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DECEMBER 1978

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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

MC NO: 81/64

SUBJECT: Unidentified Submerged and/or Flying Objects

RECEIVED: 9.4.81

CORRESPONDENCE FROM: the Minister for Administrative Services for Mr B Wright

REPLY REQUIRED BY:

ACTION OFFICERS	INIT./DATE	ACTION
Ministerial Liaison Office ~~Mr Wilson~~ Mr Lattimore Mr Crozier Mr Thrift	9/4/81	To see NB Copy to Minister for Defence
Mr. Daly	15/4/81	For - Action - ~~Information~~ Interim Reply by:
Mr. Wilson	23/4	To clear reply
Ministerial Liaison Office		To check papers
Mr. Wilson	1SW 24/4	To sign
Chairman		To note
Ministerial Liaison Office Precis:		Date sent: 27 APR 1981 ~~MA signed~~: Letter signed: 29 APR 1981
ON RETURN OF PAPERS FROM MINISTER Mr Wilson Mr Lattimore Mr Crozier Mr Thrift ~~Mr Daly~~ 29/4/81		To see CHECKED
	MLO 8/5	To prepare further advice
MLO: To register		Registry: To file

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

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Yours sincerely,

David Thomson

Mr Bruce Wright
81 Cowper Street
GLEBE NSW 2037

MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

Parliament House,
Canberra. ACT 2600.

8 APR 1981

Dear Mr Wright,

I refer to your further letter of 4 March 1981 in relation to Unidentified Submerged and/or Flying Objects.

The amount of information you seek will involve a lengthy period of research. Accordingly a reply may take some time.

I have asked the Minister for Transport to reply to questions 8, 9b, 9e, 9f, 9g and 9h (iii), and the Minister for Science and Technology to respond to question 5.

Yours sincerely,

KEVIN NEWMAN

(KEVIN NEWMAN)

Mr B. Wright,
81 Cowper Street,
GLEBE. NSW 2037.

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RECEIVED - 8 APR 1981

Private Secretary to the
Minister for Science and Technology

Referred by direction for your Minister's consideration and reply direct please. A copy of your Minister's reply would be appreciated.

Private Secretary

RECEIVED FROM - 9 APR 1981 81/64 MINISTER'S OFFICE

CSIRO

9/4/81

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81 Cowper Street,
GLEBE NSW 2037

4th March 1981

Mr D.J. Killen,
Minister for Defence,
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Killen,

Thank you for your letter of 24th June 1980;

1. Concerning Unidentified Submerged Objects and your advice that 'all reports' are investigated and none have been proved as unidentifiable. Can you please assure me they were therefore identified as conventional submarines or ships of Australian or other recognised earth bound countries.

   Why was Professor James McDonald sent to Australia by the United States Navy in 1966 to investigate unidentified submerged objects. Are the results of his investigations readily available to the public, or are they classified documents. If classified, why?

   In April 1970 at Rabaraba, Cheura and off Cape Vogel, Papua New Guinea (not yet independent) an unidentified submerged object was reported by Mr Albert Robins; also in 1968 Mr Otto Alder, then aide-de-camp, reported an unidentified submerged object off Rabarada, PNG. What were these sightings determined to be, please.

2. Regarding the Queensland University investigation of 1968 of a crashed Unidentified Flying Object; retired Queensland University Professor Brixius, conducted tests in 1975 of the material salvaged by Mrs Fraser, overseer of a property in McTaggart Road, Greenbank (owned by Tas Co Associated Forrest Holdings). The fragments of material (metal) found late during 1968 although the crash allegedly occurred in November 1966. Officers from the Amberley Air Force Base investigated, took samples for test (also maintain a file) and sent samples to Melbourne for transit to the Pentagon for further tests.

   i. Please arrange release of Amberley and Defence Headquarters' files on the tests.

   ii. Why were the fragments sent to the United States?

3. Why are Unidentified Flying Objects/Unidentified Submerged Object reports sent to the United States.

4. Are you able to investigate whether there are files on alleged U.F.O. crashes, explosions at Nowra 1976, Indooroopilly Dec 1970, and Church Point Sydney 26.4.1969.

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5. In October 1972 Norman Benstead, Albury, took photo of U.F.O. over Lake Hume Dam (published in national newspapers). The CSIRO examined the photos (sent by William Moser of UFOIC Sydney) and made a two page report. The CSIRO reportedly suggested to Benstead that he destroy the negatives. If the RAAF is in charge of UFO investigations why would the CSIRO not forward photos onto such body. Will you seek Government Policy to ensure all agencies are requested to redirect UFO reports, photos, etc, to the RAAF. Can you advise details of the CSIRO report in this case.

6. Will you please advise details of the RAAF report, and the one the RAAF received from the United States Airforce, after the examination of a 16mm colour film by a Civil Aviation official in P.N.G.(Port Moresby) of August 1953. The then Minister for Air, W. McMahon, admitted that the RAAF sent the film to the United States Airforce for evaluation. Was the film returned from the United States, if not, why not.

7. Regarding the UFO landing of 6.4.1966 near Westall High School, Clayton, Victoria: Why did the RAAF burn the grass in the area to destroy the 'landing nest'.

8. Regarding the airplane with nine passengers aboard that vanished on 22.10.78 (12 hours after Valentich) over the Solomon Islands. An intensive search by the RAAF allegedly failed to find trace of the place or bodies. Can you advise relevant details of the investigations.

9. Re Valentich Case:

a. Referring to item 8 of my letter of 20.3.80;as you are aware, the photos I refer to were taken by Roy Manifold at approx 6.45pm at Cape Otway, shortly before Valentich was 'abducted'. Computer enhancement in USA revealed a solid object rising from beneath the surface of the water (U.S.O.) and when airborne it was surrounded by a cloud-like vapour exhaust residue. Why did officers from Laverton base examine the photos and not the negatives, and determine then as 'decaying cumulus cloud'.

Will you advise details of their report on this matter.

b. Is it not true that Control contacted Valentich first to look for the U.F.O.

c. Is it not true that the RAAF Orion was searching Saturday night for Valentich and not <u>from</u> Sunday morning as reported.

d. Was Orion actually already on standby in South Australia to search for Valentich <u>at the time</u> of his disappearance.

e. Why was the sophisticated Orion (equipped with airborne radar, LOW LEVEL RADAR) used when Fokker Friendships and F28's which have been regarded as adequate in the past for searches, readily available at Moorabbin at the time.

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f. The released transcript supposedly starts at 7.06 pm and has Valentich orbiting at 7.09pm, three minutes later, wouldn't it have taken him two minutes to do a 360 degree turn. Surely. he was therefore talking about the UFO for a longer period then.

g. The microphone button on the particular Cessna had to be pressed manually to operate meaning Valentich would have been pressing button to stay in contact with flight service unit all the time right through the metallic sound and until he 'hit the water'. However, isn't it true that aircraft equipped with VHF radio cannot communicate below certain altitudes, ie, King Island, minimum communication height would be 900m. Therefore, surely the end of the communication ie. metallic sound was not at zero metres (hitting water) at all. What therefore is the reason for presuming he hit the water.

h. i. Is it true that classified U.F.O. material is at the Sale RAAF Base.

ii. Is it true Valentich had seen the classified material at the Sale Base.

iii. Who sent Valentich on the particular flight, and what was the reason for the flight.

10. What is Australia's involvement in Project Magnet and Operation Noah's Ark.

11. Re Pine Gap:

a. What was the function defined by the U.S.A. in seeking to establish the base. Was it a joint Australian-U.S.A. Defence space research facility.

b. If a space research facility only, why is it so top secret that access to Australian parliamentarians is denied.

c. Is there an underground city at Pine Gap.

d. Are UFO/USO experiments (antigravity-electrogravitic propulsion) conducted there or from there, and is Australia actively involved in such experiments.

12. On or about 7-8 July 1947, did the Australian Government request news media in Australia to suppress information regarding an alleged capture/crash of a UFO at Roswell, or elsewhere, in the United States. Did the Australian Government issue a D notice at the time.

13. Two USO sightings were 'explained' by the RAAF as tornado-like meteorological manifestations, i.e., February 1963 near Moe Victoria; and July 1965 on a beach near Vaucluse, NSW, (traces that an object had landed there).

Were these new 'unique' tornado manifestations referred to the meteorological scientists for research as surely they deserve world-wide attention and investigation.

/Thank

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to hearing from you again on these matters.

Yours faithfully,

Signed Bruce Wright.

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29 APR 1981

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HM21/1
MR/jc

12 December 1978

Mr W H H Gardner
PO Box 118
ALBURY 2640

Dear Mr Gardner

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 1978 concerning the happenings at your place in Albury.

CSIRO has not been given the task of collecting information on UFOs, and we have forwarded your letter to the Department of Defence which has this responsibility.

Yours sincerely

S Lattimore
Secretary (Research)

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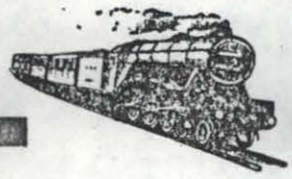
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

... Attached is a letter, dated 4 December 1978, from Mr W H H Gardner of Albury concerning UFOs. We have acknowledged the letter and advised the writer that it has been forwarded to the Department of Defence.

S Lattimore
Secretary (Research)

Enquiries to: Malcolm Robertson
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Ms Warden

The Secretary,
C. S. I. R. O.,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

HM21/1

Subject: U. F. O.s and all that !
No previous reference.

Dear Sir:

It has been said recently on T.V. that the C.S.I.R.O. has been given the task of collecting the information of U.F.O.s and other inexplicable things. This can be added to the files, for what it is worth.

Approximately 7 years ago, in our home back-yard in East Albury, in grass about 6" tall of the onion weed variety mixed up with paspalum seen one morning two circular beaten down areas, about a metre in diameter, the appearance of which could best be imagined as if a giant mushroom had been turned over and rotated and pressed down.....so that the grass was flattened in the centre and at the edges had a lean in one direction, but at this stage whether it was clock-wise or anti-clockwise I can't recollect.

At the time it was looked at with curiosity and both my wife and I thought, whatever the explanation was, it would come to light sometime.

On the "This Day Tonight" programme on the National Television network, sometime back, somebody in one session was going to dash up into central south Australia to look at a thing which might have been similar but with a vastly bigger diameter. Whether he ever got there and reported, we never found out.

There've been articles recently in "Border Morning Mail" about people seeing things in the skies in the highlands to our south-east, without anything tangible coming to light. One night a goodwhile back the northern wall of our house shook like in an earth tremor, and looking out the window the northern sky was alight like it can be with a bolt of lightning, but all over and not off quickly like lightning. No earth tremor was reported in the area. Could the sky be reflected off an aurora over the horizon? Maybe.

This isn't a search for personal information....but just to be added to what you already have and may collect..... for someday like in direction finding beacons, two lines will cross, and we'll all know where we are.

Sincerely,

W.H.H.GARDNER - Ppr.

URGENT

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE - M.C. NO: 78/487

RECEIVED
DATE: 21.11.78

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REPLY DUE: URGENT

SUBJECT: UFO's

CORRESPONDENCE FROM: information for the Minister's office

ACTION OFFICERS	DATE/INIT.	ACTION
MR L.G. WILSON MR G.D. McLENNAN INTERIM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		To see To see Date sent:
MR A.W. CHARLES MR H.C. CROZIER Warden	MW 21/11	For - Action - Information Action Officer:
MR A W CHARLES MR S LATTIMORE MR H C CROZIER		To clear reply
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MR L.G. WILSON CHAIRMAN advised 23/11	21/11	To sign To clear
cc sent to B Birrell MINISTERIAL LIAISON OFFICE 23/11		Memo/Letter - Date sent: 21 NOV 1978 Date signed/noted: NFA

ON RETURN OF PAPERS FROM MINISTER - Prepare further advice Yes/No

MR L.G. WILSON		To see
MR S. LATTIMORE MR H. C. CROZIER MR A.W. CHARLES		For Action: CHECKED 2
MINISTERIAL LIAISON OFFICE	MLO 5/12	To register

Bruce Birrell phoned 21/11/78, could he get some brief for Christian Finne on an article in the Herald on UFO.

