEB 68.....

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object?..WHITE TO NAKED EYE, WITH BINOCULARS APPEARED AS ROTATING ROUND OBJECT FLASHING RED, GREEN, BLUE + YELLOW UNDERNEATH.

14. What was its apparent shape?...CIRCULAR AND FLAT LIKE A PLATE.....

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) Very high 45°

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) 50° approx in 20 secs

20. Was the object stationary? No

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

See attached diagram

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

Straight path but had violent vertical movement

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

24. Where did the 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)

No

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? Yes other than stated sightings

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

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

N/A

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 which relates to the sighting.

See attached diagram

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..FRIENDSHIP...Dep-Eagle Farm for Rockhampton at 0926Z....

Heading.....325.....T.....T.....T

Height.....2.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

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

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

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

at...22.0500.....Z and could NOT have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

..No METEORS REPORTED.....(comet, meteorite shower etc)

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

..MR. ROBERTS OF STATE OBSERVATORY COULD NOT SUGGEST....

..DEFINITE SATELLITES.....

38. There is ~~conclusive~~ INCONCLUSIVE evidence that the objects reported ~~was~~ WERE:- .SATELLITES.....

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39. The object reported could have been:- ..SATELLITES OR ASSOCIATED.....

..HARDWARE.....

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

.....82 WING.....(Unit) .....D. W. CHESHER.....(Name)

.....17 APR 68.....(Date) .. ..FLT. LT.....(Rank)

1. Sighted on 22nd February 1968 at 7.31PM

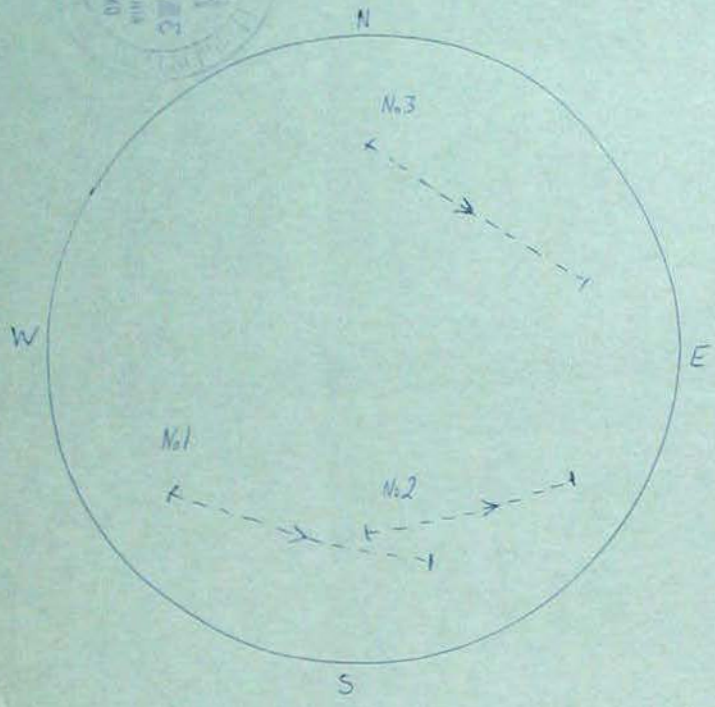
2. Objects sighted in order No 1, 2 then 3, total period of approximately 5 minutes.

3. All objects flashing red, blue, green and yellow when viewed through binoculars.

4. Total flight time off each object approximately 20 seconds covering 45-50° arc.

5. Objects displayed violent vertical movement along straight path.

6. Previous and subsequent sightings although date and time cannot be fixed had same description, flight path and times of observation.



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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Enclosed is a report of a sighting by Miss L. FERRY on the 12th April 1968.

2. This Headquarters has no comment to offer.

(J.C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report of Aerial Object Observed

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer: MISS L. FERRY

2. Address of Observer: 21 QUINTON ROAD MANLY NSW

3. Occupation of Observer: STENOGRAPHER

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
12 APR 68 1900 hrs

5. Period of observation(s): TEN MINUTES

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

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
JUST LIKE MOVING STARS

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
TWO OBJECTS, FIVE MINUTES APART TRAVELLING IN SAME DIRECTION.

11. What was the colour of the light or object: SAME AS STAR

12. What was its apparent shape: DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY SHAPE - JUST LOOKED LIKE STAR.

13. Was any detail of structure observable: NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: NO

15. Was there any sound: NO

16.** Height, or angle of elevation: UNKNOWN

17.** Speed, or angular velocity: UNKNOWN

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

TRAVELLING IN NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION

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

STRAIGHT PATH

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

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

OVER THE HORIZON

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

NO

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

VERY CLEAR SKY

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

NO AIR TRAFFIC

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

UNKNOWN

27. Any additional information. OBJECTS ALSO OBSERVED BY MRS J. SMITH

19 QUINTON ROAD MANLY NSW.

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

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17 APR '68

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REPORT OF AERIAL SIGHTING OBSERVED

1. Enclosed is a report of a sighting by Mr Leonid DENYSENKO on the 23rd February 1968.

2. Mr DENYSENKO's description of his sighting is consistent with the reflections of the Mascot Meteorological searchlight which was in operation at that time (Item 37 on report).

(JOHN C. LUKER)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

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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. LEONID DENYSENKO.....AGE..41.....
2. Address of observer 302 PENNANT HILLS ROAD CARLINGFORD NSW
.....PHONE 6306386.....
3. Occupation of observer HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER (5 YRS)
4. Date and time of observation 23FEB68 0145K
5. Duration of observation 3 or 4 seconds
6. Observers location at time of sighting HOME ADDRESS
302 PENNANT HILLS ROAD, CARLINGFORD NSW
7. Weather conditions at time of observation VISIBILITY 15 MLS
WIND S.W. 6/8 CLOUD 1500' - 1000' FRONTAL CHANGE DEVELOPING
(MASCOT WEATHER)
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation .....
NAKED EYE
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
TO SE ROUGHLY OVER HARBOUR BRIDGE
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?.....
STRONG LIGHT (AS COLOUR OF STREET LIGHT)
12. If there was more than one object:-
(a) how many were there? 10 LIGHTS (CLOSE) CHANGING TO ONE
(b) in what formation were they? ELIPSE

What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE

What was its apparent shape? ELIPSE

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) 30° OR LESS

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

20. Was the object stationary? YES

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
MOVED DIRECTLY AWAY FROM OBSERVER

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?
STRAIGHT - DIMINISHING IN INTENSITY

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. 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)
NIL

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
NO

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.
FIRST SIGHTING OF ANY OBJECT.

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:-.....

.....NONE VISIBLE.....

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

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

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

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satelites, rockets, research ballonns).MASCOT MET SECTION REPORTS CLOUD BASE...

SEARCHLIGHT IN OPERATION 0145K.....

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

OF MET SEARCHLIGHT ON CLOUD.....

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39. The object reported could have been.....CLOUD BASE SEARCH.....

LIGHT MASCOT AERODROME.....

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

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LC. A CIVILIAN OBSERVER

~~SA REPORTEDAN OBSERVER~~ LOCATED AT NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN VICTORIA REPORTED

THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS PD SIGHTING ONE 090910Z APR 68 PD WHITE PIN

POINT OF LIGHT SIGHTED 45 DEGREES ABOVE THE NORTHWESTERN HORIZON MOVING

AT MEDIUM SPEED TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT PATH MAKING VERY

SMALL CHANGES IN ALTITUDE CMM OBJECT FADED IN DISTANCE PD WEATHER

CLEAR VIS GOOD PD NO OTHER WITNESSES PD SIGHTING TWO 100850Z APR 68

PD DULL RED/ORANGE LIGHT FLASHING ON/OFF ABOUT EVERY SECOND SIGHTED IN

NORTHWEST MOVING AT SLOW SPEED TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT PATH

AT A LOW ALTITUDE PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND

HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING THREE 100855Z PD DULL WHITE LIGHT

SIGHTED IN SOUTH MOVING AT HIGH SPEED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AT A VERY

HIGH ALTITUDE PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO THE NORTH CMM WEATHER CLOUDY

AND HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING FOUR 100905Z APR 68 PD BRIGHT

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 YELLOW LIGHT SIGHTED IN WEST ABOVE

CLOUD MOVING AT MEDIUM SPEED IN A CURVED THEN STRAIGHT PATH PD

OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO NORTH CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND HAZY PD

ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING FIVE 100915Z APR 68 PD DULL WHITE LIGHT

SIGHTED IN NORTHWEST MOVING AT SLOW SPEED CMM SIMILAR TO SIGHTING

TWO CMM FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTH TO NORTHEAST AT A LOW ALTITUDE PD

OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD CMM WEATHER

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UFO REPORTS PD ON TWO EVENINGS TUESDAY 9 APR 68 AND WEDNESDAY 10 APR 68 A CIVILIAN OBSERVER ~~68 REPORTEDAN OBSERVER~~ LOCATED AT NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN VICTORIA REPORTED THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS PD SIGHTING ONE 090910Z APR 68 PD WHITE PIN POINT OF LIGHT SIGHTED 45 DEGREES ABOVE THE NORTHWESTERN HORIZON MOVING

AT MEDIUM SPEED TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT PATH MAKING VERY SMALL CHANGES IN ALTITUDE CMM OBJECT FADED IN DISTANCE PD WEATHER CLEAR VIS GOOD PD NO OTHER WITNESSES PD SIGHTING TWO 100850Z APR 68 PD DULL RED/ORANGE LIGHT FLASHING ON/OFF ABOUT EVERY SECOND SIGHTED IN NORTHWEST MOVING AT SLOW SPEED TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT PATH AT A LOW ALTITUDE PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING THREE 100855Z PD DULL WHITE LIGHT SIGHTED IN SOUTH MOVING AT HIGH SPEED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO THE NORTH CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING FOUR 100905Z APR 68 PD BRIGHT

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PAGE 2 OF RAYPLV 020 UNCLAS YELLOW LIGHT SIGHTED IN WEST ABOVE CLOUD MOVING AT MEDIUM SPEED IN A CURVED THEN STRAIGHT PATH PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED INTO NORTH CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD SIGHTING FIVE 100915Z APR 68 PD DULL WHITE LIGHT SIGHTED IN NORTHWEST MOVING AT SLOW SPEED CMM SIMILAR TO SIGHTING TWO CMM FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTH TO NORTHEAST AT A LOW ALTITUDE PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD CMM WEATHER CLOUDY AND HAZY PD ONE WITNESS PD INITIAL CHECK REVEALS CIVIL AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA AT THE TIME CMM NO MET BALLOONS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN THE TIME PERIOD PD REPORT FOLLOWS PD

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8 APR 1968

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Enclosed are reports on UFOs sighted on 19th March 1968 and investigated by RAAF East Sale.

