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MINUTE SHEET

PRO.

Enclosure 5A is yours I believe

16/8/61

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DDSI.

Encl 10 A is interesting because of the time differences. There could be little doubt the loss of the picture on the TV screen was due to the station being off the air and the time given for this, 8.06 PM, will be accurate to within seconds.

However Mr Gilmore puts the time down as approximately 7PM.

A further point against Mr Gilmores timing is that sunset was not until 7.10 PM and it is doubtful whether a light as he describes has sighting would have been visible until well after sun down. Civil twilight ended at 7.50 so the time of 8.06 takes on a more accurate cloak.

No doubt the sighting was a satellite as the direction of travel and position in relation to the sun, to give a strong light reflection, fit this theory and there is plenty of ironmongery up stairs.

I write this merely to bring out the well known fact that witnesses are selld if ever right when it comes to fixing times.

H 3578

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PRO

Enclosure 13A is yours I believe. Do you not now pass these to the Reports to the RAAF

[signature] DPDC(S)

7/9/62

Note for file:

Reference Encl. 17A.

2. Matter referred to R.A.A.F., Canberra, for reply direct to Mr. Laval.

Rex Banks
(Rex Banks)
P.R.O.

21 .2.63.

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DSG/jmk/ADG(AS)
21.6.65.

22 JUN 1965

21/1/387

DESPATCHED

MEMORANDUM for:

Regional Director,
Western Australia Region,
PERTH.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

The substance of your memo. 63/1966 dated 21st May, 1965, was advised to the R.A.A.F. who have replied in the terms as attached.

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

Att.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ENC. 40A
RCD 18 JUN 1965
FILE 21-1-387

TELEPHONE:
[redacted]
70422
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE CANBERRA"

IN REPLY QUOTE 580/1/1(85)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

PA

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

16 JUN 1965

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 21/1/387 - 27th May, 1965

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENCL. 39A

DSG/ADG(AS)/jmk
26.5.65.

21/1/387

DESPATCHED 27 MAY 1965

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

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

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

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

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

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (P. HALL ROBB). "

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

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

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

C.A. 538

ENC 384
RCD. 24 MAY 1965
FILE 21-1-387

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In reply qoute 63/1966
FHL:KHW.

21 MAY 1965

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RCD. 24 MAY 1965
FILE

MEMORANDUM for -

DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

The following is the text of a letter received from Mr. P. Hall Robb of 29 Marmion Street, South Cottesloe, W.A. :-

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

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (P. HALL ROBB). "

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Mr. Hall Robb has been advised that we have no record of flights which would correspond to his queries.

The above details are therefore submitted to your office for information/investigation.

J. Leslie.

for REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

KJL.KME.AOB
8/5/65

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21/1/387

10 MAY 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

DESPATCHED

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

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

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

Att.

ENC. 36A
RCD 27 APR 1965
FILE 21-1-387

10 Thwaites Rd.
Pakenham East
Victoria

24-4-65

ASD 21/10

The Director General
Civil Aviation Dept.
499 Little Collins St.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Unidentified Flying Object

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

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

F/ADG (O)

be in the order of several hundred feet across.

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

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

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

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

The object was seen from my house which is located on the high ground approx 3/4 mile North of Saltersham East Ref ~~5~~ 508067 on the Cranbourne 1:63360 Military Map and from here the object was seen

due South in the direction of Thor Wee Rush at an estimated distance of 8 miles.

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

Yours Faith fully

S. M. Doig

Encl. 357

DSG:CPS:ASB:20/11/64.

21/1/387

23 NOV 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DESPATCHED

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

Unidentified Aircraft Sightings - Queensland

The attached report is submitted for your information and any investigation considered necessary.

2. There were no recorded civil aircraft movements which would account for the radar sighting.

3. It is regretted that the report did not reach our attention until it was too late to obtain more substantive data on heading and such aspects as speed.