Apparently a Mr Benstead from Albury had sent a photo to CSIRO showing an object hovering over the Hume Weir, he was told this was not an UFO & to destroy the photo.

Bruce B would like the following info

1. Is there any CSIRO research on UFO's.

2. Did Mr Benstead present this photo ~~tho~~ to CSIRO.

3. If so, was he told to destroy it

4 Why. 5. any other info

REFERENCE NO. 78/487

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

TO THE MINISTER:

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - REPORT CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPHS BY MR NORMAN BENSTEAD

24 NOV 1978

...

Following a telephone call from Mr Bruce Birrell of your office this morning, the attached notes have been prepared concerning photographs by Mr Norman Benstead of an unidentified flying object taken in October 1972.

S Lattimore
Acting Secretary

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - REPORT CONCERNING
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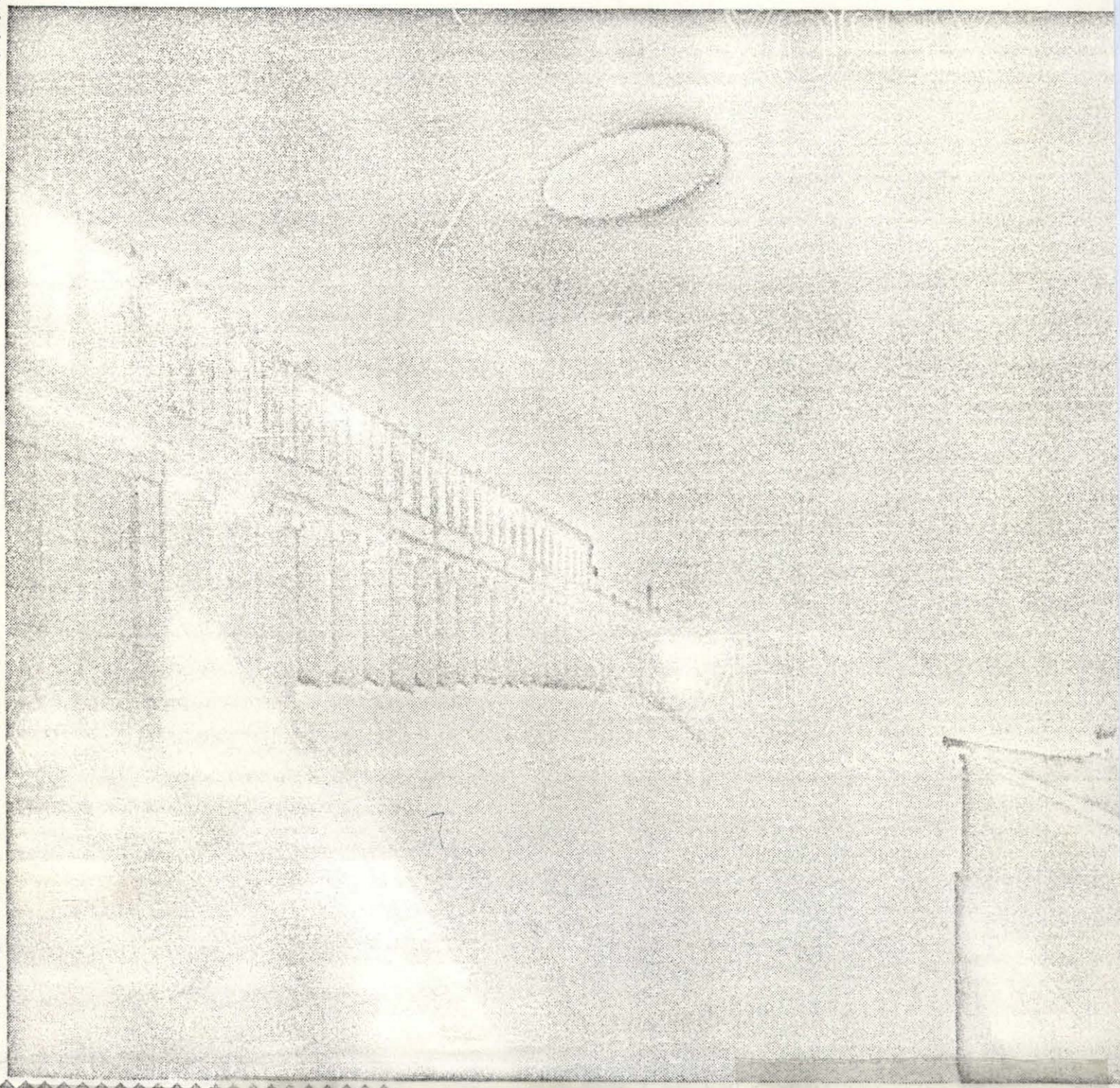
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TEMPERATURES

From RICHARD WILLIS

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Mr Benstead took the photograph with a cheap plastic camera he had given one of his children at Christmas.

The CSIRO spent weeks examining the negative and double-exposed a film using the top of a lamp shade superimposed above a photograph of an office block to try to recreat e the effect of the saucer-shaped object in Mr Benstead's photograph.

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He said it was only the second time he had used a camera and he had no idea then of how to double expose a negative.

Mr Benstead said he did not see anything above the weir wall when he took his family out to watch flood water flowing through the gates.

"The first I knew of it was when the man who processed the film, John Gaudry, asked to see me when I came into collect the photos.

"He asked me if I had seen anything unusual the day I photographed the weir wall.

"At first I thought I must have photographed a body in the water, or something as serious as that, but when he showed me the photo I was amazed," Mr Benstead said.

Mr Gaudry, of Kokoda St., North Albury said today that the photographs had not been published before because he had sent the negative to the Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre in Sydney and Mr Benstead had not sought publicity.

Mr Gaudry said the president of the UFOIC, Mr William Moser, had sent the negative to the CSIRO for examination.

'The CSIRO sent a two-page report to Mr Moser and he sent it to Mr Benstead and myself.

The CSIRO spent weeks examining the negative and double-exposed a film using the top of a lamp shade superimposed above a photograph of an office block to try to recreat e the effect of the saucer-shaped object in Mr Benstead's photograph.

At the end of its two-page report, the CSIRO told Mr Benstead his negative should be destroyed.

Mr Benstead said: "When I got the report back saying that it was a lamp shade, I couldn't be bothered following it through with publicity, though I'm blowed if I know how I double-exposed the negative."

The possibility of photographing a UFO at the time was not such a long shot, Mr Gaudry said today.

He said two men once reported seeing "a giant UFO" hovering above Lake Hume two days before Mr Benstead took the photograph.

The men, Clive Boyd, of Ryan Rd., and Jack Gibbs, of Andrews St., had left Albury early one morning to drive 100 km to Mitta Mitta, Mr Gaudry said.

The men had a gravel contract with the CRB at Mitta Mitta.

Mr Gaudry said the men had left Albury at 3 a.m. and as they passed the airport heading to the weir, they had noticed a bright light in the sky ahead.

The men had said that as they crossed the weir wall, the object became huge and was clearly visible.

Mr Boyd had described it as being "as big as a football field."

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NORM BENSTEAD looks at the negatives.

Fake, or a UFO?

● Cont. from page 1.

They had said it seemed to follow their car.

Whenu they were about halfway to Mitta Mitta, at Lockharts Gap, on the peak of a hill, the men had stopped the car and found they were looking down on the object which appeared to be no more than 1 km away.

Mr Boyd had said the object suddenly flashed away at incredible speed.

Another man had been standing near them watching the object with his mouth open and looking "petrified," Mr Boyd had said.

Albury photographer Mr Rod Hardinge, who examined Mr Benstead's negative, said it did not appear to be double-exposed and, if it was a fake photograph, it was a perfect fake.

Mr Hardinge said: "All the angles are correct and it is incredible how the weir wall outline and the spray from the water is so clear and yet the object is faded at the edges, similar to the distant headland, giving the effect that the object is some distance behind the wall.

SL:KB

5th September, 1973

Ms I. Smissen,
12 Oak Street,
BEAUMARIS. VIC. 3193

Dear Ms Smissen,

Thank you for your letter dated September 1st 1973. I am sorry to say that we do not keep information on U.F.Os but believe that a record is kept by the Department of Defence. I would suggest that you write to them at Russell Offices, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600.

Yours sincerely,

J.P. Shelton
Secretary
(Industrial & Physical Sciences)

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12 Oak Street
Beaumaris, 3193

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Dear Sir,

Would it be possible to send to the above address any information you may have available about U.F.O's.

If you do not have such information available can you put me in touch with any organization which may be able to help.

Your assistance would be much appreciated

Yours faithfully

Ingrid Smissen

(INGRID SMISSEN)

C.S.I.R.O.
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3rd August, 1973

Mr J. Sudul,
President,
Unidentified Flying Objects Research
Organisation,
23 Karingal Street,
NORTH CROYDON. VIC. 3136

Dear Mr Sudul,

In reply to your letter addressed to the CSIRO Laboratories at Highett, Victoria, it is advised that the Organization does not have the information on unidentified flying objects that you have requested.

Yours sincerely,

(A.F. Gurnett-Smith)
Secretary
Agricultural & Biological Sciences

CSIRO



WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

THE CHIEF

DIVISION OF BUILDING RESEARCH

The Secretary
Agricultural and Biological
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CSIRO

Forwarded for your direct reply. The letter has not been acknowledged.

GRAHAM ROAD, HIGHETT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3190.

C.S.I.R.O.
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440 Springvale Rd.,
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I am a fourth year student a Mitcham Technical school, and have to do an assignment on U.F.O.'s.

I would appreciate it if you could spare the time to answer the enclosed questionnaire and post back to me within the next week, together with any comments you would care to make on the subject.

Part of my assignment is to to obtain as many opinions as possible from people in different walks of life, and I felt your opinion would be of interest to members of my form.

Trusting you will help me with your opinions on this assignment.

Sincerely Yours,

Anne Gregory.

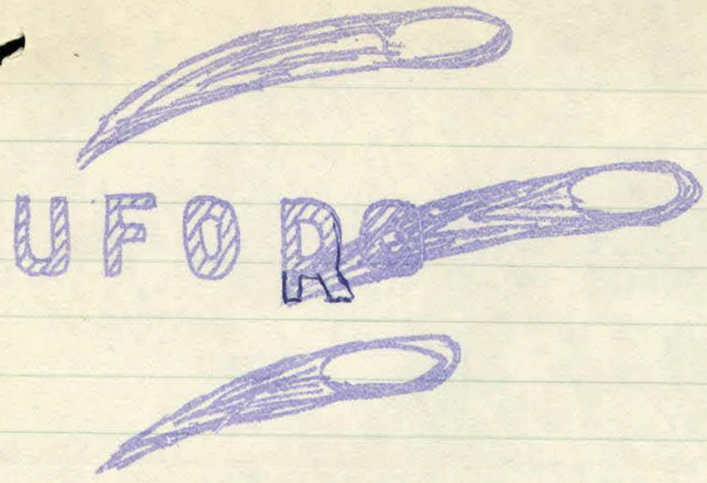
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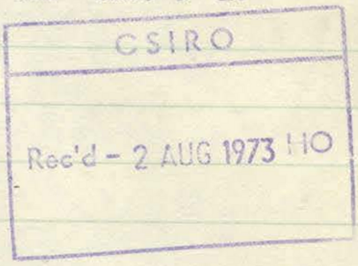
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BIOLIGICAL DIVIONAL
HEADQUARTERS & LAB
GRAHAM RD HIGHETT
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Dear Sir,

Would you please be able to send me some information concerning the recent Unidentified Flying Objects nests at Tooligie Hill(SA) and atNavarre in Victoria, if possible.

Yours Sincerly

J. Sudul
President
(UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS RESEARCH ORGANISATION)

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13th June, 1973

Mr V. Chugg
C/- 23 Waratah Street
Trassy
KING ISLAND TAS 7256

Dear Mr Chugg,

Thank you for your letter seeking information on UFO sightings. I am afraid we are unable to assist you in this but would suggest that you contact the Defence Department, Russell Offices, Canberra, whom I believe keep records of such sightings.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Shelton
Secretary
(Industrial & Physical Sciences)

Noted

Grantville,
Victoria, 3984.

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Public Relations Department,
C.S.I.R.O.