2. This Headquarters agrees with the Investigating Officer that probably two different sightings were made - one by Messrs Morgan and Bennett which was probably a meteorological balloon, and the other by Mr Scott and Flg Off Bennetts. As the latter sighting was for a period of 1¼ hours, it is unlikely that it would be an aircraft or a satellite and in view of the quite different descriptions given in these two reports, no firm assessment can be given.

3. Accompanying the above reports is a written pro-forma transcribed from a telephoned report from the O i/c Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome to C Intell O. In this instance the sighting is considered to be Satellite Echo-1.

(L.B. BROWN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Annex: A. and Appendices
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REC'D. 10 APR 1968 C.A.S.

N.B. Timing, wind profile, and balloon physics make balloon identification incompatible with description given by Morgan & Bennett.

tracked for 21 minutes. The recorded wind observations were :-

	Wind Direction (a)	Wind Level (b)	Wind Speed (c)
1.	South East	0 - 2000 ft	8 Knots
2.	North East	2000 - 3500 ft	5 Knots
3.	South East	3500 - 5000 ft	3 Knots
4.	North East	5000 - 10000 ft	5 Knots

/Satellite

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ANNEX A TO HQSUPCOM
5/6/1/AIR(16)
DATED 8 APRIL 1968

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED IN SALE AREA
19TH MARCH 1968

Reference : A. HQESL 5/2/Air(41) - UFO Sighting Report of 19th March 1968 compiled by Flying Officer P.J. Bennetts (0317443).

INTRODUCTION

1. A telephone report of an unidentified light was received by the Duty Air Traffic Controller, Flying Officer P.J. Bennetts, from Mr R.J. Morgan of Cobains and Mr N.W.C. Bennett at 2050 hours on 19th March 1968.

2. As stated in Reference A Melbourne DCA and adjacent airfields were contacted concerning aircraft movements at the time. The groundsman at West Sale airfield, Mr M.P. Scott, subsequently sighted an object and continued to observe it through binoculars.

3. On 25th March 1968 the following witnesses were interviewed :-

a. Mr R.J. Morgan - Farmer

b. Mr N.W.C. Bennett - Water Bailiff

c. Mr M.P. Scott - Senior Groundsman DCA

d. Flying Officer P.J. Bennetts (0317443) ATC

The reports of the witnesses are attached as Annexes A to D inclusive including a copy of Reference A.

DISCUSSIONS

Meteorological Aspects

4. The weather conditions recorded at the Meteorological Section RAAF Base East Sale at the time of sighting were :-

a. wind calm, visibility 10 miles, smoke haze and one eighth of strato-cumulus cloud at 5000 feet.

b. the Temperature Gradient Graph also showed that there was an inversion (5° temperature difference) at a height of 5000 feet.

5. At approximately 2015 hours on 19th March 1968 a meteorological balloon was released from the Meteorological Section at East Sale and tracked for 21 minutes. The recorded wind observations were :-

	Wind Direction (a)	Wind Level (b)	Wind Speed (c)
1.	South East	0 - 2000 ft	8 Knots
2.	North East	2000 - 3500 ft	5 Knots
3.	South East	3500 - 5000 ft	3 Knots
4.	North East	5000 - 10000 ft	5 Knots

/Satellite

Satellite Data

6. The Visible Satellite Passes Bulletin for 19th March 1968 indicates that two satellites may have been visible at the time as follows :-

a. Echo I could be sighted from Melbourne ~~between~~ at 1916 hours and 2016 hours in direction of azimuth 332° to 184° and of elevation 77° to 44°.

ECHO! 1916K 332° 77°
2016K 184° 44°

b. Pageos I could be sighted from Melbourne between 1903 hours and 2217 hours in direction of azimuth 264° to 221° and of elevation 68° to 19°.

PAGEOS! 1903K 264° 68°
2217K 221° 19°

CONCLUSION

7. Due to the conflicting reports of the witnesses it appears possible that two objects may have been sighted. The vague report by Mr Scott roughly co-incides with the observations by Flying Officer Bennetts. I am in agreement with Flying Officer Bennetts in that their sightings were those of an aircraft on an un-notified flight.

8. The presence of smoke haze and the inversion made it possible for the light on the meteorological balloon to be reflected and refracted. This possibility, and the co-incidence in time, indicate it was the light suspended from the balloon that was seen by Mr Morgan and Mr Bennett.

for 2½ hrs?!

(A.W. PERKINS)
Flying Officer
Investigation Officer

27 Mar 68

Annexes : A. Report of Aerial Object observed by Mr R.J. Morgan.

B. Report of Aerial Object Observed by Mr N.W.C. Bennett.

C. Report of Aerial Object Observed by Mr M.P. Scott.

D. Report of Aerial Object Observed by Flying Officer P.J. Bennetts.

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ANNEX A TO
HQESL 5/2/AIR(42)
27 MAR 68

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer REGINALD JAMES MORGAN Age 41

2. Address of Observer CLYDEBANK RD COBAINS VIC

3. Occupation of Observer FARMER

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

19 MAR 68 2000 HRS

5. Duration of Observation(s) APPROX 2½ HRS

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

TURNOFF FROM MAIN ROAD INTO FARM. AND FARM YARD (ABOUT 300 YDS)

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

MOON DID NOT RISE TILL 2230

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

NO AIDS

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

FAR DISTANCE TO SOUTH OVER HORIZON

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

HAPPENED TO NOTICE LIGHT WHILE TALKING

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

ONLY A 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 BRIGHT OFF ORANGE LIGHT

14. What was its apparent shape ROUND LIGHT

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° ABOVE HORIZON TO SOUTH

19. Speed, or angular velocity VERY FAST

20. Was the object stationary APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY AT TIMES WHEN IT HAD CLIMBED TO SOUTH WEST.

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

MOVED FROM SOUTH OF AERODROME TO SOUTH WEST; CLIMBING IN SOUTH WEST TO ABOUT 80°, HOVERED, THEN DESCENDED AGAIN TO 20° BEFORE TRAVELLING VERY FAST FROM SOUTH WEST TO EAST.

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

MAINTAINED STRAIGHT PATH; CLIMBED HOVERED DESCENDED AND RETURNED ON RECIPROCAL HEADING.

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

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

.....DISAPPEARED TO EAST BEFORE REACHING HORIZON.....

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

.....NO EVIDENCE.....

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously ONLY SATELLITES ~~AIRCRAFT~~.....

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 18 and 19.

.....NO EXPERIENCE.....

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

.....NO.....

30. Name and Address of organisation .....N/A.....

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31. Any additional information APPEARED THE SIZE OF LARGE STAR ORIGINALLY BUT ON RETURN FROM SOUTH WEST TO EAST APPEARED AS LARGE BALL OF ORANGE LIGHT WITH HAZE REFLECTION.....

Signature of Observer R. L. Morgan

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

...NO AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC FROM MELBOURNE EAST SALE WEST SALE OR....
....BAIRNSDALE.....

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

.....RAAF EAST SALE.....

34. Comments .....

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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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APPENDIX B TO
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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer NEVILLE WILLIAM CHARLES BENNETT Age 51

2. Address of Observer RAGLAN ST. SALE VIC.

3. Occupation of Observer WATER BAILIFF.

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

19 MAR 68 2000 HRS

5. Duration of Observation(s) APPROX 2½ MINS.

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

TURNOFF FROM FARM MAIN ROAD INTO FARM AND FARM YARD (ABOUT 300 YDS)

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) SKY WAS CLEAR ONLY ABOUT 3 SMALL CLOUDS

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

NO AIDS

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

OVER HORIZON WELL TO THE SOUTH

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

ATTENTION ATTRACTED TO LIGHT BY MR REG MORGAN

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

ONLY A LIGHT

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

ONLY ONE OBJECT

13. What was the colour of the light or object BRIGHT SILVER-GOLD LIGHT.

14. What was its apparent shape ROUND LIGHT

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° ABOVE HORIZON TO SOUTH

19. Speed, or angular velocity VERY FAST

20. Was the object stationary APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY AT TIMES.

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

MOVED FROM SOUTH TO SOUTH WEST, CLIMBING TO 80° THEN DESCENDED TO 20° TRAVELLING FROM SOUTH WEST TO EAST.