(D.S. Graham).
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

ENC 34a
RCD 19 NOV 1964
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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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In Reply Quote Q/C 37

PA

17 NOV 1964

The Director-General of
Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION : RADAR REPORT
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT

It has come to our notice that on Thursday, 5th November, 1964, at approximately 8 p.m., the radio observer, Mr. M. German on duty at the Brisbane Airport Weather Radar Installation, identified an aircraft bearing 075°T, range 140 miles from Brisbane.

2. Mr. German has been contacted concerning this sighting and he said that he located this echo while doing a search for storm cells and having strobed and identified it as an aircraft, he did not continue to watch it or take much further notice of it. He said that he identified it simply by his experience in picking up aircraft on radar.

3. Also present at the time was Mr. V. Deering, the Officer-in-Charge of Brisbane Avmet Office who, not being a radar operator himself, accepted what he was told by Mr. German regarding the source of the echo. Although Mr. German does not remember which way the echo was travelling, Mr. Deering recalls that it was travelling in a Northerly direction.

4. Mr. German said that since the beam width of the radar is 2½° and it was scanning horizontally, there is no way of estimating at what height the aircraft may have been flying.

(C. BEECH)
for Regional Director

A.S.B

ENC 33a
RCD 12 NOV 1964
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10 NOV 1964

The Director- General of Civil
Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION - UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

The attached report, which originated from Mr. D. MacDonald at Rockhampton, has been taken by tape and transcribed.

Further enquiries today have not revealed any further information, and Port Moresby have advised that there are now no United States aircraft based at Port Moresby. The Regional Director, Port Moresby, is making further enquiries.

(C. BEECH)
For Regional Director

ADG(AS)

No action required
RAAF Intl already aware
of details and are
actively investigating.

Encl 33 B

5 Wiseman Street,
ROCKHAMPTON. QLD.

7.11.1964

The Regional Director,
BRISBANE AIRPORT.

REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
AT ROCKHAMPTON ON 7th NOVEMBER 1964

On arrival at the Rockhampton Aerodrome for duty at approximately 062045Z, I observed what appeared to be a high flying aircraft tracking across the sky, leaving a clearly defined vapour trail. I was not particularly interested, however, as high flying military flights in this area have been fairly common of late. A track of about 040° and not passing over Rockhampton but at a distance to the North was thought to be not in keeping with the usual flights that pass over the Rockhampton NDB using it as a turning point or abeam Rockhampton to the West in a North and South line.

The customary check of traffic prior to taking over control from Aeradio and Brisbane revealed no high flying traffic, no flight plans and the Unit Log was checked to make sure that there were no flights in progress that had been missed by Aeradio.

At 062055Z the trail was inspected through field glasses from the Tower but no aircraft could be seen. By this time the object had been past for about 3-5 minutes and the eastern end of the trail was almost out of visual range and hard to pick up due to haze which extended about 10° of elevation above the horizon in all directions. The sun was to the North-east and reduced visibility within this general direction due to glare.

About 062100Z a check was made with Mackay and Brisbane A.T.C. Units for any traffic of which Rockhampton may not have been advised and there was none revealed. The matter was advised to Brisbane at this point for S.O.O. D.C.A. Brisbane and the R.A.A.F.

A V100, VH-MVC, was engaged on circuit training at the time and when I became aware that the pilot-in-command was the Chief Flying Instructor of the Rockhampton Aero Club, I requested an estimate of the height of the trail. The pilot's estimate was about 30,000 ft. He had not noticed the forming of the trail, and had not noticed it until I requested an estimate of the altitude.

At the time of this incident there was about ⅛-2/8 of cirrus type cloud to the far North and a lower formation of similar cloud to the far South. I estimated about 20,000 feet to the South and 25,000 feet plus to the North. There was no cloud anywhere near the trail at the time of its formation. That cirrus which was present was of cirro-stratus and cirro-cumulus type, not at all elongated or fibrous. Up to 07 no elongated or mares tails type of cloud was observed in the local area, although I kept a particular watch on cloud formation. At 2115 a very small patch of cirro-stratus formed adjacent to and at a lower level than the trail. It was very slightly lined on an East-west line. The trail cut across above this small patch of cloud at an angle of about 30°. This gave the appearance to me that the

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cloud was being affected by wind of a westerly direction and the trail was not. The upper winds from Gladstone were checked and at 25,000 feet the upper winds were West at 77 kts, 30,000 feet West 90 kts, 35,000 feet West 123 kts, and at 40,000 feet West 120 kts. The small patch of cirro-stratus appeared consistent with the westerly wind affecting it. The vapour trail maintained a direction of about 040° but appeared to be displaced slightly to the East throughout its length over the 30 minutes or so prior to its dispersal.