Dear Sir,

I am at present seaching for information relevant, to life elsewhere in the universe other than on earth, for shortly I am to perform a seminar about this topic. I would appreciate any pamphlets, booklets or paper material you could forward me. Also if you could suggest readily available books that I may purchase pertinent to the topic I would be most appreciative. Furthermore if your organisation does not involve itself in this line of investigation or you have no information that can be sent to me, if possible could you refer me to another or other departments or organisations that may be able to assist me. Thank you very much for your interest.

Yours Faithfully,
Allan Trueman.

Send to Radiophysics 13/6/73

C/- 23 Waratah St
Grassy 7256
King Island

Secretary (Administration)
CSIRO
314 Albert St
East Melbourne
Vic 3002

C. S. I. R. O.
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Dear Sir,

I am doing a report on U.F.O. sightings and I was wondering if you would have any information on U.F.O. sightings and investigations. If you can not help perhaps you could send me some addresses of persons or organizations which could assist.

I am a pupil at the King Island District School and have only a limited amount of time in which to complete this report.

Thankyou,

Regards,

Neville Bugg.

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18th December, 1972.

Mr. J. Sudul,
23 Karingal Street,
NORTH CROYDON. VIC. 3136.

Dear Mr. Sudul,

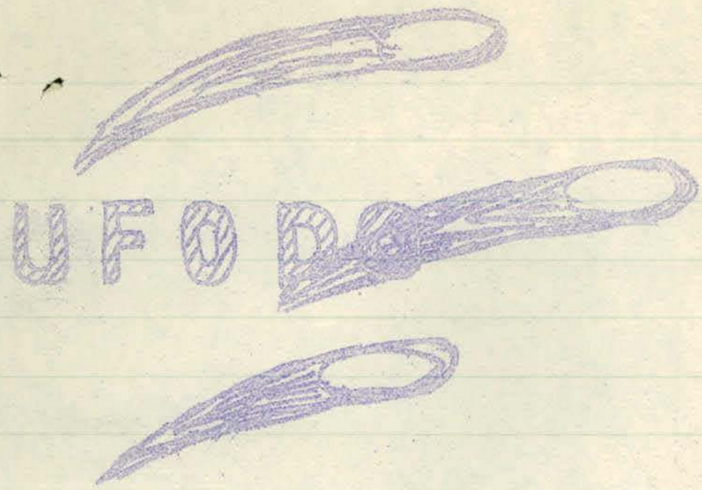
Thank you for your letter seeking information on unidentified flying objects.

I am afraid that this Organization does not have the data you require; the Department of Air is responsible for keeping records in this field, and I would suggest that you write to them. The address is,

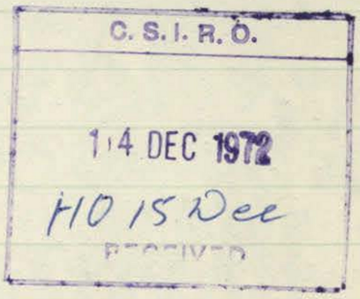
The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Shelton,
Secretary,
(Industrial & Physical Sciences.)



President-
Mr. J. Sudul
23 Karingal St
Nth Croydon
3136
Victoria
Australia



Commonwealth Scientific
& Industrial Research
Organization, Central
Library 314 Albert St
East Melbourne 3002

Dear Sir,

Would you please be able to send me some information about Unidentified Flying Objects, and also a list of sightings if possible.

Yours Sincerly

(Jonathan Sudul)

RAAF

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LGW/SMC

11th June, 1969.

Mr. Garry Little,
32 Tobruk Crescent,
Nth. Williamstown, Vic. 3016

Dear Garry,

I am replying to your letter addressed to CSIRO in Queensland, in which you ask for some information about an unidentified flying object. CSIRO does not undertake research into U.F.O.'s. I understand that the Royal Australian Air Force does examine reported sightings and I would suggest that you direct your enquiries to them. I am sorry we are unable to help you.

I have enclosed for you a copy of CSIRO's Annual Report, together with one or two other pamphlets which will indicate to you the type of work the Organization is involved in.

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration)

(Encl.)

Copy sent to - The RA.O.
Brisbane, Qld.

M. Wilson. Sender.

Garry Little
32 Tobruk crescent.
Nth.Williamstown. 3016.
Melbourne.
Victoria.

The U.F.O. Division .
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Organization.
Hibernian Building , 246 Queen Street ,
Brisbane , Qld.

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Dear Sir/Mam ,

I'm writing becuase i would like to know if your organization poc-essed any photo's of the so-called flying saucer nest at Bungawalyn , on the Richmond river NSW, the nest was found on the property of Mr.Robertson , Country party member for the NSW North Coast electrate of Cowper , a photo of the nest appeared in the Herald Final edition of the 24/4/69 ; as far as i know the Air force is supposedly investigating the case but from past efforts it won't be a objective investigation , for past experiences have shown that the Air Force will prenounce it as either the work of a large bird (and i mean large !) or the destructive efforts of a whirlwind or some other rediculous explanation , Also would your organization have photo's of the Cairns flying saucer nest found in a cain field near cairns by a number of children who were horse riding when they spotted the nest , an account of the incident appeared in the Sydney Sun , of friday 26th. of April 1968. I do hope you can help me in this matter ?

What sort of research does your organization do ?

My very best regards for now and hope a prompt reply to my letter.

Yours Truely.

Garry Little.

G Little

R.A.O. BRISBANE
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1st April, 1969.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

H'w/ Attached for your information are copies of correspondence between this office, the Assistant Government Botanist of Victoria, and a Mrs. Gibbs relating to an alleged "Flying Saucer" landing at Kyogle.

L. G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration).

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS AND NATIONAL HERBARIUM

TELEPHONES:
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63 8935

REF. 488/69

SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1
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AUSTRALIA

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25th. March, 1969.

Mr.L.G.Wilson,
Administrative Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, Vic. - 3002

Dear Mr.Wilson,

I must acknowledge your letter of March 21st., enclosing a copy of Mrs.I.L.Gibb's letter from Kyogle and the fungal specimen in which she is interested (with respect to the reported "Flying Saucer" landing).

First, I have identified this toadstool as Lepiota gracilenta (Slender Parasol Mushroom) which occurs widely in moist grassy places almost throughout temperate Australia. The flattened "gills" underneath certainly look scorched, but that could easily have been caused by some animal trampling the fungus and then leaving its cap upside down to bake out in the sun. Toadstools of this kind are known sometimes to form "fairy rings" - perennial circles of fruiting bodies on lawns and open grasslands that widen slightly, year by year, as food reserves in the soil are exhausted inside the growing circle. Usually there is a distinct ring of dry dead grass immediately behind the circle of fungi, and this might well serve to explain Mrs.Gibb's "definite circle of scorched grass". It is my belief that she was witnessing a very ancient and intriguing phenomenon among certain grass-inhabiting toadstools.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.WILLIS
Assist. Govt. Botanist

P.S. I enclose a copy of this letter, in case you would like to pass on my comments to Mrs. Gibbs.

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C.S.I.R.O.
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1st April, 1969.

Mrs. I. L. Gibbs,
207 R.M.B.,
KYOGLE. N.S.W. 2474.

Dear Mrs. Gibbs,

Thank you for your letter of 12th March concerning your observations following a reported landing of a "flying saucer" at Kyogle. We took the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter together with the toadstool to Mr. J. H. Willis, the Assistant Government Botanist in Melbourne. He is an authority on fungi and you may be interested in his reply, a copy of which is attached. We are unable to add anything to Mr. Willis' comments, but as the Department of Air is the Commonwealth body responsible for investigating reports on unidentified flying objects we have forwarded a copy of your letter to that Department together with a copy of the comments supplied by Mr. Willis.

Yours sincerely,

L. G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration).

Copy for information sent to - Mr. J.H. Willis

C.S.I.R.O.
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P.O. Box 89

CDK/SM

21st March, 1969.

Dr. J. H. Willis,
Assistant Government Botanist,
Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium,
MELBOURNE, VIC. 3000.

Dear Dr. Willis,

H'w/ Further to your recent telephone conversation with Mr. Kimpton of this office I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from a Mrs. Gibbs of Kyogle, together with a somewhat dilapidated toadstool.

I would be glad of any comments you might like to make which could be of interest to Mrs. Gibbs.

Yours sincerely,

L. G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration).

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CSIRO.
314 albert St
East Melbourne.

Dear Sirs,

It was reported in the Brisbane Truth 23rd Feb of the two "Flying Saucer" landings in Kyogle. "We" my husband and two sons, went to view one so called landing evidence.

There was a definite circle of scorched grass about 20 Ft in diameter. Also one son aged sixteen who is very interested in science picked up this enclosed toadstool, which was growing within the cycle. It appears to have been subjected to heat & pressure, as all the little veins underneath are flattened. He also took one toadstool away from the site which was quite different, it was just the usual grey underside, whilst this one is brown & scorched looking.

I am interested to know if you would

like to do some research on this particular evidence.
We hear so much about U.F.O.
I guess if we really, actually see one, we would have to believe in them.

Would you please send a reply as to your opinions or findings.
In case of any public vocation, we would keep it confidential if you wish it so.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Mrs. D. L. Gilbo

LGW:CMS

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24th September,1968.

Master Neil Robert Allen,
c/- Murray High School,
QUEENSTOWN. TASMANIA. 7467.

Dear Neil,

I am acknowledging your letter of the 16th September in which you ask for information about U.F.O.sightings in Australia.

The only recent information I have which might be helpful to you is a report made around about May of this year.

I understand that a New South Wales police officer did report that a spherical metal object had been found on an outback property in New South Wales. I believe he was advised to refer the matter to the Weapon Research Establishment of the Department of Supply at Salisbury, South Australia.

I also understand that Mr.J.R.Sullivan, of P.O.Box 377,Morwell,Victoria,in February this year, reported three sightings of objects travelling in the sky. You might care to contact Mr.Sullivan.

Perhaps your best source of information might be the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization,whose Secretary is Miss Sylvia Sutton,P.O.Box 180,Moorabbin,Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

L.G.Wilson
Secretary
(Administration)

c/- Murray High School,
Queenstown, Tas.,
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Secretary (administration)
C.S.I.R.O.
314 Albert St.,
East Melbourne,
Victoria.

Dear Sir,

I am collecting information on U.F.O. sightings in Australia. To this end I contacted the R.A.A.F. base at Pearce, Western Australia, concerning a recent sighting by two commercial airline pilots. Mr. J. Read has suggested that your organisation may be able to offer some help in this matter.

I would be very grateful if you could forward me any information possible concerning either the above-mentioned sighting or any other Australian sighting.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully
Neil Robert Allen.

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CONFIDENTIAL

26th July, 1968.

Flight-Lieutenant G.A.Martin,
Headquarters,
RAAF Base,
PEARCE. W.A. 6085.

Dear Sir,

I refer again to your letter of the 25th June about two reports of U.F.O.sightings earlier this year.

I have now had the opportunity of discussing the reports with the CSIRO groups most likely to be able to assist. Both have indicated that it is difficult to comment on the reports in your letter because there is so little factual evidence to go on.

As one officer commented, almost any explanation would fit the descriptive evidence. One important point is that there is no indication of the time of day of the sightings. This information is particularly vital if we are to be able to assist you with this type of report.

You may be interested to know that around about the date given, a New South Wales Police Officer reported to the CSIRO Upper Atmosphere Section that a spherical metal object had been found on an outback property in New South Wales. He was advised to refer the matter to the Weapon Research Establishment, Salisbury, South Australia, as the object could well have been a piece of space research hardware.

You may like to contact W.R.E. to see if they have any information about this report. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours faithfully,

L.G.Wilson
Secretary
(Administration)

c.c. Dr.E.G.Bowen, Chief, Division of Radiophysics.

c.c. Dr.D.F.Martyn, Officer-in-Charge, Upper Atmosphere Section.

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P.O. BOX 76, EPPING, N.S.W., 2121 (CNR. VIMIERA ROAD AND PEMBROKE STREET) TELEPHONE 869 1111. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH SYDNEY

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Mr. L.G. Wilson,
Secretary,
(Administration),
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, Victoria, 3002.

Dear Gratton,

We are not very good at UFO's and I find it difficult to comment on the report given in the RAAF letter of June 25th.