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

MAINTAINED STRAIGHT PATH, CLIMBED, DESCENDED AND RETURNED ON RECIPROCAL HEADING.

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

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

.....SEEMED TO GO OUT BEFORE REACHING HORIZON.....

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

.....NO.....

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously .....NO.....ONLY SATELLITES ~~LAST NIGHT~~

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 18 and 19.

.....NO EXPERIENCE.....

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

.....NO.....

30. Name and Address of organisation .....N/A.....

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31. Any additional information ORIGINALLY A SMALL LIGHT IN THE OBJECT RETURNED, WHEN IT APPEARED TO BE A LARGE BALL OF LIGHT TRAVELLING VERY FAST TO EAST, JUST SOUTH OF AERODROME... WITH HAZE REFLECTION FROM LIGHT.

Signature of Observer .....

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

..NO AUTHORISED TRAFFIC FROM MELBOURNE, EAST SALE, WEST SALE OR...
...BAIRNSDALE.....

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

.....RAAF....EAST SALE.....

34. Comments ..SKETCH OF AREA AS AT RIGHT TO SIGHTING IS ATTACHED...

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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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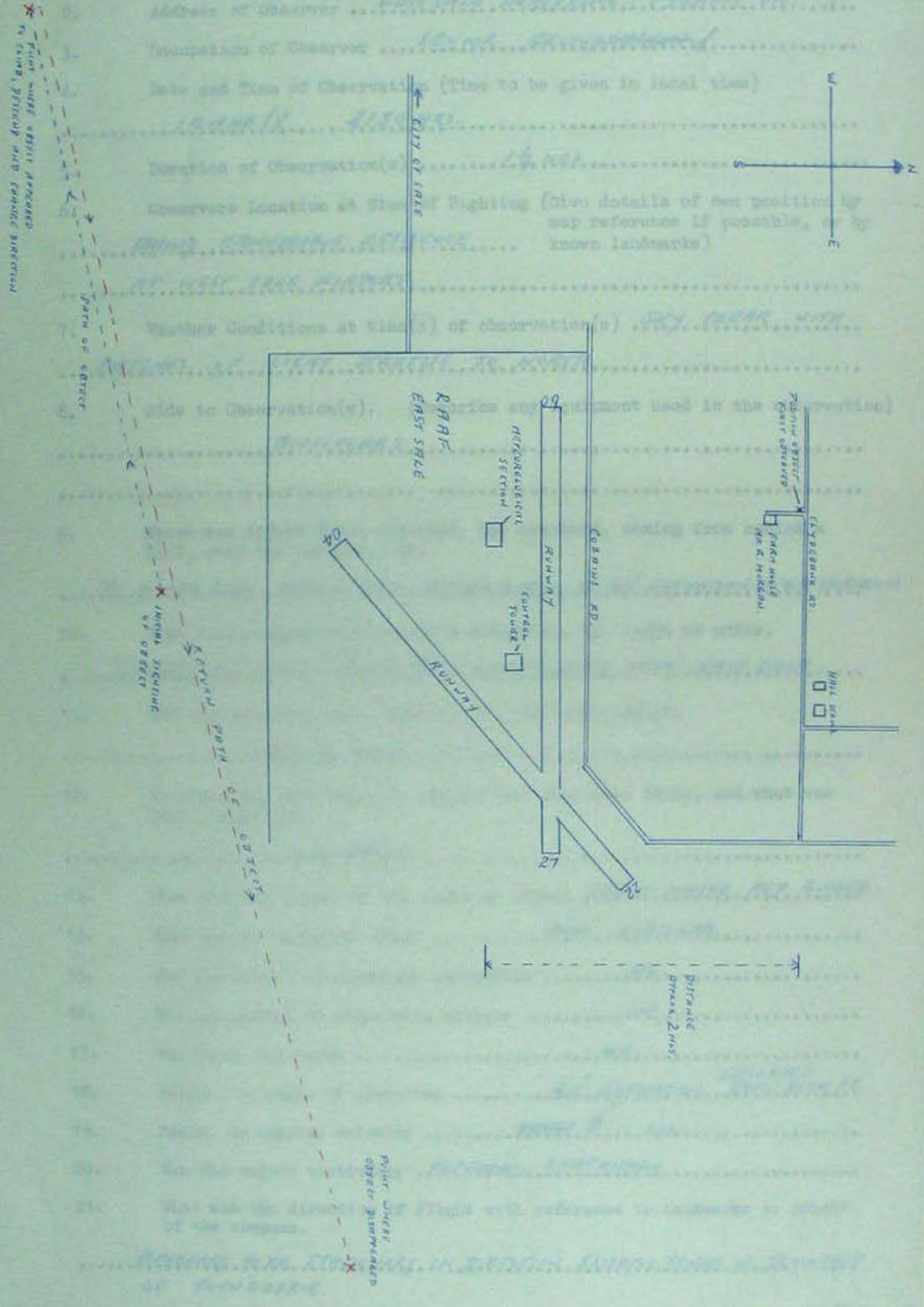
SKETCH TO REPORT BY MR. N.W.G. BENNETT, RAGLAN ST. SALE VIC.



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27 MAR 68

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer MAURICE PHILLIP SCOTT Age 26

2. Address of Observer WEST SALE AERODROME FULHAM VIC

3. Occupation of Observer SENIOR GROUNDSMAN

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

19 APR 68 2130 HRS

5. Duration of Observation(s) 1½ HRS

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

BEHIND GROUNDSMANS RESIDENCE AT WEST SALE AIRPORT

7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s) SKY CLEAR WITH PATCHES OF LIGHT STRATUS TO NORTH

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.

TO NORTH WEST APPROX 290°. AT AN ANGLE OF 40° ELEVATION OVER HORIZON.

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

PHONE CALL FROM AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER RAAF EAST SALE

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

ONLY A 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 YELLOW CENTRE RED BORDER

14. What was its apparent shape ~~RED~~ 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 40° ELEVATION ESTIMATED 6000-8000 FT

19. ~~Speed~~, or angular velocity N/A

20. Was the object stationary APPEARED STATIONARY

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

APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY IN DIRECTION SLIGHTLY SOUTH OF TOWNSHIP OF TOONGABBIE

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

REMAINED STATIONARY

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

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

IN CLOUD ABOVE THE HORIZON

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 18 and 19.

NO 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

Signature of Observer Maurice R. Scott

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

NO AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC FROM MELBOURNE, WEST SALE, EAST SALE OR BAIRNSDALE

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

RAAF EAST SALE

34. Comments OBSERVER SEEMED VAGUE CONCERNING DIRECTION, SPEED, AND COLOUR OF OBJECT

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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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ..PETER JOHN BENNETTS..... Age 22.....

2. Address of Observer C/- RAAF EAST SALE VIC.....

3. Occupation of Observer FLG OFF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER....

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

.....19 MAR 68 2050 ARS.....

5. Duration of Observation(s) .....40 MINS.....

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

.....RAAF CONTROL TOWER.....

.....EAST SALE VIC.....

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

.OVERHEAD; LESS THAN 1/8 ALTO STRATUS TO FAR NORTH WEST...

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

.....BINOCULARS.....

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

...TO NORTH WEST; APPROX 300°M, 40° ELEVATION ABOVE HORIZON.

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

PHONE CALL FROM MR ROG MORGAN WHO LIVES ADJACENT TO AIRFIELD.

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

.....FLASHING RED AND GREEN LIGHTS.....

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

.....ONLY ONE OBJECT.....

13. What was the colour of the light or object FLASHING RED AND GREEN LIGHTS.

14. What was its apparent shape .....NO SHAPE 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 .....40° ELEVATION.....

19. Speed, or angular velocity COULD NOT ESTIMATE BUT DID NOT SEEM VERY FAST.

20. Was the object stationary NO; APPEARED TO MOVE AWAY.....

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

.....APPEARED TO MOVE AWAY ON APPROX HEADING OF 300°M.....

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

REMAINED ON 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.

INTO CLOUD

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 18 and 19.

TRAINED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

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 APPEARED TO BE AN AIRCRAFT BECAUSE OF FLASHING LIGHTS, PRESUMABLY NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Signature of Observer [signature]

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

NO AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC FROM MELBOURNE DCA'S WEST SALE, EAST SALE OR BAIRNSDALE

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

RAAF EAST SALE

34. Comments OBSERVERS INITIAL REPORT ATTACHED

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.

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UFO SIGHTING REPORT

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A phone-call was received at 2020 hours from Mr.Reg Morgan and Mr. Neville Bennett (phone COBAINS 35), reporting an unidentified flying object.

The object had appeared low over RAAF EAST SALE aerodrome at about 2000 hours. It had then zig-zagged at high speed in a southerly direction, and went very high, before proceeding on a westerly course.

I proceeded to the Control Tower where I could use the binoculars, but initially was unable to sight the object. At 2040 hours I rang Mr. Morgan and was informed that the object was now south-southwest from the observer, and apparently over WEST SALE.

At 2050 hours I sighted the object, on a bearing of about 300°M from the Control Tower and elevation of about 40°. It was very similar to an aircraft at night, appearing to have flashing red and green navigation lights.

During the time that I watched the object, it appeared to maintain about 300°M, but became less intense and lowered in elevation to about 30° as if with distance.