All details of the direction and height estimates are tabled below. It must be borne in mind that as I had no reason to do so, particular notice was not taken of the incident until some moments after it was first seen.

The trail commenced at about 40° above the horizon North-west of Rockhampton, stretched across the sky to a maximum elevation of about 60-70° North-east.

Estimated direction 040° M.

Estimated altitude about 40,000 feet.

Formed at 062045Z.

Dispersed by 062120Z.

All other clouds except the small patch of cirro-stratus appeared to be very static, no obvious formings or dissipation taking place.

Object ahead of the trail appeared for a few seconds at the maximum elevation. Silver grey or metal reflecting. Shape not distinguished as too far away and very small. No noise audible.

Surface wind light South-east at the time.

The object covered about 2/3 or 3/4 of the sky in about 6 minutes. There was a gap of clear sky behind the object equivalent to about 5 times its own diameter before the trail commenced to form. The trail appeared to be of a double nature for about a quarter of its length behind the head, where it commenced to form into one single trail.

The speed of the object appeared consistent with that of a Canberra type aircraft at high altitude or possibly slightly faster. It is considered that a free drifting object (e.g. a stray balloon) would not have moved at this speed, even with the relatively high velocity winds prevailing, and would have moved in a more easterly direction being blown by the wind.

(D. MacDONALD)
A.T.C.

INWARDS TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE ENCL. 33C

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QÎA4771 FOR GRAHAM FROM BEECH REF UFO SIGHTING ROCKHAMPTON.

P N G REGION CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR THIS SIGHTING



Encl. 32A

DSG:CPS:ASB:14/10/64.

21/1/387

DESPATCHED

21 OCT 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

Unidentified Sightings - New Guinea

The following reports of unidentified "aircraft" sightings in New Guinea are forwarded for your information and such investigation as you may consider necessary.

(1) E.R. Coyle, D.C.A. Senior Groundsman at Finschhafen reported sighting 2350Z 22nd September, an aircraft tracking from west to east and passing slightly south of Finschhafen. Aircraft just visible at high altitude and appeared to have four engines, attention being drawn to it by vapour trails.

(2) The following telegram was received from Bamu Mission situated approximately 07°30'S 143°20'E -

"UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT BULLET SHAPE APPEARED VERY LOW SKY RED GLOW AT BOW YELLOW AT STERN DISAPPEARED RAPIDLY NORTH 6.30 P.M. 28.9.64"

2. No civil aviation activity would account for these reports.

(D.S. Graham).
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

ENC 31A
RCD 12 OCT 1964
FILE 21-1-387

TELEPHONE: 4141

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"Aviat Portmoresby"

POSTAL ADDRESS:
Box 80 P.O., Port Moresby

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA REGION
PORT MORESBY
PAPUA

IN reply quote 14/1/6

PA

8 OCT 1964

Director-General of Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT AND FLYING OBJECTS

At 9.50 a.m. on 23rd September, 1964 an aircraft at high altitude was sighted by Mr. E.R. Coyle the D.C.A. Senior Groundsman at Finschhafen.

2. The aircraft was tracking from west to east and passed slightly to the south of Finschhafen. The aircraft was just visible and appeared to have four engines, attention being drawn to it by vapour trails.

3. Also, the following telegram was received from the Bamu Mission which is situated approximately at position 07°50' S 143°20' E :-

"UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT BULLET SHAPE APPEARED VERY LOW SKY RED GLOW AT BOW YELLOW AT STERN DISAPPEARED RAPIDLY NORTH 6.30 P.M. 28.9.64."