There is so little factual evidence to go on:-

- physical shape - almost round
- speed - slow and steady tilting
- existence of physical evidence - nil
- what was time of day - not stated

Almost any explanation would fit. Sorry, but we are unable to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Taffy Bowen

(E.G. Bowen)
CHIEF OF THE DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
CANBERRA.

In reply quote No. 920/1/2

26th June, 1968.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
CANBERRA.

Unidentified Flying Object: Letter from Mr J.J.A. Hennessey.

Please refer to your memorandum (67/2572) of 11th June.

2. We suggest that you might make the following points in reply to Mr Hennesey:-

a) We have no reason to believe that the investigations carried out by the University of Colorado under the distinguished leadership of Dr Condon were other than scientific and objective;

b) the history of this subject reveals that the more time and effort that is spent by experienced scientists in investigation the smaller becomes the residue of unexplained phenomena. Moreover in these latter cases there is usually insufficient factual evidence to make investigation likely to be conclusive;

c) in spite of these difficulties the Australian Government continues to keep records of all "sightings" and associated phenomena reported within Australia and associated territories;

d) if the United Nations were to take the matter up there is no reason to suppose that the Australian Government would not cooperate.

3. You may wish to discuss the subject further with the Department of Air which is the authority responsible for handling questions concerning unidentified flying objects in Australia.

4. We have sent a copy of this memorandum to Dr D.F. Martyn, Officer in Charge, Upper Atmosphere Section, CSIRO.

(H.C. Mott)
for the Secretary.

Dr D.F. Martyn,
Officer in Charge,
Upper Atmosphere Section,
CSIRO,
Carrington Road,
CAMDEN. N.S.W.

For your information.

Charles Mott
(H.C. Mott)
for the Secretary.

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UPPER ATMOSPHERE SECTION

CARRINGTON ROAD, CAMDEN, N.S.W. TELEPHONE 6 9251, 6 9252. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH CAMDEN

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LLTH July, 1968

Secretary (Administration)
C.S.I.R.O.
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE. VIC 3002

Dear Grattan,

Thanks for your letter of 8th July about W.A. sightings of U.F.O.'s.

It would be very difficult to make any assessment from the data provided. Firstly there is no date regarding Report II, and no time of day for either Reports I or II. Both these matters are vital, and I think you might draw the attention of RAAF to the need for this information.

It may or may not be relevant to tell you that I had a visit from a Camden police officer around that date. He had been asked to report to me that a spherical metal object had been found on an out-back property in N.S.W. I advised him to refer the matter to W.R.E., Salisbury, S.A., as it appeared likely to be a piece of space research hardware. Perhaps you could suggest RAAF contact W.R.E. to find the outcome, and the date of finding.

Incidentally External Affairs appear to be being consulted by the P.M.'s Department about how to reply to letters from abroad asking what Australia is doing about U.F.O.s. I enclose a copy of a reply I recently suggested to a Mr. Hennessey in Washington, which I think has been forwarded by the P.M.'s to Mr. Hennessey.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

David F. Martyn

D. F. MARTYN

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C.S.I.R.O.
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8th July,1968.

Dr.D.F.Martyn,
Chief,
Upper Atmosphere Section,CSIRO,
Carrington Road,
CAMDEN,N.S.W. 2570.

Dear D.F.,

Some time ago, the Department of Air approached us to let us know that the RAAF was responsible for investigating reports on unidentified flying objects and asked for our collaboration in the assessment of any reports the Air Force might forward on to us.

At that time,the Executive decided that I should be nominated as the person to whom these enquiries might be referred in the first instance. This was in 1966.

We have now received a report from Western Australia,which is the first containing any significant data. A copy of the report is attached, and I would be grateful for any observations you might be able to make about it.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

L.G.Wilson
Secretary
(Administration)

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C.S.I.R.O.
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8th July,1968.

Dr.E.G.Bowen,
Chief,
Division of Radiophysics, CSIRO,
P.O.Box 76,
EPPING,N.S.W. 2121.

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Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

L.G.Wilson
Secretary
(Administration)

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LGW:CMS

8th July, 1968.

Flight-Lieutenant G.A.Martin,
Headquarters,
RAAF Base,
PEARCE, W.A.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th June, and the enclosed information about an observed aerial phenomena.

I will discuss these reports with CSIRO people who might be able to help and will write to you again in a few weeks time.

Yours sincerely,

L.G.Wilson
Secretary
(Administration)

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: East Bullsbrook 200

Headquarters
RAAF Base
PEARCE WA 6085

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/9/Air(131)

25th June 1968

Secretary Administration
CSIRO
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

R/S. 22/7.

Dear Sir,

1. Below are the contents of two reports received by this Headquarters on the observance of unusual aerial phenomena. The first observation was made on 7th May 1968 by a serving RAAF member who states that his sighting was not a service aircraft. In the instance of the second report, a 68 year old farmer was in the company of his wife, son and grandson, and all are reputed to have made this sighting.

2. Investigation at RAAF Pearce WA has not revealed the nature, cause or identification of the objects seen and it is thought your Department may be able to determine the cause and, or the objects' identification.

		Report I	Report II
Duration of Observation	:	1 minute	5 minutes
Observer's location	:	RAAF Base PEARCE	160 miles south of PERTH
Weather conditions at time	:	2/8 small cumulus	clear sky, westerly winds
Aids to observation	:	Nil	Nil
Observed first	:	In NNE direction	Overhead
Observer attracted by	:	Bright light	Shining silver
Appeared as	:	Definite object	Definite object
Number of objects	:	One	One
Colour	:	Silver	Silver to dark grey
Shape	:	Circular	Almost round
Structure	:	Nil	Nil
Sound	:	Nil	Nil
Height	:	About 4000'	4000'

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		Report I	Report II
Speed	:	High	slow and steady tilting
Stationary	:	No	No
Flight Path direction	:	North north east	East to west
Manoeuvre If Any	:	Straight path then diving at 45° angle	Straight path
Exhaust, vapour or light	:	No	No
Disappeared	:	Behind cloud	Behind trees
Existence of physical evidence	:	Nil	Nil

3. The essence of the reports have been copied entoto from the observers' statements. It is thought the similarity between the reports may foster your interest.

Yours faithfully,

(G.A.MARTIN)
Flight Lieutenant
Air Staff Officer

CSIRO

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(This sheet to be kept at the front of Accumulated Papers)

No.MC 68/30

MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

Subject: Letter from P.W. Stokes M.P. regarding representation to him by Mr. P. Norris President of the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation for assistance from the Commonwealth.

File No:
Date Rc'd. 23.4.68

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MR. WILSON) MR. SHELTON) MR. CURNETT-SMITH)	To see	
.....	To prepare draft reply.	
MR. SHELTON) MR. WILSON)	To clear draft reply.	
MR. WILSON)	To see	
MR. WILSON'S SEC'Y	For despatch to Canberra Office.	
MR. CURNETT-SMITH	To clear draft reply.	
MR. WILLIAMS	To clear draft reply with Chairman; and check papers are complete.	
MR. PROWSE	To arrange for despatch to Minister's Office.	6/5/69
RECORDS - MELBOURNE	To file.	

C.S.I.R.O.
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Dear Mr. Stokes,

I have now had an opportunity of looking into the request by Mr. P.E. Norris, President of the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation for assistance from the Commonwealth.

I understand that the matters Mr. Norris' organisation are concerned with, namely unidentified flying objects, are dealt with by the Commonwealth Department of Air, and your enquiry, therefore, would be more properly directed to the Minister for Air.

Yours sincerely,

(Malcolm Fraser)

Philip W. Stokes, Esq., M.P.,
Member for Maribyrnong,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

C.S.I.R.O.
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22nd February, 1968

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

Please find attached a letter from Mr. J.R. Sullivan who is seeking information about satellites and space debris. You will see from my acknowledgment I have informed him that I have passed his letter on to you and I would be grateful if you could reply.

L.G. Wilson,
Secretary
(Administration)

Encls.

Copy sent to Department of Supply.

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22nd February, 1968

Mr. J.R. Sullivan,
P.O. Box 377,
MORWELL. VIC. 3840.

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I am acknowledging your letter of the 19th February in which you seek information about satellites and space debris.

I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to the Department of Supply which I feel might be in a much better position to answer your questions than C.S.I.R.O. is.

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,
Secretary
(Administration)

C. S. I. R. O.
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20 FEB 1968
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Mr Wilson.
P.O. Box 377
Morwell, Vic 3840
19-2-1968

The Officer-in-Charge,
C.S.I.R.O.,
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you seeking some information about satellites and space debris. I am probably approaching the wrong department. However, sir, if you are not able to supply the information I am after, perhaps you would be kind enough to pass this letter on to some other department which may be able to help me.

Last night, 18th February, 1968, my family and I made three sightings of objects travelling in the sky. We are curious enough to want to try to identify them, if possible. The first sighting was at approximately 8:15 pm (the second was at

not noted on this occasion), and the object was travelling approximately West to East and a little to the South of where we were. (All sightings were at Mondell.) This object appeared to blink on and off rather slowly. At 9:00pm we sighted another object (or the same one on its next orbit?), again travelling West to East, but this time almost directly overhead. The "light" this time was steady. At 9:05pm we sighted the third object. This time travelling approximately North to South, and just West of directly overhead. This object was very faint.

I have heard that Russian space objects usually travel North-South or the reverse (I think I am correct - the first Sputnik was travelling South to North when I saw it) and American ones usually West-East or reverse.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Yours sincerely,

Eh. Kelly (John R. SULLIVAN)

December 23, 1967

Dear [redacted],

Please send me your conclusion and findings on the Charlie Brew "flying saucer" sighting of Sept. 16, 1963 and others.

I'd also like to know if you have pictures of UFOs available.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,
Kurt Hamsen

C. S. I. R. O.
MI.
13 FEB 1968
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Can't answer
NO address.
A.G.W. 21/2/68

Copy sent to the Department of Air -
Canberra.

C.S.I.R.O.
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4th January, 1968

Flight Lieutenant and
Air Staff Officer G.A. Martin,
Royal Australian Air Force,
RAAF Base,
PEARCE. W.A. 6085.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th December concerning a U.F.O. sighting at Derby in Western Australia, addressed to C.S.I.R.O. at Floreat Park, W.A., has been referred to this office for comment.

The nature of the report attached to your letter is such that C.S.I.R.O. cannot usefully comment on it.

I should add that it was my understanding from correspondence with the Secretary, Department of Air, that correspondence about U.F.O. sightings would be referred direct to this office rather than to units of C.S.I.R.O. located elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

L.G. Wilson,
SECRETARY
(Administration)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: East Bullsbrook 200

Headquarters
RAAF Base
PEARCE WA 6085

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/9/Air(95)

20th December 1967

Mr. Wilson.

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2 JAN 1968

The CSIRO
Underwood Avenue
FLOREAT PARK WA

Dear Sir,

1. Attached is a report received by Headquarters RAAF Base Pearce on the observation of an unusual phenomena. It would assist our investigations if the appropriate authority in your organization could add comment on the reported occurrence.

2. RAAF Pearce has been advised that the person making the sighting of the phenomena "is a long time resident of Derby, very well regarded and almost completely without any flights of imagination or irrational judgement."

Yours faithfully,

(G.A.MARTIN)
Flight Lieutenant
Air Staff Officer

Encl.

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28 DEC 1967

acknowledged.
H.O. to reply

The following is a report on unidentified objects recently sighted by myself and Mr. Allan Leonard of Stanley Street, Derby.

The reason for the delay in making this report was due to us not returning to Derby until Wednesday 29th November.

On Sunday 26th November 1967, at approximately 8pm, we were camped alongside the main road East of Kimberley Downs Station. We were about to lie down and rest for the night when I noticed a vehicle passing along the main road towards Napier Downs. I called to Allan to have a look as the vehicle was strange and had only a rear yellow light approximately 36" long by 9" high. The vehicle was about 15ft long, 8 to 10ft wide and 6ft high. Its speed was about 25 miles per hour. It proceeded along the road for about 150 yards and appeared to turn right then back into the bush. Allan said to me, it is turning around and going to come back, when suddenly the light disappeared and it sounded as though the vehicle had broken a stick when backing. As the vehicle stopped, Allan walked down the road to investigate but there wasn't a sign of anything.