By 2115 hours I could no longer see the object with the naked eye, and by 2130 hours contact was lost altogether.

During the time I had the object in sight, I rang Mr. Morgan twice and from his position the object appeared to move quite rapidly, whereas from the Control Tower it appeared to move quite slowly.

During this time I also checked with MELBOURNE DCA Flight Service Unit, who advised that they had no known traffic in the vicinity.

I also checked with the DCA resident groundsman at WEST SALE, who advised that all the helicopters which had been operating from WEST SALE were on the ground. The groundsman also followed the object with binoculars, and it appeared to be west-northwest from his position and about 15-20 miles, as if over

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17. Was there any sound.....

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....NOT KNOWN. } see 821.

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....NOT KNOWN }.....

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

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

OBJECT WAS HIGH AND NOISELESS. IT TRAVELLED OVER GEELONG TOWARDS MELBOURNE.

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[Comment: This would make the direction of travel SW → NE at a bearing of about 180°]

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ROSEDALE. He lost visual contact at the same time as I did ----- the object appearing to enter a patch of thin cloud. The cloud had passed by 2230 hours, but the object was no longer visible.

Peter Bennett

20MAR68

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Duty Controller

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

18. Height, or angle of elevation.....NOT KNOWN } SEE 821.

19. Speed, or angular velocity.....NOT KNOWN }.....

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

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

..OBJECT WAS HIGH AND NOISELESS. IT TRAVELLED OVER GEELONG TOWARDS MELBOURNE.

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[Comment: This would make the direction of travel SW → NE at a bearing of about 180°]

ANNEX B TO HQSUPCOM
5/6/1/AIR(16)
DATED 8 APRIL 1968

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... MR. CALDWELL ... Age.....
2. Address of Observer... BACCHUS MARSH AERODROME.....
3. Occupation of Observer... O/C AERODROME.....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
... 1 APR 68 - 1917 K.....
5. Duration of Observation(s)... NOT KNOWN.....
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
... BACCHUS MARSH AERODROME.....
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
... FINE & WARM & CLEAR.....
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.
... 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.
... ONE.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object... BRIGHT 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... NOT KNOWN } SGT. 821.
19. Speed, or angular velocity... NOT KNOWN }
20. Was the object stationary... NO.
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass...
..OBJECT WAS HIGH AND NOISELESS. IT TRAVELLED OVER GEELONG TOWARDS MELBOURNE.

[Comment: This would make the direction of travel SW → NE at a bearing of about 180°]

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

STRAIGHT ACROSS SKY

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.

NOT KNOWN

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

NIL

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously. NOT KNOWN

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.

NOT KNOWN

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

NOT KNOWN

30. Name and address of organisation... N/A

31. Any additional information... NIL

Signature of Observer...

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.

34. Comments. This Report compiled from report telephoned to Duty Officer. Lighting witnessed by two others at aerodrome. Assumed as satellite sighting ECHO 1, SW → NE, AZ 171° @ 1930K. Timing is astray, but this is not unusual for ECHO 1.

Signature of Interrogator... FLT LT CONTROLLER HQ SUPPORT.

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

For use within the RAAF only
Write or print clearly

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

FOLIO 6

OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR (50)

FROM: HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND

DATE: 8 APR 68

TO: D/DAFI ~~DEPARTMENT OF AIR~~

ATTENTION: (D/DAFT OPS)

REFERENCES: 580-1-1 RPS DAFI

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR ACTION IS COPY OF A UFO SIGHTING REPORT RECEIVED FROM RAAF RICHMOND TOGETHER WITH THEIR COVERING LETTER GIVING REASONS FOR THE LATE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT.

REC'D. 16 APR 1968 C.A.S.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
John C. Luker	JOHN C. LUKER	FLT LT C. INTELL O	390

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C.D.O. 9777

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: WINDSOR 2111

Headquarters
RAAF Base
RICHMOND NSW 2755

1st April 1968

IN REPLY QUOTE HQ/5/9/Air(24)

Headquarters Operational Command

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. The attached report was received at Headquarters RICHMOND during March 1968 and held subject to the return of the Formation Intelligence Officer who was absent on duty till 1st April 1968.

2. Forwarded for your action.

D W Neumann.
(D.W. NEUMANN)
Flying Officer
for Officer T/Commanding

Encl. Report

5/15/11/AIR

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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...D.F.GODFREY.....AGE...43.....
2. Address of observer...6 TAWARRI CRESCENT.....
   KYLE BAY.....NSW..... .....PHONE.546 6086.....
3. Occupation of observer.....PILOT.....
4. Date and time of observation .....8MAR68 2030 EST.....
5. Duration of observation .....4-5 SECONDS.....
6. Observers location at time of sighting..OVER YASS (NSW).....
   WHILE ON ML-SY FLIGHT.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.CLEAR - VISIBILITY.....
   GOOD - ONLY SCATTERED SC4 CLOUD.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation...COMPASS...
   TO FIX BEARING OF LIGHT - BRG WAS 150°M.....
   FROM YASS.....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   O/H FALLING TO EARTH.....
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?.GREEN-TURNING PINK....
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? NO

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) } FALLING WITH TRAJECTORY OF A BOMB

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) } FALLING WITH TRAJECTORY OF A BOMB

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

150°M FROM YASS

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

CONSISTENT WITH FALLING OBJECT

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 HORIZON SE OF CANBERRA

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) N/A

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19. ① WARTIME BOMBER PILOT. ② 14000 FLYING HRS. ③ 20 YRS AIRLINE PILOT

29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena? ~~✓ WARTIME BOMBERPILOT ② 14000 FLYING~~

NO

30. Name and address of organisation N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

UNABLE TO ESTIMATE DISTANCE. BUT IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE LIGHT WAS FALLING INTO THE SEA SE OF CANBERRA

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....

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

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

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

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

.....NOT KNOWN.....

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

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

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

.....Large ammount of satelite activity.....

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

.....

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39. The object reported could have been Satelite Debris or.....

Satelite Re-entry.....

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

RACC SYDNEY APT.....(Unit) G. SUGARS.....(Name)

11 MAR 68.....(Date) FLG OFF.....(Rank)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Enclosed are two intelligence reports of aerial objects observed.

2. The circumstances in respect of the report where the name of the observer is unknown is described in the following paragraphs.

3. Approximately ten different reports of an unusual aerial object were received by radio 4 BH Brisbane at 210515Z. The persons reporting the object were not prepared to give their names, but the reports came from areas both north and south of Brisbane. Mr. Pearce of the newsroom notified RAAF Base Amberley.

4. Although the persons reporting the object were not able to be interviewed, the enclosed report was compiled by RAAF Base Amberley from the overall information supplied to the newsroom. No reports were received by the State Observatory or the Department of Civil Aviation.

5. There appear to be three possible explanations for the object:

a. a Canberra bomber,

b. a meteor, or

c. a meteorological balloon.

6. The green colour and shape of the object would be consistent with a Canberra at certain angles, however the direction of flight and flame-like tail does not make either of the Canberras the likely cause.

7. The meteorological balloon does not seem to account for the object because of speed, shape and the flame-like tail.

8. The most likely explanation would be a meteor or the re-entry of some space vehicle. However, for this explanation to be held the reports of the object being at cloud height would have to be discounted. The 2/8 - 3/8 cloud height was 2400ft and Mr Robertson of the State Observatory has suggested that a large meteor at 2400ft would most likely have hit the ground. The fact that it was reported to be moving fairly slowly could indicate that it was in fact a fast moving meteor at a much greater height.

Note Not used in summary of sightings as persons making sightings were unable to be interviewed 7 Jun 68

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9. The possibility of an organized hoax against radio 4BH cannot be overlooked.

J.C. LUKER
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Two Intelligence Reports of Aerial Objects

RESTRICTED

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer....Unknown - About ten sightings.....Age....

2. Address of observer.....Not known.....

.....Phone.....

3. Occupation of observer.....

4. Date and time of observation....2105152.....

5. Duration of observation.....Unknown.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting....Mt Gravatt, Cleveland, Sandgate, Belmont and other places.....

.....

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....

.....

.....

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

At cloud height.....

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

.....

.....

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

....Definite object.....

.....

12. If there was more than one object:-

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

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object?.....Green-Metallic.....

14. What was its apparent shape?....Cigar.....

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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Object left a flame-like tail.

17. Was there any sound? Whistling lound was heard

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) About cloud height (2400 feet)

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Same as aircraft.

20. Was the object stationary? No.

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

South-East.

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?

Yes - A flame-like tail.

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

Below City horizon

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? -------

27. If so, give brief 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 ----------

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Path of object was in direction of Gold Coast; Southport Police Station received no reports of any objects in that locality.

WEATHER - Fine ~~1~~ 2-3/8 cloud at 2400 feet.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type...Canberra.....Canberra.....

Heading...Evan's Head - Amberley (NNW).....T.....Flying in L/L area.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....3.,000 ft.....,000 ft

~~Speed~~...TIME - 210515Z - 0535Z.....K...2105042.....K

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

Aircraft type...QANTAS.....HS125 (ECF).....

Heading...South (Townsville - Sydney).....T.....T

Height.....38.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 f

~~Speed~~...TIME - 2105042.....K.....K.....K

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

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

35. A meteorological balloon was released from...Eagle Farm.....

at...210515.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

.....No reports.....(comet, meteorite shower etc)

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

No suitable satellite movements known.....

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

.....

.....

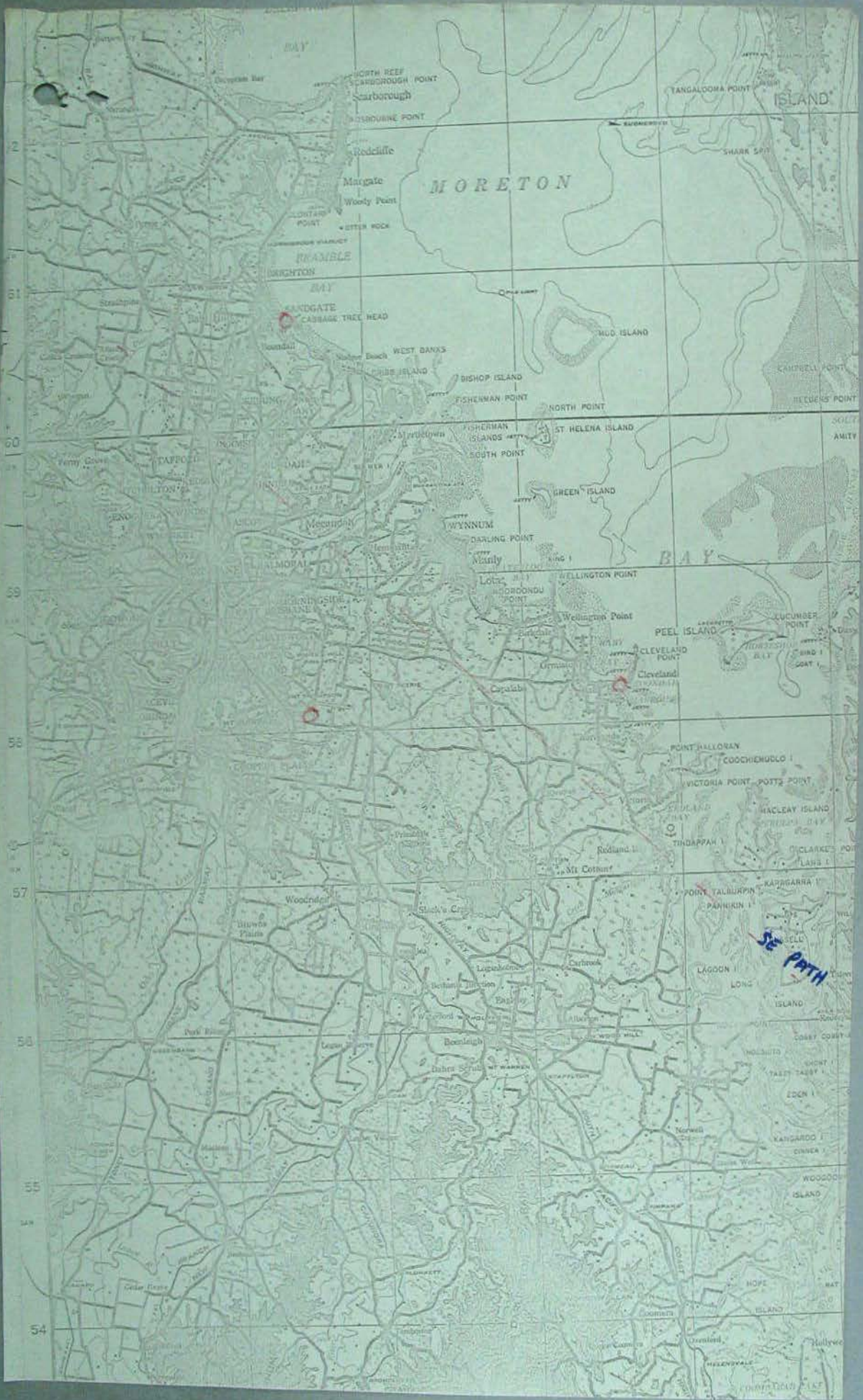
39. The object reported could have been:- ..A Meteor or re-entry of space.....

vehicle.....

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

.No. 82 Wing.....(Unit) .....D.L. MACFARLANE.....(Name)

.22nd. March 1968.....(Date) .. ..Flying Officer.....(Rank)



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FISHERMAN POINT
NORTH POINT
ST HELENA ISLAND
SOUTH POINT
GREEN ISLAND
WYNNUM
DARLING POINT
Manly
WELLINGTON POINT
Wellington Point
PEEL ISLAND
CLEVELAND POINT
Cleveland
POINT HALLORAN
COOCHIEMUDLO I
VICTORIA POINT
POTTS POINT
MACLEAY ISLAND
TINDAPPAH I
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Hollywood
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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..Unknown - About ten sightings.....Age.-.....

2. Address of observer.....Not known.....

.....Phone.....--

3. Occupation of observer.....----------.....

4. Date and time of observation.....2105Z52.....

5. Duration of observation.....Unknown.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting...Mt Gravatt, Cleveland, Sandgate,.....

Belmont and other places.....

.....

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....

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....

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

At cloud height.....

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

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

...Definite object.....

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12. If there was more than one object:-

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

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object?.....Green-Metallic.....

14. What was its apparent shape?...Cigar.....

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

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Object left a flame-like tail.

17. Was there any sound? Whistling lound was heard

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) About cloud height (2400 feet)

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) Same as aircraft.

20. Was the object stationary? No.

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

South-East.

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?

Yes - A flame-like tail.

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

Below City horizon

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?

27. If so, give brief 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?

30. Name and address of organisation

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Path of object was in direction of Gold Coast; Southport Police Station received no reports of any objects in that locality.

WEATHER - Fine 2/8 cloud at 2400 feet.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type..... Canberra ..... Canberra .....

Heading..... Evan's Head - Amberley(NAV) ..... T ..... Flying in L/L area ..... T ..... T

Height.....,000 ft.....3.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

~~Speed~~ TIME - 210515Z - 0535Z .....K..... 210504Z .....K

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

Aircraft type..... QANTAS ..... HS125 (EOF) .....

Heading..... South (Townsville - Sydney) ..... T ..... T ..... T

Height.....38.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 f

~~Speed~~ TIME - 210504Z .....K.....K.....K

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

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

35. A meteorological balloon was released from..... Eagle Farm .....

at.....210515.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

.....No reports.....(comet, meteorite shower etc)

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

No suitable satellite movements known .....

.....

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

~~.....~~ .....

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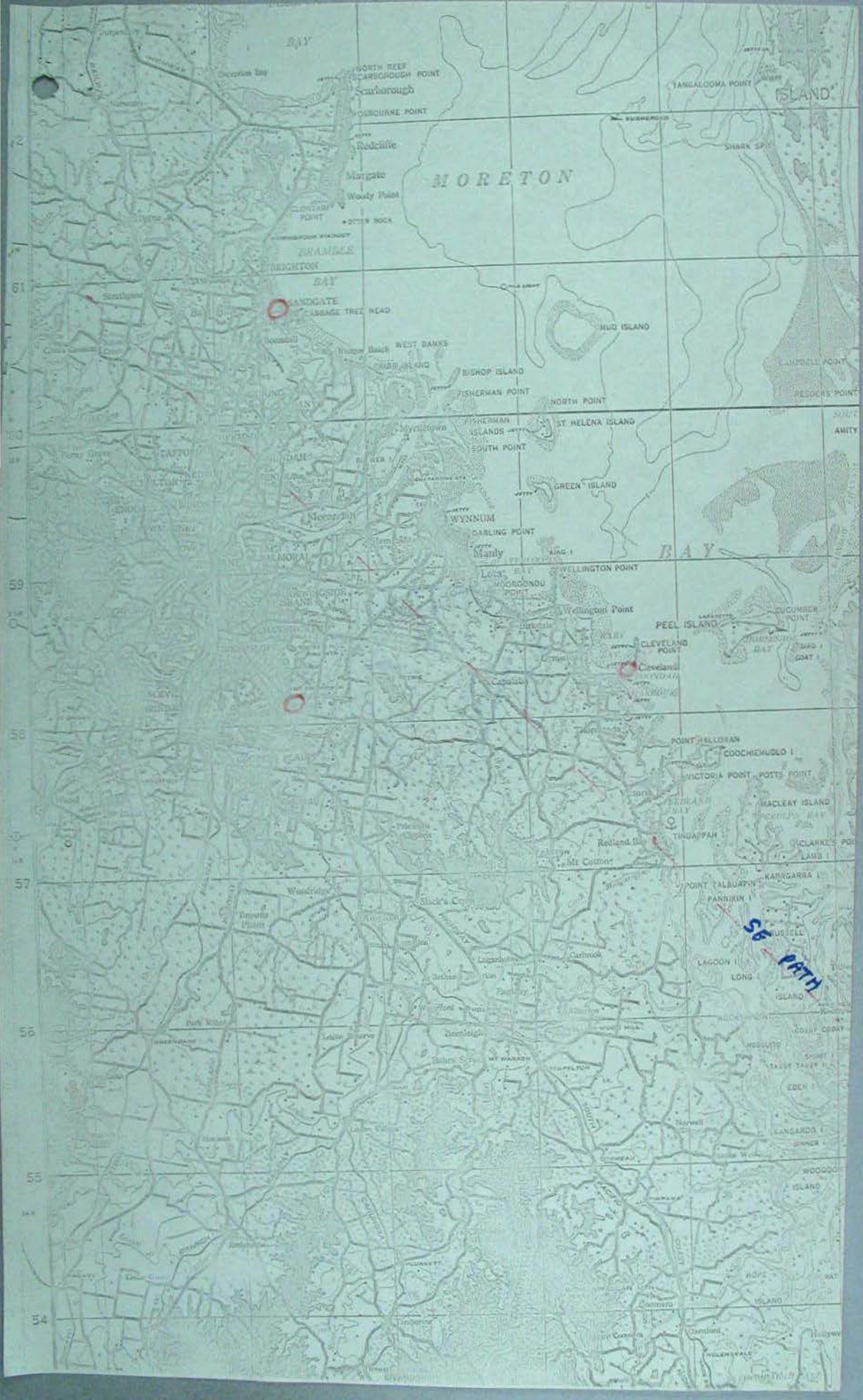
39. The object reported could have been:- A Meteor or re-entry of space .....

vehicle. .....