After returning, we discussed the situation for a few minutes and had not heard any sound from the vehicle either engine or tyre noises. In fact when the vehicle passed us it was completely silent.

Suddenly two streaks of light and a figure appeared resembling a human being. It stopped between two small bushes about 15ft away and a silver light appeared to be on either shoulder resembling a police officers number badge but much brighter. The silhouette of the form could be clearly seen and it looked like a man about 5'9" tall.

Allan called out "Leonard here, come on out" and the figure disappeared. Having been in a state of shock, we both were about to enter my utility truck when suddenly the first light we saw appeared in a different direction a quarter of a mile away. This disappeared within 5 seconds. We turned on our lights and two spotlights and searched the area. There was no sign of any tracks.

We came back, picked up our swags and drove down the road at high speed. We camped and returned the following morning at 5am and again checked the area, there was no sign of footprints or any vehicle tracks. A short time later we proceeded to Arthur Smith's camp about 4 miles away and told him and a man named Ray McClyments, they returned with us and searched for any evidence of a broken stick or tracks, nothing was found.

LGW/BT

copy sent Dept. of Air together with inwards letter PS

28th April, 1967

Peter E. Norris, Esq.,
President,
Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Mr. Norris,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th April in which you raise the possibility of C.S.I.R.O. conducting investigations in Australia similar to those being conducted by the University of Colorado on the U.F.O. problem.

I am sorry to tell you that it would not be appropriate in Australia at this time for C.S.I.R.O. to embark on such an investigation. Furthermore, as the resources of the Organization are at the present time fully committed, it would not be possible or practicable to give any priority to your suggestion.

I understand that the Commonwealth Department of Air is the Government Department with an interest in these matters, and your Organization might be advised to contact the Secretary of the Department if you have not already done so.

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

Despatched MS
28-4-67

CSIRO

P.O. BOX 109, CANBERRA CITY, A.C.T. 4 0455

Personal

Dear Gratton

The Chairman has two comments

1. He said the University of Colorado has a contract. Is this true in the States and this might not be clear to you.

2. He does not like "I am afraid" in your second para. He said he is not afraid! and why not use "I am sorry to tell you".

Otherwise OK.

Sincerely
Ken

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, AUSTRALIA

CSIRO

314 ALBERT STREET, EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. VIC. TELEPHONE 419 1333 TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH MELBOURNE

26 APR 1967

24th April, 1967

Sir Frederick White,
Chairman, C.S.I.R.O.,
P.O. Box 109, City,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir Frederick,

Herewith/ Attached is a copy of a letter from the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization and the form of a suggested reply.

I do not think we need consult the Department of Air about our reply, but that we should send them a copy of the outwards and inwards letters.

Do you agree, please?

Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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24th April, 1967

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Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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(DRAFT)

24th April, 1967

Peter E. Norris, Esq.,
President,
Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Mr. Norris,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th April in which you raise the possibility of C.S.I.R.O. conducting investigations in Australia similar to those being conducted by the University of Colorado on the U.F.O. problem.

I am afraid I have to let you know that it is felt it would not be appropriate in Australia at this time for C.S.I.R.O. to embark on such an investigation. As the resources of the Organization are at the present time fully committed, it would not be possible or practicable to give any priority to your suggestion.

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Yours sincerely,

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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CAPIO COMMONWEALTH AERIAL PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION ORGANISATION
(Affiliating Australian U.F.O. Societies.)
Under the distinguished Patronage of Air Marshal Sir George Jones, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C.

President : PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B. Secretary : Mrs. SYLVIA SUTTON P.O. BOX 180, MOORABBIN, VIC., AUSTRALIA. Telephone : 95 1659

Mr. Wilson.

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

19th April, 1967.

C. S. I. R. O.
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20 APR 1967

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURN E.

Dear Sir,

My organisation affiliates the principal Australian Societies concerned with investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFO) sighting reports.

Research in UFO's has been hitherto undertaken principally by defence organisations, such as the Royal Australian and United States Air Forces. Of recent months, however, the subject has become one of general scientific interest following hearings before a Committee of the U.S. Congress, and published statements made by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of North Western University who was for 18 years U.S. Air Force Scientific Consultant on UFO's.

Shortly after the Congressional hearings the U.S. Air Force announced the making of a grant of $313,000 (U.S.) to the University of Colorado for the purpose of an analysis of the UFO problem by a team of University scientists.

The project has now been organised under the leadership of Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado's Physics Department.

The purpose of my letter is to enquire whether the C.S.I.R.O. would consider establishing a similar investigation in Australia to the Colorado Project. No doubt, there are certain advantages to be gained in such an investigation being made here at this time, arising from the possibility of exchange of information, and correlation of procedures between the two projects.

I have no doubt that full co-operation can be expected from Colorado University, since I understand that some contact has already been made between

your meteorological branch at Aspendale and the University.

If you require any further information concerning the Colorado Project on the subject of UFO's generally, I would be only too glad for the opportunity to advise you further.

Yours faithfully,

Peter E. Norris
President

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C.S.I.F.
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29th March, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :-

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

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
YOUR REFERENCE 544/1/30 Pt 1(128)

Thank you for your memorandum of the 23rd March regarding UFO investigations.

We concur in your proposal that your RAAF Base should send direct to me in Melbourne any reports which they might issue.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 65 9111

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE, CANBERRA"

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
RUSSELL OFFICES
CANBERRA, ACT

IN REPLY QUOTE 544/1/30 Pt 1(128)

23 MAR '67

The Director
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE C2 VIC

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 10th March. In view of the organization of CSIRO as outlined in your letter it is considered that the quickest and most effective way of obtaining expert opinion on any particular case would be for the RAAF Base which is investigating the UFO incident to send a copy of the report direct to you at your Melbourne office. You could then forward it to the appropriate branch of your Organization.

2. If you have no objection to this proposal instructions to this effect will be issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. McFarlane

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

LGW/BT

Copy sent Chairman

10th March, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :-

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

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your memorandum of the 3rd March on this matter.

Unfortunately, the organization of C.S.I.R.O. is not such that it would be possible for the Commanding Officer of the relevant R.A.A.F. Base investigating an U.F.O. to correspond directly with people at a regional level.

C.S.I.R.O.'s laboratories cover research work in both the agricultural and biological sciences and the industrial and physical sciences, and these laboratories are spread throughout the Commonwealth. There is no Officer-in-Charge on a regional basis as such.

However, it would be possible to nominate officers in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, and Canberra through whom the relevant R.A.A.F. Commanding Officer might get in contact. Our officer could then get in touch with this office in order to determine where a specific enquiry might best be directed in C.S.I.R.O. The normal functions of the officers I have in mind would be administrative, and they would be unable to provide any technical advice. However, if you feel the suggestion would be of assistance, I would be grateful if you would let me know.

As mentioned in my memorandum of the 7th November, it would be helpful if correspondence about these matters could be addressed to me at this office, rather than to the Organization's office in Canberra.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

Despatched 10.3.67

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 65 9111

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE, CANBERRA"

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
RUSSELL OFFICES
CANBERRA, ACT

IN REPLY QUOTE 554/1/30(122)

The Director
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
AMP Building
Hobart Place
CANBERRA ACT

3 MAR '67

Dear Sir,

INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your letter agreeing to assist in the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

2. As the initial investigation of the report will be carried out by the RAAF Base nearest to the area of the sighting your agreement is requested for the Commanding Officer of the investigating Base to correspond directly with your organization at regional level if the assistance of your organization becomes necessary.

3. If you agree, it is requested that you provide the addresses of your regional officers so that this information can be passed to the RAAF Bases.

Yours faithfully,

A. B. McFarlane

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

I don't see how this can be done

6 MAR 1967

JC/BT

Copy sent
Mr Hayes
21-2-67 MR

12th January, 1967

MEMORANDUM TO :-

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

In reply to your memorandum (554/1/30) of the 6th January, I wish to advise that the Organization has no objection to your passing reports of U.F.O. sightings to Dr. Duggin should you choose so to do.

I would confirm that Dr. Duggin's interest in this matter is quite unofficial.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE:
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE CANBERRA"
IN REPLY QUOTE 554/1/30

DEPARTMENT OF AIR,

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

6 JAN '67

The Secretary (Administration)
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
314 Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE C2 VIC

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. A request has recently been received from Dr Duggin of your organization for details of all UFO sightings in order that he and some other scientists of several countries can undertake scientific investigation of this phenomenon. I am forwarding a photostat copy of his letter and of a letter of introduction from a Professor J.A. Hyneck who apparently is the scientific adviser on UFOs to the United States Air Force.

2. It is understood that this scientific investigation is quite unofficial and is inspired out of interest in this subject by the members of the team. As you are aware there is already an official arrangement whereby this Department passes reports of UFO sightings to your Organization when specialist advice is required. However this Department has no objection additionally to passing reports of all UFO sightings to Dr Duggin provided that this will not cause you any embarrassment.

Discussed with Colin Harper (ex Chief's interest) Air has no objection to Duggin's extra-curricular activities.
13/1/67

A B McFarlane
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

CSIRO

NATIONAL STANDARDS LABORATORY — DIVISION OF PHYSICS

UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, CITY ROAD, CHIPPENDALE, N.S.W. TELEPHONE 68 0566. TELEGRAMS CORESEARCH SYDNEY

20 Dec 66.

Dear Squadron Leader Baxter,

Please excuse this handwritten letter but I wanted to catch the evening mail & may not have done so had I waited for the typiste. I would like to add a few details to today's telephone conversation. Dr. Vallee an astronomer at the University of Chicago and Professor J. A. Hynek, whom I saw in Chicago a few weeks ago are very interested in the U.F.O. phenomenon from the point of view of a scientific investigation: so am I and so are many other scientists in other countries. These gentlemen have carefully documented files on many (about 6000) sightings in many different countries. Many of these sightings are doubtful but there are a large number which it has not so far been possible to explain in terms of natural phenomena — these are the cases of interest. Dr. Vallee has at his disposal a computer program for an automatic question-answering system (which was originally developed for stellar astronomy). He has asked Dr. O. Phantos in Brazil, Professor Michel in France, myself and several other scientists in different

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countries to collect data on sightings and where possible interview those who originate the report in order to determine its reliability and so weight it for future statistical analyses. This information will be coded, so that it can be punched onto an IBM card and later fed onto a magnetic library tape for use with the question-answering system. Present investigations have indicated the existance of certain patterns in this phenomenon but unfortunately much more data is required before great reliance can be placed on the results of such an investigation. Several reports from isolated observers, contiguous in time and consistent in description would appear to suggest that perhaps some observations are made sequentially along great circle routes: again more data is needed. "Landing" reports have been quite frequent in South America and, I believe, in the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. What is needed is information ① as soon as it is turned in - so that the case can be correlated with other information, if possible, at Dearborne Observatory ② results of the follow-up. I would like to investigate cases myself where possible and would be very willing to be of

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any help which I can.

Dr. Hynek is the scientific advisor on UFO's to the U.S. Air Force. I am enclosing a letter from him to substantiate my request. I stress that this is a scientific investigation and that, although my interest is extra-curricular, I feel that it is very necessary to subject these unexplained phenomena to scientific investigation

Sincerely Yours

(Dr.) M. J. Druyan.

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

16 November 1966

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. M. Duggin is collecting information on UFO's and is part of an International effort to collate information on this phenomenon from several countries. For many years I have acted as a scientific monitor on this scientifically vexing problem of UFO's, and a number of colleagues and I have agreed to act as a "clearing house" for the investigation of which Dr. Duggin is a part. Any cooperation which may be expended to Dr. Duggin would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

J. Allen Hynek
Director, Dearborn Observatory

JAH:lh

LGW/BT

C.S.I.R.O.
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5th December, 1966

MEMORANDUM TO :-

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

BALLIANG UFO INVESTIGATION

Thank you for your memorandum of the 28th November (554/1/30(111) in which you ask for information about a "team of C.S.I.R.O. scientists" visiting Mr. A.S. Ricketts of Bacchus Marsh on the 7th July.

I have made enquiries from several likely C.S.I.R.O. Divisions, but with negative results.