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

No 82 Wing .....(Unit) D.L. MACFARLANE .....(Name)

22nd March 1968 .....(Date) Flying Officer .....(Rank)



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SHARK SPIT
BRAMBLE
BAY
BRIGHTON
SANDGATE
CABBAGE TREE HEAD
MUD ISLAND
WEST BANKS
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RESDERS POINT
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POINT TALBURPIN
PANNIKIN I
RUSSELL
SE PATH
LAGOON I
LONG I
ISLAND
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EDEN I
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REPORT FROM AIC MASCOT

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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 LT McKENZIE AGE 38
2. Address of observer NAS NOWRA
   PHONE
3. Occupation of observer AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
4. Date and time of observation 28 MAR 68 1928K
5. Duration of observation
6. Observers location at time of sighting TOWER AT NOWRA
7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE & HAZY
   VIS 8 WIND CALM 1/8 22000 FT
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation
   NAKED EYE & BINOCULARS
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
   WEST 15° ELEVATION
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
    MOVEMENT
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?
    LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN STAR
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? —
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) Very High

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) West To South in 10 Mins

20. Was the object stationary? NO

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

WEST TO EAST

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)

ABOUT 30° ANGLE TO SE OF NWA

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) —

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

OCCUPATION

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.

PASSED IN FRONT OF SOUTHERN CROSS AT 1955K — MORE THAN ONE OBSERVER SIGHTED OBJECT

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....ONLY LOCAL FLYING NOWRA ALL ACCOUNTED FOR.....

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.....N.I.....

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 :-.....

.....

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

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

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

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

.....

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

.....

.....

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

.....

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

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

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

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2nd April 1968

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The Secretary
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Enclosed is a copy of a report received by this Headquarters on the observation of an aerial object by a Mr. BARR of MYREE, Western Australia.

(G.A.MARTIN)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Encl.

For Information

Headquarters Support Command Victoria Barracks MELBOURNE SCI VIC 3000

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED (120A)

1. Name of Observer Mr. Barr ..... Age Not Given.
2. Address of Observer 195 High Road MYREE
3. Occupation of Observer Service Station Owner - Telephone: 501998
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
212055H MAR 68
5. Duration of observation(s) 5 Minutes
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
ARMADALE - about 15 miles south east of Perth
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
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.
Approaching from SE direction
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.
As a bright white 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? -
15. Was any detail of structure observable? NIL
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO
17. Was there any sound NO
18. Height, or angle of elevation High
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.
Leading NW until Byford then turned towards S with the light fading as it turned.

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
See 21

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Not Known

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 incident(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 organization interested in aerial phenomena?
NO

30. Name and Address of Organization -

31. Any additional information: Telephone: 501998
When the object turned it was in line with southern tip of southern cross stars

Signature of Observer: (Mr. BARR)

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
One F27 RPT ex ALBANY was turned to intercept PARKERVILLE locater.

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

34. Comments: The report was discussed with Perth tower and Mr. Barr was rung and the details of his report fitted the course and details of the F27.

Signature of Interrogator: for (P.M.ROOKE) Flying Officer

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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East Bullsbrook 200

Headquarters
RAAF Base
PEARCE WA 6085

2nd April 1968

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The Secretary
Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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For Officer Commanding

Encl.

For Information

Headquarters Support Command Victoria Barracks MELBOURNE SCI VIC 3000

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED (120A)

1. Name of Observer Mr. Barr ..... Age. Not Given.

2. Address of Observer 195 High Road MYREE .....

3. Occupation of Observer Service Station Owner - Telephone: 501998 .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
2120SH MAR 68
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5. Duration of observation(s) 5 Minutes .....

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
ARMADALE - about 15 miles south east of Perth
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7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
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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.
Approaching from SE direction
.....

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.
As a bright white 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? - .....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? NIL .....

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

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

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

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.
Leading NW until Byford then turned towards S with the light fading as it turned.

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22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
See 21
.....
NO

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

24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Not Known
.....

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

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously.....
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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.
NIL
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29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?
NO
.....
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30. Name and Address of Organization.....
.....
Telephone: 501998

31. Any additional information: .....
When the object turned it was in line with southern tip of
.....
southern cross stars
.....

Signature of
Observer: .....
(Mr. BARR)

32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
One F27 RPT ex ALBANY was turned to intercept PARKERVILLE locater.
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(F.M.ROOKE)
Flying Officer

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HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC 3004

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(12)

25 MAR 1968

Department of Air (DAFI)
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded are reports of UFOs sighted from Elwood and Avalon Victoria by Messrs Banks and Cappelletti, together with comments by C Intell O.

(L.B. BROWN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Insufficient information
Dont date of sighting
therefore not included in summary of
sightings

5 March 68.

Wing Commander L. G. Brown

Dear Sir

This is the first time I have ever reported such an observation, and I frequently I would not hear any more about it.

As the date was about 3 wks ago I cannot be sure of the exact night but I am sure that would have been noted when I rang.

Hoping this information may be of some use to you

Yours sincerely

Robert Banks
41, Daley St
Elwood 3184

P.S. Since receiving your letter I mentioned the matter to a friend, who said a friend of hers also notice this unusual observation, but I should imagine by now the details would be a bit ~~vague~~ vague.

P.T.O.

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.....about speed of shooting star

20. Was the object stationary.....no.....

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

.....Eastwards.....

.../2.

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ... Mr. Bert Banks ... Age 38
2. Address of Observer ... 41 Daley St Elwood
3. Occupation of Observer ... Railway Machine Mechanic
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local ti
   ... 4.6. ... about 8.30 pm
5. Duration of Observation(s) ... about 2 seconds
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of
   ... Elwood facing South ... position by map re
   ... if possible, or by
   ... landmarks)
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s)
   ... Clear
8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment
   ... observati
9. Where was object first observed, eg overhead,
   behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   ... travelling ... Southeasterly ... a
10. What first attracted observer's attention,
    ... Light
11. Did object appear as a light or as a defi
    ... Light only
12. If there was more than one object, how
    what was their formation.
    ... only ... one
13. What was the colour of the light or o
14. What was its apparent shape ... Ro
15. Was any detail of structure observe
16. Was any method of propulsion obvio
    Was there any sound
    Angle of elevation
    Velocity ... ab

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SOUTHERLY COURSE

POINTERS

EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE

FIRST NOTICED MOVING FROM

DIRECTION OF POINTERS

GRADUALLY THE SIZE OF VENUS

BUT NOT QUITE SO BRIGHT ON

DISINTEGRATION

HORIZON

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... Mr. Bert Banks ... Age 38

2. Address of Observer... 41 Daley St Elwood 3184

3. Occupation of Observer sewing machine mechanic

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

Feb. about 8.30 pm

5. Duration of Observation(s)... about 2 seconds

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

Elwood facing South

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.

travelling upwards Southeasterly about 60°

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, how many were there and what was their formation.

only one

13. What was the colour of the light or object. bright yellow

14. What was its apparent shape... spherical

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 about speed of shooting star

20. Was the object stationary... no.

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

upwards

.../2.

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

straight

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.

mid-air

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

none.

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

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

cannot clearly recall details.

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

Happened to be in back garden looking at the sky.

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

no.

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

31. Any additional information.... after brief sighting appeared to explode - without hearing any sound - rough diagrams included

Signature of Observer. E. Banks

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

none.

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

34. Comments. Reporter unable to give any approximate date of sighting. Impossible to follow up. Appears to be meteorite or decaying space matter from information available

Signature of Interrogator. [signature] FLT LT

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... JOHN CAPPELLETTI ..... Age... 22 ....

2. Address of Observer... FLAT 14. 30 WESTERN BEACH GEELONG. VIC.

3. Occupation of Observer... AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
... WEDNESDAY... 6.3.68 ..... TIME 1923 LOCAL ... (0923Z)

5. Duration of Observation(s)... 3 SECONDS (MAY BE LESS.)

6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks)
... IN AVALON A.T.C. CONTROL TOWER ...
... 144° 30' E ... 38° 02' E ... LOOKING EASTWARDS .....

7. Weather Conditions at time(~~s~~) of observation(~~s~~)... WIND 160°/20 KNOTS (PRESSURE)
... VISABILITY 20 MILES ... FINE ... 1/8 Cu 3000 ft. TEMP 17°C DEW PT 9°C ... 1021 MB

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.
... 45° ABOVE HORIZON (COULD NOT SEE ABOVE THIS DUE TO POSSITION OF ROOF OF TOWER.)

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

11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
... WHITE LIGHT (SIMILAR TO FALLING STAR.) .....

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... / .....

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... 45° ABOVE HORIZON DOWN TO 05°

19. Speed, or angular velocity... / .....

20. Was the object stationary... NO ... FALLING DOWN .....

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass...
... ~~110°~~ 110° MAG. FROM AVALON TOWER .....

.../2.

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

STRAIGHT PATH APPEARED TO BE HEADING DOWN.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.. NOT OBSERVED.

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

WENT ~~of~~ OUT OF SIGHT APPROX 5° ABOVE HORIZON.

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

NIL.

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

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

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

AS AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ASSESSING ~~Estimate~~ THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS PART OF TRAINING [redacted].

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

NO.

30. Name and address of organisation... /

31. Any additional information... THE ~~A~~ # ABOVE INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED BY QANTAS TRAINING AIRCRAFT (BOEING 707) CAPT. MERV SCHIPPARD

Signature of Observer J. Cappelleth

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

QANTAS TRAINING AIRCRAFT VH-EAC (B707) POSITION 3 MILES SOUTH/EAST OF AVALON TOWER HEADING 090°M AT 1500 FT.

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

AVALON TOWER. ALL CONTROLLERS ARE QUALIFIED

34. ~~Comments~~... METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS

Satellite Activity: PAGEOS! at 1920hrs AZ 264 EL 85.

Comment: Sighting not PAGEOS!. Assessed as meteorite.

Signature of Interrogator... (Harvey) FLT LT C INTELL O.

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

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RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

OUR FILE: 5/15/1/AIR (38)

FROM: Headquarters Operational Command

DATE: 4 MAR 68

TO: Department of Air (DAFI)

ATTENTION:

REFERENCES: 580-1-1 PES DAFI 8.10.62

DAFI

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

Enclosed herewith for your action is a report of a recent UFO Sighting.

Satellites.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
[signature]	D.J. HAYES	Sgn Ldr e INT O	336

C.D.O. 9777

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14. What was its apparent shape? Circular. ..... period .....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? ..... Nil .....

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TELEPHONE: IPSWICH 81-1511

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 82W/5/9/Air(42)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF Base
AMBERLEY QLD 4305

26th February 1968

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH NSW 2750

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

Reference: A. Headquarters Operational Command ASI 13/A/5.

1. Further to our message AI55 21st February 1968 enclosed are two copies of a report of aerial objects observed by Mr J. Galt, 848 Wynnum Road Cannon Hill.

2. The first two objects were observed accidentally on 20th February 1968 and the second pair were observed by planned viewing on 22nd February 1968.

3. Although Mr Galt did not consider the objects were satellites, the appearance and flight paths of the objects seem to suggest that they were.



(C.H. SPURGEON)
Group Captain
For Officer Commanding

13. What was the colour of the light or object? White all cases - pale green colour disappearance pulsating with 1-2 sec

14. What was its apparent shape? Circular. period

15. Was any detail of structure observable? Nil

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer Mr J. Galt Age 38

2. Address of observer 848 Wynnam Road Cannon Hill QLD

Phone 955754

3. Occupation of observer Departmental Manager

4. Date and time of observation (i) 200948Z (ii) 220932Z

5. Duration of observation (i) ½ minute approximately (ii) ½ minute approximately

6. Observers location at time of sighting Cannon Hill

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation

(i) Nil

(ii) Binoculars

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

(i) Noticed overhead (ii) Noticed overhead

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

(i) Accidental sighting (ii) Planned viewing

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? (i) Two objects (ii) Two objects

(b) in what formation were they? Separate

13. What was the colour of the light or object? White all cases - pale green before disappearance pulsating with 1-2 sec period

14. What was its apparent shape? Circular.

15. Was any detail of structure observable? Nil

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, all cases

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) (i) & (ii) 5 deg/sec (approx)

20. Was the object stationary? No

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

See attached diagrams

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

(i) No 1 veered to NE. No 2 described erratic course (ii) Straight paths.

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

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

In mid-air - very sharp cut-off after turning green.

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? Publicised USA Satellite.

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s) Objects seemed dissimilar to this previously observed satellite.

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?

No

30. Name and address of organisation N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

See attached diagram.

PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type..(i) 2 x Pilatus Portac (ii) 3 x Helicopters.....

Heading.....Local flying.....T .....T.....Local flying.....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:- Nowhere near Cannon Hill

Aircraft type....(i) Electra 2ØØ932Z (ii) DC4 2Ø1Ø2ØZ.....

Heading.....Times do not correspond with sightings.....T.....T.....T

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

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

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

.....

35. ~~xx~~ 2 x meteorological balloon was released from..EAGLE FARM.....

at..2Ø11ØØ.....Z and could not have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

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

..No meteors reported.....(comet, meteorite shower etc)

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

Mr Newell of State Observatory could not suggest definite satellites -.....

Not Echo I x II.....

38. There is ~~conclusive~~ inconclusive evidence that the object reported ~~was~~ were:- .Satellites.....

...but their behavior and appearance was consistant with satellites.....

.....

39. The object reported could have been:- ....Satellites.....

.....

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

No 82 Wing.....(Unit) .....D.L. MACFARLANE.....(Name)

26th February 1968.....(Date) .. ...Flying Officer.....(Rank)

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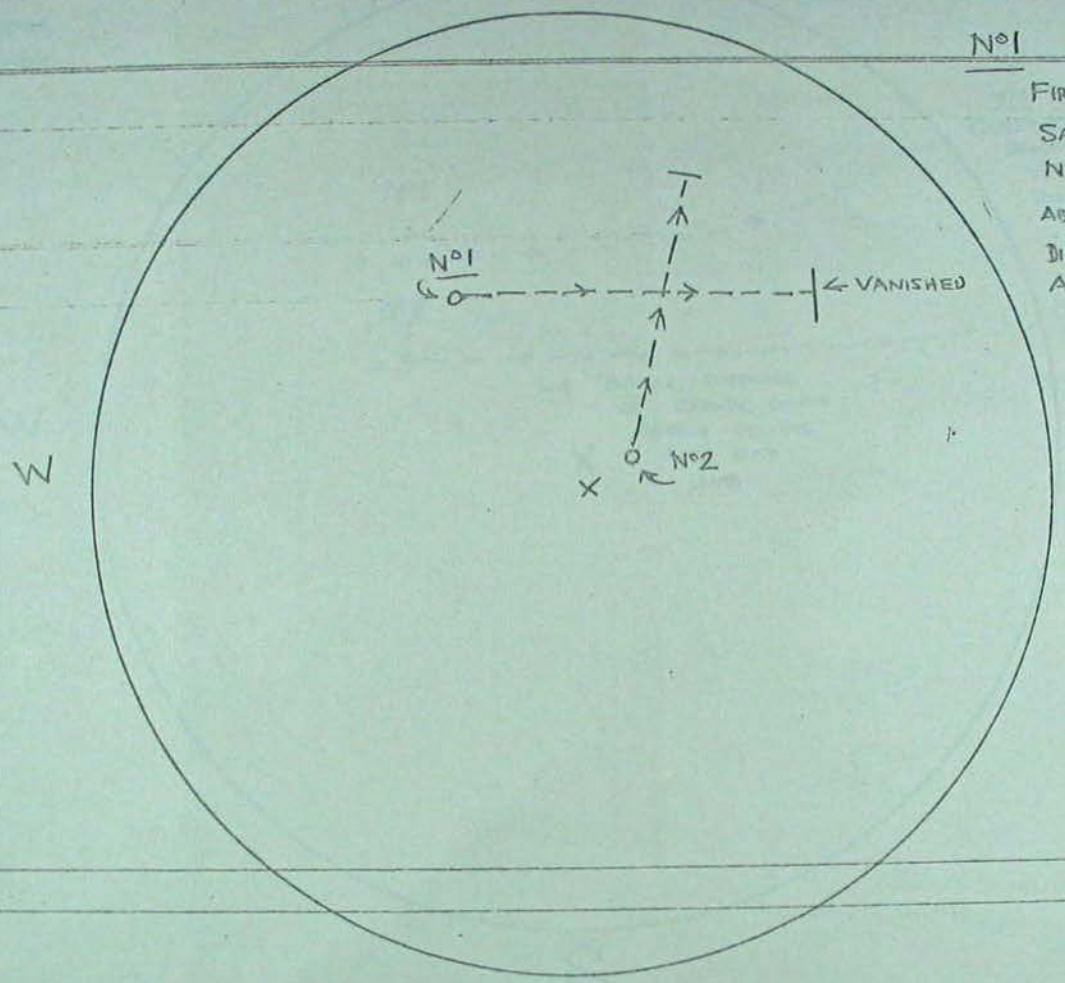

Nº1

FIRST SIGHTED AT 7-32 P.M

SAME APPEARANCE AND SPEED AS Nº 1 ON NIGHT OF 20-2-68

ABOUT SAME POSITION

DIDNT FADE OUT, SIMPLY DISAPPEARED AFTER A SHORTER PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

FLIGHT PATH STRAIGHT.

Nº2

SIGHTED ABOUT 1 MINUTE AFTER LOSING SIGHT OF Nº1

FLIGHT PATH STRAIGHT.

OBSERVED THROUGH BINOCULARS ITS LIGHT INTENSITY CHANGED FROM DULL TO BRIGHT IN PULSATING FASHION AT REGULAR INTERVALS, ALL THE TIME UNTIL IT VANISHED.