I wonder if you have any additional information as to who the C.S.I.R.O. personnel might be.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

Despatched MS
6/12/66

[redacted] M. K. Wilson.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 65 9111

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE, CANBERRA"

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
RUSSELL OFFICES
CANBERRA, ACT

IN REPLY QUOTE 554/1/30(111)

28 NOV '66

The Secretary (Administration)
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
AMP Building
Hobart Place
CANBERRA ACT

BALLIANG UFO INVESTIGATION

1. During the course of an investigation into the unusual sightings made by Mr A.S. Ricketts of Bacchus Marsh, VICTORIA, it was learned that a "team of CSIRO scientists" had visited him on 7th July, 1966.

2. This Department would be grateful for any information on this visit that could be of assistance in assessing the origin of Mr Ricketts sightings.

A B McFarlane
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Forym - DF

Nuclear Physics - no?
Mech Eng - No
DF —

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FOLLOW-UP ACTION

(1) MR. WILSON - for attention

When action on attached minute has been taken, please note briefly below. If action is not complete, indicate a date for re-submission.

Ref: IE92:10 25.10.66	Item: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Action: Letter sent Dept of Air, Canberra on 7-11-66 MS	

(2) MR. WILSON

(3) MISS GUTHRIDGE

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EXTRACT
from
INTERIM.

MINUTES OF THE 92nd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ON 25 - 10 - 66.

Paragraph No. 10.

Appendix - Paragraph No.

10. Unidentified Flying Objects

Consideration was given to a memorandum from the Department of Air, which indicated that a recent Government decision gave responsibility for investigating reports of unidentified flying objects to the Royal Australian Air Force. The memorandum sought CSIRO's agreement to the proposal that whenever the UFO investigations by the RAAF suggested that CSIRO might be able to provide assistance, appropriate reports should be sent to the Organization for comment.

It was agreed that the memorandum should be answered in the affirmative and that all enquiries to CSIRO concerning unidentified flying objects should be directed to the Secretary (Administration).

LGW/BT

C.S.I.R.O.
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7th November, 1966

MEMORANDUM TO :-

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Thank you for your memorandum of the 12th October about the Royal Australian Royal Air Force's responsibility for investigating reports of U.F.O.'s, and that you would like agreement to the proposal that whenever a U.F.O. investigation suggests that C.S.I.R.O. might be able to provide some assistance, a copy of the report should be sent to us for comment.

The Organization is quite happy to assist in this way and to provide you with comments on those occasions when it is felt that we may be to give helpful advice about a particular investigation.

General enquiries concerning this overall matter should be addressed to the Secretary (Administration) at this address. Should any of your officers wish to contact me personally, I am permanently located here.

L.G. Wilson,

SECRETARY
(Administration)

Dictated by Mr. Wilson, but signed in his absence.

Despatched MS
7/11/66

13 OCT 1966

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE:
~~U0422~~xx 65. 9111
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
" AIRFORCE CANBERRA "
IN REPLY QUOTE 2/25/1 (25)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

12 OCT '66

The Director
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization
AMP Building
Hobart Place
CANBERRA ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects have during recent months been receiving considerable publicity. Although it is not considered that any of these sightings give cause for alarm or reflect a need to change the official view on this subject, it is important that the system of investigation should make the best use of resources available in AUSTRALIA.

2. As you are no doubt aware the Royal Australian Air Force is responsible for the investigation of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Under existing arrangements anyone who sights an object which he cannot identify is invited to fill in a questionnaire which is designed to provide all the details necessary for an investigation. The nearest Air Force base is then required to investigate the incident and give an assessment as to the origin of the sighting.

3. The decision to investigate reports of UFOs at RAAF base level was made on the grounds that base personnel would be familiar with local phenomena, weather conditions and aircraft movements which between them give rise to many UFO reports. There are occasions however when the investigation points to some other phenomena such as celestial body, satellite, meteorological balloon, etc, as the likely explanation.

4. In many instances RAAF units have been able to obtain information and advice from local bodies to assist them in their inquiries, but it is now considered that all authorities that could throw any light on these incidents should be officially associated with the investigation system.

5. Your agreement is therefore sought to the proposal that whenever the UFO investigation suggests that your department might be able to provide some assistance a copy of the UFO report should be sent to you for your comments. It is felt that in this way better use could be made of the information available within your department, and that a more accurate assessment of the likely cause of the UFO report could be achieved.

ABC Farlane
(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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

President : PETER E. NORRIS, LL.B. Secretary : Mrs. SYLVIA SUTTON P.O. BOX 48, MOORABBIN, VIC., AUSTRALIA. Telephone : 95 1659

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The Director,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert St.,
EAST MELBOURNE. VICTORIA.

LIST OF C.A.P.I.O. OFFICE-BEARERS October 1966-67

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Secretary	Mrs. Sylvia Sutton.	Moorabbin. Victoria.
Treasurer	Mr S. J. Czynski.	Ballarat. Victoria.

Signed: S. Sutton

Record: UFO's are Mr Wilson's worry - not ours
Love meeting tonight S.S.

LGW 10. Unidentified Flying Objects

Consideration was given to a memorandum from the Department of Air, which indicated that a recent Government decision gave responsibility for investigating reports of unidentified flying objects to the Royal Australian Air Force. The memorandum sought CSIRO's agreement to the proposal that whenever the UFO investigations by the RAAF suggested that CSIRO might be able to provide assistance, appropriate reports should be sent to the Organization for comment.

It was agreed that the memorandum should be answered in the affirmative and that all enquiries to CSIRO concerning unidentified flying objects should be directed to the Secretary (Administration).

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Further to my memorandum of 2nd August, 1965, attached are copies of further reports of unidentified flying objects seen in the Milne Bay District of Papua and New Guinea during July, 1965.

2. One copy of each of these reports has been forwarded to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, also.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
MELBOURNE.

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Copy for your information.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.

Department of Territories,
Canberra. A.C.T.

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Patrol Post,
Sekrlos,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

27th July,1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
NEA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

I returned from patrol on the 14th of July,1965.On the 20th of July,1965 the Duaruada Mission reported to me that they had seen what appeared to be a flying object showing a bright light on the 12th of July and that one of their teachers had seen a similar object on the 18th of July.

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

12th OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Mr.T.Fiai'ihei,Missionary in Charge,Duaruada.
Time - 1919
Direction from Duaruada.- westerly-in vicinity of Mororegea Bay between Mundoga and Mountaiwai villages.
Appearance - An extremely bright light changing from red to blue and moving from side to side (a mile each way) at approximately 70MPH
Height - Approximately 8,000 ft.
Duration of Sighting - Approximately 10 minutes
Description of Disappearance - Appeared to grow dim and then disappeared in N.W. direction.
Noise - Nil
Other Information.
First sighted by children who reported that it fell like a heavy weight for approximately 1,000ft before mission ary informed.

18th OF JULY SIGHTING

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

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xt of coded radio received from O.I.C. , GUASOPA on Saturday , the 4/8/65 .

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

Map attached to show position of village and Aiun Island .

(J.B. Quinn, ADC)

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Boarmada Mission informed me that recently they had been speaking to Mrs.DeMiller of Nivani plantation and that she had said that she saw such an object at Nivani as described overleaf for the 12th of July sighting and that it made a definate noise.

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

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

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

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(R.BAKER)
Assistant District Officer.

ESA'ALA.
11th August, 1965.

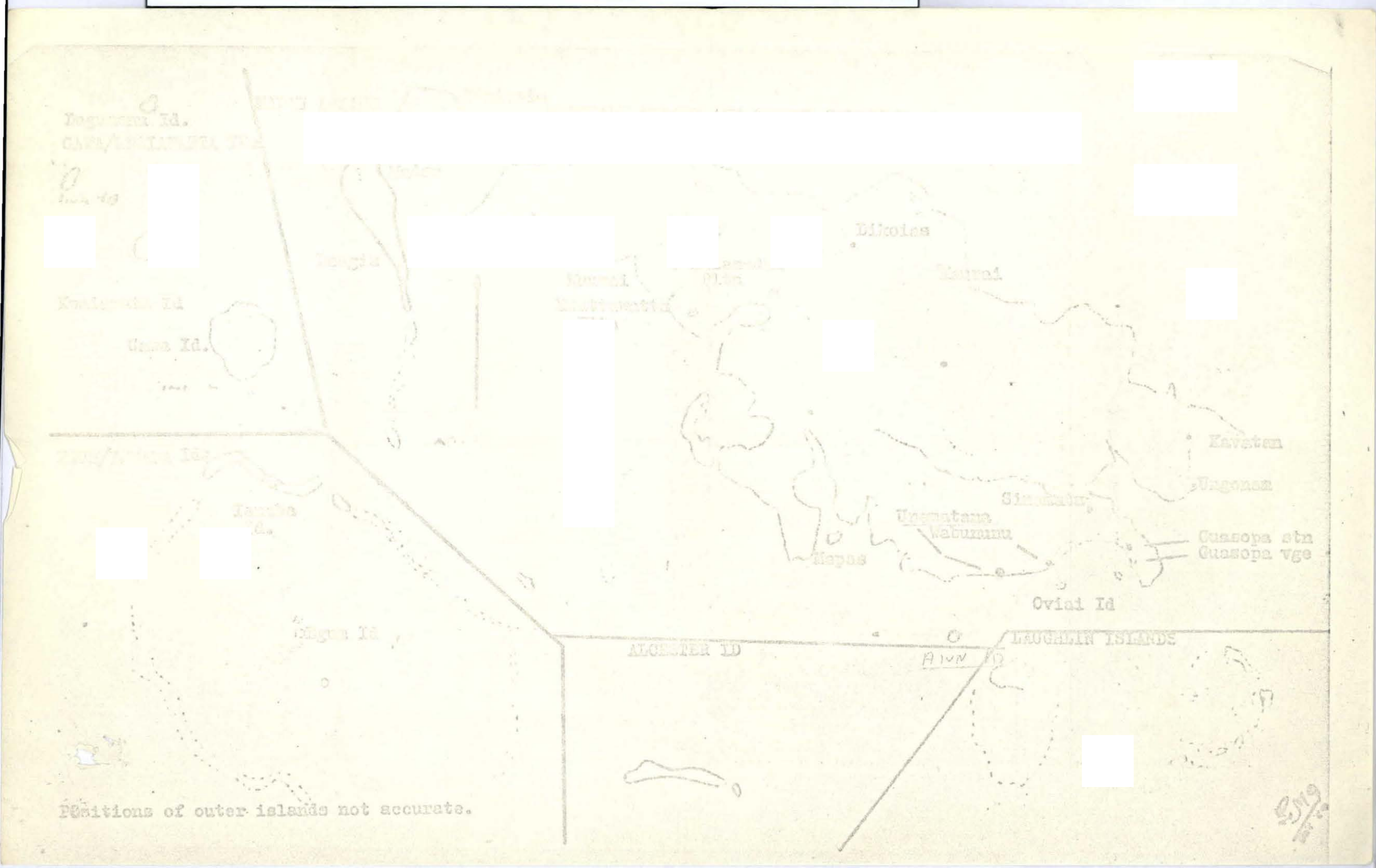
Minute to:

District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

My coded Telegram 33 of 28th July 1965 refers. Sightings of these objects are now so common that most people no longer bother to report them immediately. I have instructed my officers to forward all fresh reports by telegram, but your advise is requested please concerning the reporting of stale sightings.

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

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Mr Wilson

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information are copies of further correspondence, relating to the above matter, received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies have not been forwarded to the Director of Air Force Intelligence, but a copy has been forwarded to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary.

Encl.

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The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. Victoria.

2 AUG 1965

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M Culnane

(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary,
Department of Territories, Canberra.

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Mr Lewis
Mr Taylor

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Port Moresby,

28th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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

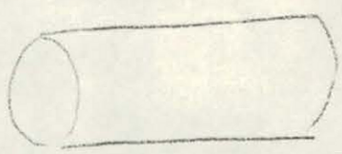
The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Sunday 18th

Dear Sir:

Un-identified Flying Object

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



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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

.....
(Mrs.) Wenny [illegible].