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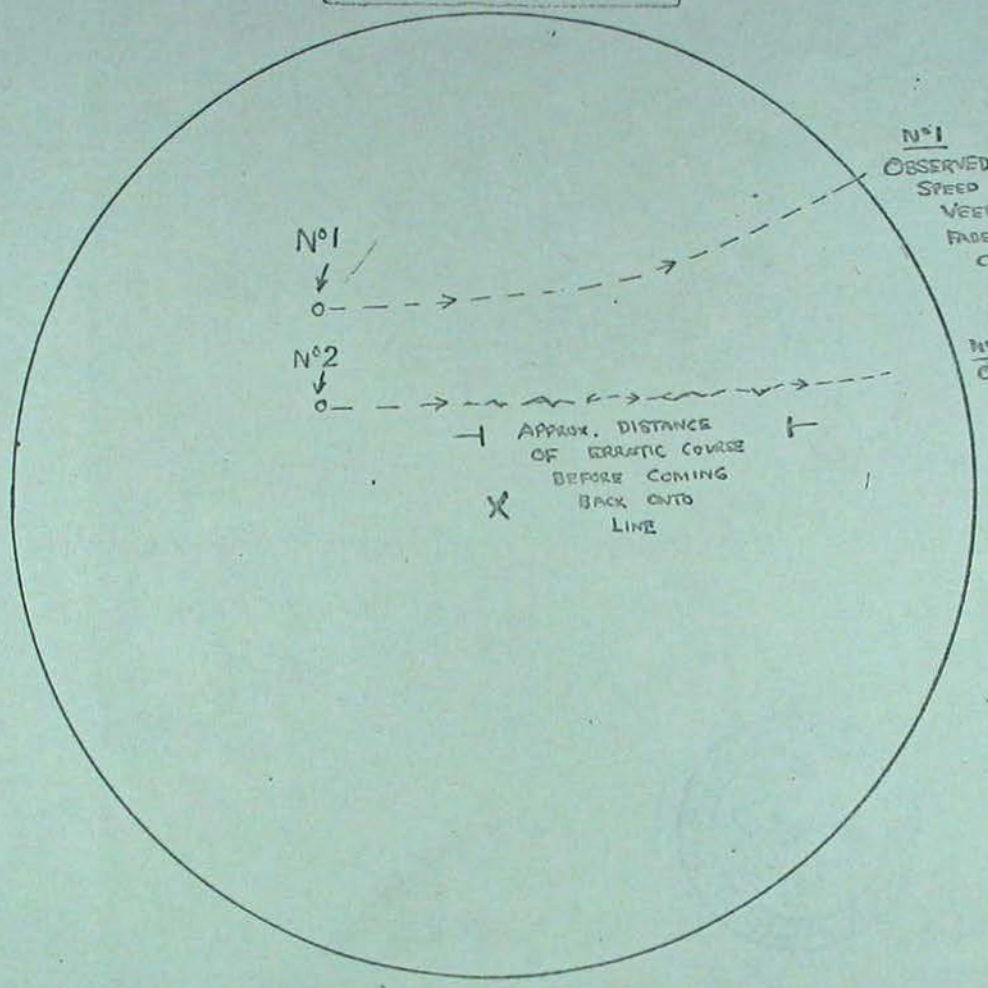
ITS APPEARANCE WAS THAT OF A MEDIUM SIZED STAR, ROUND, WITH ITS PERIMETER IF ANYTHING · MORE CLEARLY DEFINED

COLOUR : WHITE

BOTH N°1 AND N°2 DIDNT APPEAR TO BE OF DIFFERENT SIZE, HOWEVER N°2 WAS CLOSER.



N°1
OBSERVED FOR 30 SECS.
SPEED CONSTANT
VEERED TO NORTH EAST
FADED GRADUALLY WITH A CHANGE IN COLOUR FROM WHITE TO VERY PALE GREEN
VANISHED AT 7-48 P.M.

N°2
OBSERVED FOR APPROX. SAME TIME
SPEED NOT CONSTANT
TRAVELLED STRAIGHT EAST EVEN THOUGH COURSE BECAME ERRATIC FOR A PERIOD
THIS ONE DISPLAYED AMAZING MANOUVRABILITY IN VERTICAL FASHION.
FADED OUT ABOUT 1½ MINUTES AFTER N°1, AGAIN IN PALE GREEN COLOUR

DURING ITS ERRATIC COURSE IT GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT ITS LIGHT INTENSITY CHANGED FROM DULL TO BRIGHT QUICKLY. JUST AS IF A SAUCER WERE TURNING OVER AND OVER AND ITS TOP WERE SHINING BRIGHTLY.

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f. 50. "Aircraft"

① Aircraft ATA & ATD not given

② Movement of white light from 1950 to about 2000 hours at an elevation of about 25° from W to S may correspond to the 727 descending to Sydney airport provided that

(a) times roughly agree

(b) track from Church Pt would appear to be W to S.

(c) white light on and red lights hidden

(d) too far to be heard

③ Detailed manoeuvre at about 1945 — "my important observation; There is no possible doubt of the authenticity of this"
Angled turns were particularly sharp. This report indicates that one light was observed continuously and executed manoeuvres most unlike ordinary a/c.

consistent with erratic departure of aircraft taking off on south 2 way then proceeding to intercept omni radial for Brisbane

④ Points for aircraft (1) approx correct angular velocity

⑤ Points against aircraft (1) sharp angles (2) reversed direction (3) white light, no red light (4) no sound

could appear so at some distance to far away.

Quite possible

f. 51. Pt 9 "Various aircraft"

(1) UFO was immediately differentiated from other stars/planets as it had a "bright glow all round it" [N.B. this is a common feature of UFO's]
→ caused by reflection of beacon light on underside of A/C

(2) "As it drew level with us "we decided to stop and watch it" ... ... "it travelled East for about 2 minutes then it seemed to stop and hang there for about 2 mins." aircraft in circuit pattern flying directly away from observer.
[N.B. Not like a 'plane. ~~Also no mention of red light~~. What planes would travel E with landing lights on?]. What helicopters in that area at that time, with lights and no sound?] distance from observer.
any aircraft rising E/W running at Essendon

(3) "It got closer to us & the glow seemed brighter" (straight along Adeney Av)
(4) Daughter - "red light which made it look very red" } glow of beacon lights

(5) On Hospital roof - "bright thing with the glow coming in a Westerly direction ... no noise ... light in front" .... "aeroplane with flashing red lights became visible ... engines could be heard" [N.B. Observer readily identifies aircraft, this "thing" ~~must be~~ apparently quite different]
joining circuit from different direction & hence closer and more defined

(6) Observations from within Hospital may well be confused with a/c nanoeuvres

(7) Herald office says 3rd report of UFO that night. What were they?
→ New approach path and patterns into operation in Melbourne that night *

f 49

① Was met balloon released at 1415 or 1615. If 1415, the balloon would be between 10 & 15,000' at 1428, not 1128. ✓

② No radar contact is not unusual for UFO's ✓

③ A plane is most likely normal explanation, but if there are no "owners", then it must be either an optical illusion or "saucer"

f 48 "Aircraft"

① Was the PCA in the Pomble area at 0100 hrs.

② Would landing lights be on at that time? YES MOST DEFINITELY

f 45 "Aircraft"

① Falling slowly vertically with a wave } does not fit action of a plane

② If seen at 30° SW, not as good a reflector of the sun, as if seen in the E.

f 44 "Aircraft"

① Why landing light over Templestowe? ✓ DEPENDS ON A/C CAPTAIN

② Why 6-8 red light seen when no white light? ROTATING BEACON & REFLECTIONS OFF FUSELAGE & ENGINES

③ How did it appear to be stationary at first? NOT STATIONARY BUT FLYING HEAD ON.

④ Would Hobart - Essendon a/c appear at 45° NW from Templestowe? COULD DO and why fly SSW? These a/c should be low in the S.W. sky and be moving NNW ← THIS DEPENDS ON THE AIRCRAFT PATTERN

f 42 Pt 9. "Aircraft"

① No planes known in area, yet assumed to be one.

② What would be the bright yellowy white light seen from "over Melbourne" to beyond the Dandenongs? Landing lights? Cabin lights?

③ Why no mention of red (or green) lights? ← TOO DISTANT.

f 41 "Aircraft"

① Again no planes identified, but presumed to be from Moorabbin. ← only because of inaccuracy of time

② 10 mts after sighting, plane was seen & heard – "flashing the usual lights" – illustrating that sighting differed from a/c ← much closer to observers.

③ Why would a Moorabbin a/c be described as silver brilliant glittering mass ← why not if sun reflecting off it?

f 40

① Sighting explained as a star or planet with movement due to observer

② Does "it moved across the sky and went down behind the hills for about 10 mts and then came up again ... remained stationary" ~~sound~~ seem like a planet with or without observer movement (who appear to have been static anyway)

③ In 3/4 hour, only ~11° of movement expected, and because of dam and hills behind, would require impossible observer-movement to go from overhead to hills.

f 32 "Object thrown from aircraft"

① Would any aircrew dispose of an object in flight large enough to be seen for 5-10 mts at 45° → have failing if was part of A/C, but it is too late to verify now.

② Why would object appear to be climbing? could be due to shape. Anomalous aspect of a/c "tumbling" is consistent with hatch or sacrifice.

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f28 "Star"

No star of reasonable magnitude in direction quoted, yet interrogator quite willing to assume that one was there as a "bright white light"

f26 "Mirage" or "balloon"

Does the interrogator honestly believe that the one description can fit either a Mirage aircraft or a balloon?, merely by whether the time was 1145 or 1245?

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