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

Mr Wilson 30 JUL 1965

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information are copies of correspondence, relating to the above matter, received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies have not been forwarded to the Director of Air Force Intelligence as it is considered that you would take any such action as may be necessary. A copy has, however, been forwarded to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary

Encl.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE. C.2., Victoria.

30 JUL 1965

Copy for information.

(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary
Department of Territories, Canberra,
A.C.T.

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DFM.

~~Mr Lewis~~) to See
~~Mr Wright~~)

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Port Moresby,

26th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

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12th July, 1965.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORESBY.

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

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

(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

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

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District Office,
Samarai,
Milne Bay District

12th July 1965

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The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District

LIGHT IN THE NIGHT SKY

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

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

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

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

C. V. Single

C. V. Single
District Officer

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Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

5th July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object - SEHULEA.

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

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

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

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

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

(sgd.) M.L. Mackellar

a/Assistant District Commissioner

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Port Moresby,

8th July, 1965.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Enclosed please find copy of a report from the Officer in Charge, Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district, Milne Bay District, covering the sighting of an Unidentified flying Object on 25th May, 1965, and minuted to me on 7th July, 1965.

2. For your information.

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

Encl.

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Patrol Post,
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

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

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

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

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

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

For your information please.

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

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C. S. I. R. O.
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3rd December, 1964

Mr. J. A. Hennessey,
10, Manson Place,
South Kensington,
LONDON, S.W. 7

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 18th November has been sent on from the Australian Scientific Liaison Office, London. Whilst this Organization is concerned with research in a number of fields involving astronomical observations and investigations on phenomena in the upper atmosphere it has not been specifically concerned with unidentified flying objects. Research related to space exploration is also undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Supply but we know of no special arrangement for investigation of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

JFW

J.F.H. Wright
for Executive Officer

Mr Wright I don't think this is very biological
Mr Kupfer COK

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

19 JUL 1965
16 JUL 1965

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies of this memorandum and attachment have been forwarded also to the Department of National Development and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

(G. Warwick Smith)
Secretary.

Encl.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2., VIC.

16 JUL 1965

Copy for information.

G Warwick Smith

(G. Warwick Smith)
Secretary.
Department of Territories
Canberra.

Office of the High Commissioner for Australia

AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIFIC LIAISON OFFICE

A unit of the British Commonwealth Scientific Office (London)

HOLborn 3422
Telegraphic Address:
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."
TELEX 21143

Africa House,
Kingsway,
LONDON, W.C.2

Your Ref.

Our Ref. JIP/MN

20th November, 1964.

MEMORANDUM to:

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
Head Office,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2,
Victoria.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

I have acknowledged receipt of the attached letter from Mr. J. A. Hennessey, and informed him the matter is being referred to Australia. Would you kindly deal with the matter.

J. I. Platt,
Scientific Liaison Officer.

Enc.

J. A. HENNESSEY

UFO RESEARCH INVESTIGATOR

MEMBER
NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
ON
AERIAL PHENOMENA.

10, MANSON PLACE,
SOUTH KENSINGTON,
LONDON, S.W. 7
TELEPHONE : KEN. 4200

18 NOV 1964

High Commissioner of Australia,
Scientific Department,
Australia House,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if you would spare a little of your valuable time to answer the questions set out below in the following paragraph.

The subject matter referred to in the questions are known by military authorities as UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects), though it is more popularly referred to by the public as flying saucers. Although a large percentage of UFOs can be explained in terms of conventional objects and events, the residual unexplained cases constitute a seperate and important problem. (The word UFO hereafter refers to the residual cases). These UFOs have proved to be a consistent phenomenon, with significant new reports made each year. A large number of the reports come from reputable and competent observers, honest and intelligent citizens from every country in the world.

The following questions are purely for research purposes:-

(1) What is the opinion of your Government on UFOs.?

(2) Have the military authorities in your country investigated them ?

(3) If permissable, can you give your own personal opinion on this subject.

If it is necessary for you to contact your Government to obtain their views, I would be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Hennessey

Private Survey.
JAH/GUP.

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16th July, 1964.

Dear Mr. Cameron,

I acknowledge your personal representations on behalf of Mr. Colin Norris, of 40 Galway Avenue, North Plympton, South Australia, who, you say, is intensely interested in unidentified flying objects and wants to obtain a job in which he could devote all his time to watching the movements of these objects from outer space.

I am afraid C.S.I.R.O. does not have a Division engaged in this kind of research and in other Government Departments, such as Supply, the Public Service Board has approved of no classification for the purpose of watching for flying saucers.

Since Supply is the Department concerned with space research, I can only suggest that if Mr. Norris does see a flying saucer he should communicate with that Department.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. G. GORTON

(J. G. Gorton.)

C.R. Cameron, Esq., M.P.,
Commonwealth Parliament Offices,
80 King William Street,
ADELAIDE. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Chairman
C.S.I.R.O.

Referred by direction,

E. O'Connor
Private Secretary
16/7/64.

Mr. Graham
Mr. Mc Keon

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PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT OFFICES,
80 KING WILLIAM STREET,
ADELAIDE, S.A.
TEL 83 6911

13th July, 1964.

Senator, the Hon. J.G. Gorton,
Minister in Charge C.S.I.R.O.,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

My Dear Minister,

I have been requested by Mr. Colin Norris, of 40 Galway Ave., North Plympton, S.A., to write to you to see whether you could give him a job watching for Flying Saucers.

He is at present a Third Division, First Grade Officer, employed by the P.M.G. Department and is intensely interested in unidentified flying objects. He feels that he could serve his own particular interest and the Nation much more adequately by being able to devote the whole of his time to the job of watching the movements of these objects from outer space.

I do not know much about U.F.O., but I do know that Mr. Norris has for a long time been intensely interested in it and has been lecturing throughout Australia on the subject. He has appeared on television and has had articles published in the newspap ers.

Would you kindly have this referred to the proper authorities and let me have a letter so that I can pass it on to Mr. Norris?

Yours sincerely,

CLYDE R. CAMERON.
(M.H.R. FOR HINDMARSH)

authorities - say -

I am afraid CSIRO does not
I am a Senator engaged in the kind
of research and in other Government Departments,
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approved of no classification for the purpose
of working for Flying Saucers. The Supply & Department concerned
with Space Research I can only suggest that if Mr - does see a Flying
Saucer he should communicate with that Department JGG

15th May 1964.

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Mr. S.G. Haines,
43 Arden Street,
CLOVELLY. N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Haines,

18 MAY 1964

The C.S.I.R.O. has forwarded to us a copy of your letter of 8th April reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object. It would appear to have been an artificial satellite, but as the Observatory does not keep records of these I have forwarded your report to the Controller of the Weapons Research Establishment, Salisbury.

Yours sincerely,

H.J.M. Abraham

H.J.M. Abraham,
Head of the Time Service.

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18th May, 1964.

S.G. Haines, Esq.,
43 Arden Street,
CLOVELLY. N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Haines,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th May reporting the further sighting of an unidentified flying object. I have taken the liberty of sending your letter on to the Director of the Mt. Stromlo Observatory, Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T.

Yours sincerely,

Guy B. Gresford
SECRETARY

Copy for information sent to - Dr. Bart J. Bok,
Director,
Mt. Stromol Observatory

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

43 Arden Street.
Clovelly N.S.W.
May 10th 1964

Mr Wilson

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O. Melbourne.

Dear Sir.

With reference to my previous report under same heading and your reply thereto, for which I thank you, I wish to report another sighting of this or similar object on the 6th inst. My position this time being;-

Lat. 39o 34' South.
Long. 149o 20' East.

Object first appeared near Rigel which was very near the Western horizon, moving West to East and in sight about 6 minutes, fading on bearing 202o (true) at 2047 E.S.T. when near to and about the same altitude as Achernar which was then approaching the lower transit.

On this occasion I had the opportunity to draw the attention of another person to the object who agreed with me that the object moved with an unsteady motion as though spiralling around a mean line of advance as was observed at the previous sighting.

The weather was almost calm, there being no wind which could have carried say, a hot air or met. balloon that way and it was an unlikely course for an aircraft to be on, there were no navigation lights visible.

Hoping this may be of some use to you,

Yours faithfully,

S.G. Haines.

S.G.Haines.
Master Mariner.etc.

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21st April, 1964

Mr S. G. Haines,
43 Arden Street,
CLOVELLY. N.S.W.

Dear Mr Haines,

Thank you for your letter of 8th April reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object. I have taken the liberty of sending your letter on to the Director of the Mt Stromlo Observatory, Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T.

Yours sincerely,

Guy B. Gresford
SECRETARY

Copy for information to: Dr. Bart J. Bok,
Director,
Mt Stromlo Observatory.

Mr. Kempton

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

Position; Lat.39o55' South.
Long.I48o 50'East.

Date. April 5th I964.

Time. 2I40 E.S.T.

Appearance; Object first thought to be a star about 2 degrees above Rigel which was then about I0 degrees above the horizon on a Westerly bearing.After a moment's consideration it was realised that there was no bright star(slightly less bright than Rigel)in that area.Further observation showed the object to be moving along a course of about I20o (True). The object remained in sight in a clear sky for about four to five minutes when,in near proximity to Canopus,it faded rapidly and disappeared.

The Director,
C.S.I.R.O.
Canberra A.C.T.

S.G.Haines.
Master Mariner.

43 Arden Street.
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8th April I964

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10th May, 1963.

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Dr. G. F. Bornemissza,
C/- Post Office,
BOOLARA. VICTORIA.

Dear George,

I do not know whether you have been interrogating anyone in Moe lately concerning flying saucers, but if you have, and your interest in them is more than a casual one, you might care to write to Mayall.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Kimpton.



10th May, 1963.

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Mr. P. L. Mayall,
U.F.O. Research Centre,
P.O. Box 45,
BLACKWOOD. S.A.

Dear Mr. Mayall,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd May advising that you would be happy to co-operate with C.S.I.R.O. in any investigations of unidentified flying objects and the mechanisms by which they might operate.

C.S.I.R.O. has not carried out any work in this field although, of course, some of its officers may have a private interest in it. The C.S.I.R.O. officer mentioned in your letter would therefore have been making the inquiry on his own behalf.

We do not have anyone stationed permanently in or near Moe and I know of only one officer who may have been near the town on official business in recent weeks. I have therefore forwarded a copy of your letter to him suggesting that, if he is in fact the person concerned and if he does have an interest in the field you have mentioned, he might care to contact you.

Yours sincerely,

Guy B. Gresford,
SECRETARY

Copy sent to: Dr. G. F. Bournemissza

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U.F.O. Research Centre
(and Technical Information Bureau.)

P.O. Box 45,
BLACKWOOD. SA.

2nd May, 1963.

The Technical Director,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Sir,

It has recently been drawn to my attention that in recent months certain members of your Organisation have been in attendance at places where Unidentified Flying Objects had been recently observed.

A particular instance of this was in relation to a sighting at Moe, Victoria. I was told of this particular instance by a person whom I usually regard as a reliable source of such information.

If this case was reported correctly, it would seem that your man asked certain questions of the observer which would indicate to me that he was pursuing a definite line of enquiry.

One pertinent question was directed to assess the effect of the phenomona upon the hearing of the observer. If in fact you are seeking objective information regarding these matters, I would be most interested in co-operating. I have a sound back-ground of technical training and experience and have spent some fifteen or so years during spare time in attempting to assess whether these phenomona have a real, or only a hallucinatory existence in the mind of the observer.

I feel that both cases are observable with various intermediate gradations.

However, some years ago, I decided that little more information could be gained by direct observation and assessment of reports, and I have since been carrying out experiments and collating data which would seem to indicate how such antigravitation and space drive mechanisms could be produced and operated by physical methods based upon principles which are at present unrecognised. These methods which are essentially non-electromagnetic and non-electronstatic in nature would in some circumstances be expected to have the effect upon the hearing as anticipated by the CSIRO questioner.

If these lines of enquiry are in fact of interest to your Organisation, I would as previously stated be prepared to co-operate in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Phillip L. Mayall (Sgd.)

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The Secretary,

Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for information is a copy of a memorandum received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies of this memorandum and attachment have been forwarded also to the Department of National Development and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

(C. R. Lambert)
Secretary

The Secretary,
Department of National Development,
Wentworth House,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

-4 JUL 1961

Copy for information.

(C. R. Lambert)
Secretary
Department of Territories, Canberra.

-4 JUL 1961

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research
Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE. Victoria.

Copy for information.

(C. R. Lambert)
Secretary
Department of Territories, Canberra.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
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No. AD.93/5/2

Port Moresby,

23 JUN 1961

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

On 12th June, 1961, an unidentified flying object was sighted by two residents of the Northern District. The District Commissioner of that District has reported as follows:-

> "The object was seen by Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McCullough of Azerita Plantation at 4 a.m. and for a period of about 15 minutes. They say that the shining object approached the North East and was shaped like the hollow in a new moon, and could have been delta winged. The object was at an estimated height of 15,000 feet and kept moving backwards and forwards to and from the North East.
>
> On one particular occasion it moved to the North East until it became the size of a pin's head then returned. Eventually it returned the way it came. No noise was heard and only the bright object was seen.
>
> Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have travelled widely and he was employed by United Nations Organisation for some time. They may be considered as being reliable."

2. You may care to pass this report to the appropriate authority.

REC'D. A.M. 26 JUN

D.M. Cleland

(D.M. Cleland)
Administrator.

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

J. Wilson 30/9/60.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT.

... Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

2. It would appear that the sighting was made from the vessel "Karu" which was then lying at Volupai Plantation anchorage off the Willaumez Peninsula on the north coast of New Britain.

(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

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Upper Atmosphere } JAR 65

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific &
Industrial Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
East Melbourne, Vic

Copy for information.

C. R. Lambert
(C.R. LAMBERT) 28/9
Secretary

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.
PORT MORESBY.

AD.93/5/2

3rd September, 1960.

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

SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECTS

The following report was received by telephone this morning from the District Commissioner, New Britain District, Rabaul:-

"From Fordip - Karu.

At 1950 hours last night an object was seen about 20 degrees above the sea bearing 267 degrees true from Volupai Plantation anchorage. It consisted of a big bright light averaging between red and white through pale green stop. Bearing remained constant but the object seemed to be suspended by some means and after about 10 minutes it finally disappeared into the sea or over the horizon. The distance from Karu could have been from 15 to 50 miles. "

For your information.

(D.M. Cleland)
Administrator.

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

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT BANIARA, MILNE BAY DISTRICT, TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

(Your reference 128.1.21(21))

Further to my memorandum 58/26 of 17th June, 1959, regarding the above subject, I attach for your information copies of correspondence recently received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

Copies of this memorandum and attachments have also been forwarded to the Departments of Air, Civil Aviation and National Development respectively, and to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE.

Copy for information.

C. R. Lambert.
(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

AD.93/5/2.

22nd July, 1959.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

Reference is made to my memorandum AD.93/5/2 of 3rd June, 1959.

2. Written reports of the occurrence referred to in the above memorandum have been received from two Native Affairs officers, Messrs. R.G. Orwin and R.L. Smith. These reports are enclosed as Attachments 1 and 2.

3. Mr. E. Evenett of Samarai has given the District Commissioner, Samarai, an account of another "sighting" in the following terms :-

> " On the night of the 26th June, I was at GIWA about eight miles below Baniara in Goodenough Bay. I had just listened to the evening news and between 7.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. went outside. I saw an object approach from a north to north-easterly direction, descend and then hover in the sky about 500 feet up. It was at an angle of about 45° up from me and when I spanned my hand out in front of me to measure it, my hand shielded about half of it from view with the remaining part visible. It seemed to me to be about 60 feet long. It had the silhouette of a rugger football, and had a kind of ring around it with about four semi-domed portholes visible in the side that I could see. A glow was coming from these portholes. It remained hovering for about four minutes and then disappeared rapidly in a southerly direction.
>
> The following morning I went across to a village just below BOIANAI, and there the natives asked me if I had seen the 'new American Air Force' that had appeared the previous evening.".

4. The following report has been furnished by Bishop Doyle of the Roman Catholic Mission at Sideia :-

> " In June, 1958, there came from a Southerly direction a round object about the size of the moon pale blue in colour and emitting light brighter than the moonlight. Seemed to hover in the sky and about as high as the moon, over the Mission property. After about five minutes it moved in a northerly direction and disappeared in mid-sky. (Seen by five senior school boys at the same time).
>
> About late October or early November 1958, on two evenings about 7 o'clock a light

about the size of a bright star, white in colour, moved high across the Western sky from N.W. to S.E. On the second occasion the light was not constant but appeared to flash on and off at regular intervals of about two seconds. This phenomenon was observed by a number of the Fathers, Brothers as well as a large number of school children.

One Saturday in May this year a large green eliptical object was seen by nine school boys. It was much larger than a star and moved rapidly.

On June 13th this year at about 6.15 p.m. twenty odd boys saw an eliptical object about the size of a football, a pretty green colour race very fast and low across the Eastern sky towards the North East.

At 8.30 p.m. on June 27th this year two of the Brothers saw a large fiery object about half the size of a full moon in the Western sky moving slowly either down the Western sky oraway from the observers in a Westerly direction. At one stage the object of which the light was appearing to diminish to a pinpoint, suddenly glowed brightly again. It turned blue before finally disappearing. The whole phenomenon lasted about ten minutes".

5. Enclosed as Attachments 3 and 4 are reports of further sightings received from Messrs. Orwin and Smith.

6. At one stage, the Harbour Master at Samarai was inclined to the belief that it was the planet Venus which was being seen. He stated that this planet sometimes has the habit of emitting blue, green and red flashes of light, and also that light refraction due to temperature changes in the atmosphere gives the impression of the planet moving. However, the District Officer was recently at Baniara and discussed this matter personally with Mr. Orwin and other people there who have sighted these objects and he is inclined to the belief that these sightings are not to be dismissed lightly and that, in fact, something strange and as yet unknown was truly observed during periods mentioned by the reporting officers. The District Commissioner says that Mr. Orwin and the other eye witnesses to these occurrences are quite convinced that they are not sighting the planet "Venus".

7. The Regional Director, Attorney General's Department has been kept fully informed of these reports.

D.M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
ADMINISTRATOR

(4 Attachments)

Attachment.

COPY

Sub District Office,
BANIARA.
Milne Bay District.

17th June, 1959.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED FROM BANIARA - MILNE BAY DISTRICT

On the night of Sunday the 24th May, 1959 I was sitting on the verandah of my house in company with Mr. R.L. Smith, Cadet Patrol Officer. The night was very clear with no clouds and many stars.

I noticed a particularly bright light high in the sky to the west of Baniara. At first I thought that it may have been a bright star but the object began to move in an erratic direction to the south west. The object was first sighted at 1900 hours and was under constant observation from that time.

The first time it was sighted it appeared to be emitting a bright blue light. As it began to move towards the south west, sometimes rapidly and sometimes only perceptably it changed colours from blue to bright green and then this would be terminated by an orange flash. The changing lights appeared to come from the bottom of the object.

At 2015 hours, after being kept under close observation, the object finally disappeared in a south-westerly direction.

It was not possible with the naked eye to determine the shape of the object and it did not have the appearance of a star or meteorite. It appeared, at the distance, to be a regular shape but its size could not be estimated.

(Sgd) R.G. Orwin.

Attachment 2.

COPY

Sub-District Office,
Baniara,
Milne Bay District,
T.P.& N.G.

17th June, 1959.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED FROM BANIARA - M.B.D.

On the night of Sunday the 24th May, 1959, an apparently unidentified flying object was sighted from Baniara. The following description of the object is as accurate as possible to my observations.

At 1900 hrs., on the said date, an object was sighted, high in the sky in a westerly direction from Baniara. In the first instance it was stationary. The predominating colour of light emitting from the object was of a brilliant irridescent blue. Soon after first sighting the object, it commenced to descend erratically in a south-westerly direction; sometimes quite rapidly and at other times almost coming to a halt. During these movements, the blue colour would change for an instant to a bright green, terminated by an orange flash. These colours appeared to come from a lower position on the object-as if from it's base.

The object completely disappeared from view, in a south-westerly direction at 2015 hrs.

(Sgd) R.L. Smith.

Attachment 3

COPY

31-1-4/11.

4th July, 1959.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT - BANIARA

Reference is made to my radiogram 6 of 29th June, 1959 and your 17-2-4/134 of 30th June, 1959, to the Assistant Administrator, copy of same being minuted to this office.

The following report based on the sightings of Mrs. R.G. Orwin and Messrs. R.G. Orwin and R.L. Smith is submitted for your information.

On Saturday 27th June, 1959, at 1940 hours Mr. R.L. Smith noticed a bright white spherical light NNW from Baniara and high in the sky. It appeared to be between 8 and 9 thousand feet from the ground. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orwin also saw this object after Mr. Smith drew their attention to it. The object remained stationary for some time and then slowly began moving across the sky in a westerly direction. It had the appearance of a "sparkler" which is commonly used in firework displays. Also arcs of light emanating from the object appeared to be blotted out at regular intervals. A green light also appeared at regular intervals at various points of the object. There did not appear to be any definite order in the appearance of this light. The object looked as though it had a red base or that a red glow was originating from its base.

At the time of sighting and while the object was under observation there were many stars present and few clouds in the area where the object was to be seen. There was a definite reflected glow on the few clouds in the area when the object passed in close proximity to them. It was also noticed that there was a reflection like a beam of light on the water between the mainland and the island and this emanated from the object. In contrast the reflection of the stars in the water, which was very smooth, were similar to pinpoints only.

As the object slowly moved across and downwards in a westerly direction it was kept under constant observation. From the wharf it was then seen that there was what appeared to be a round bronze coloured disc below and to the right of the bright light. As the light moved so did this disc keeping the same distance, about 500 to 1000 feet, each time. This was first noticed at 2025 hours.

The bright light and disc both finally disappeared behind cloud low in the western horizon at 2045 hours.

On Sunday 28th at 1820 hours the bright light was again seen by Mr. and Mrs. Orwin. It appeared in the same position as on the previous night although it was not as bright at first. At 2001 hours the bright light moved at great speed along the same track as the previous night but in a minute covered the same distance it had taken a half an hour to cover previously. The light became very bright during this rapid movement as did its reflection on the sea. It dropped about 5000 feet during the period and from my opinion it looked as though it was going to land to the north

west of the station on the mainland. The light was kept under observation during the rapid movement and Mr. Orwin ran to the wharf for this purpose. It slowed up and remained in the western sky and remained there until it slowly disappeared again low on the horizon at 2115 hours. The bronze disc was again sighted in the same relative position as the night before. Mr. Smith was present with Mr. Orwin to keep the bright light under observation from 2005 hours until it disappeared.

This office has been advised that the planet Venus could be expected to be seen from the station in approximately the same direction as the bright light was first seen. However the planet Venus was seen on the 4th July, 1959 by myself and The Naval Intelligence Officer who was visiting the district, and from its sighting I am of the opinion that it was not the bright light seen previously as this light was much lower than Venus and more to the north of the position of Venus.

Forwarded for your information, please.

(Sgd) R. Orwin

a/Assistant District Officer

Attachment 4

COPY

Sub-District Office,
Baniara,
Milne Bay District.

7th July, 1959.

APPENDUM TO 31-1-4/11

As stated in the attached report, the original object was night sighted from the 4th of July onwards. The planet Venus however was visible.

During the early evening of Monday the 6th of July, I watched for the original object between the times of its previous appearances. The planet Venus was visible at this time only. However, I awoke during the night at 0050 hrs., happened to look at the sky and noticed a very bright light.

On observing this light more closely, I was convinced that it was the same one as seen between the 27th of June and the 3rd of July. Venus was not visible. The object appeared to be lower in the sky than on previous occasions and closer to the point of observation. The bronze was not evident on this occasion.

After watching it for fifteen minutes, an object like a falling star seemed to come from near the base of the object and shoot earthward at tremendous speed and at about forty five degrees to the ground. After about five more minutes this procedure was repeated by another similar object, but this one went away to the other side. It is realized of course that these objects could have been shooting stars, and could have come from some distance behind the object.

After observing the object for almost an hour, it moved away in a similar direction to before (westerly) although when first sighted it was more to the south than on previous occasions.

Forwarded for your further information please.

(Sgd) R.L. Smith

Cadet Patrol Officer