4. We are unable to account for either of these sightings.

(D.W. ROLFE),
for Regional Director.

F/ADG(O)

Encl. 30A.

DSG:CPS:ASB:6/10/64.

16 OCT 1964

21/1/387

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DESPATCHED

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

Un-explained Incident - Cambridge Gulf, W.A.

Forwarded herewith, for such investigation as you may consider necessary, is advice received pertaining to an occurrence on 22nd September, 1964.

> "Report from Master "Koolama", in Cambridge Gulf at 1831 local time, sighted sky object like exploding meteorite - light was sufficiently bright to be reflected in water".

No civil aviation activity would account for this report.

(D.S. Graham).
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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ENC. 29a
ACD. - 2 OCT 1964
FILE 21.1.387

DA

In reply quote 63/1966

FHL:KLH.

1 OCT 1964

MEMORANDUM for:

DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

Unusual Aerial Phenomena

The following is the text of a message received from the Department of Shipping, Perth, W.A..

221312

"Report from Master "Koolama" in Cambridge Gulf at 1831 local time sighted sky object like exploding meteorite light was sufficiently bright to be reflected in water."

F. Leslie.

for Regional Director.

~~No further action taken~~ DA.

F/ADGO.

Encl. 28A.

DSG:CPS:ASB:17/9/64.

21/1/387

18 SEP 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DESPATCHED

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

Unidentified Sighting - Kavieng.

Forwarded herewith, for such investigation as you may consider necessary, is a report by our Officer-in-Charge, Kavieng, relating to an unidentified flying object sighting in the vicinity of Kavieng on 12th August, 1964.

The delay in reporting this occurrence is regretted but the necessary sighting details were inadvertently omitted from the initial notification provided by our Regional Office.

There was no notification, to Air Traffic Control, of an air movement which could account for this sighting.

(D.S. Graham).
for Director General of Civil Aviation.

Fwd ADG (O) before despatch (your encl 26A refers).

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

ENC 27a.
RCD. 11 SEP 1964
FILE 21.1.387

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IN reply quote 14/1/6

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA REGION
PORT MORESBY
PAPUA

8 SEP 1964

PA

Director-General of Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Your 21/1/387 of 31st August, 1964 refers.

Please find attached report which was omitted from our letter 14/1/6 of 19th August, 1964.

(D.W. ROLFE),
for Regional Director.

Enc.

D.G.
As discussed + copies of report(s)
17/9

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

14/1/16
18 APR 1964
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TELEPHONE:

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AND QUOTE
No. 4.3.4.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
GOVERNMENT AERODROME
KAVIENG
13/8/64

REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
DEPT. CIVIL AVIATION,
PORT MORESBY.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT. KAVIENG.

An unidentified flying object was sighted in the Kavieng area at approximately 1845 EST on 12/8/64.

The manager of New Guinea Company telephoned the Officer in Charge of this station at approximately 1840 and advised of a white light moving across the sky in the vicinity of the Kavieng Harbour.

At 1843, the Officer in Charge, along with other responsible citizens observed a white light moving across the sky from 1843 until it disappeared due to distance at 1851.

The observers were facing in a Westerly direction and the object was proceeding on a South to North track, running parallel with the Kavieng foreshore.

The appearance of the object was similar to a bright star. It was a white light, but due to darkness, no visible means of support were evident. A white light was the only object sighted. Conditions at the time were a fine and clear starry night.

The height and speed of the moving object was difficult to ascertain but could be compared favourably with an aircraft of the B50 type, cruising at 15000 to 25000 feet. The apparent nearness and the angle of sighting would tend to substantiate this. The angle of sighting was approximately 50/60 degrees from the horizon.

The reference to an aircraft is only a hazarded guess as the object could have been much higher, in which case it would naturally have been travelling at a much greater speed

All that can be stated as definite fact is that a bright, white light was sighted at an angle of 50/60 degrees over the Kavieng Harbour area, travelling in a South to North direction from approximately 1840 until 1851 EST on 12/8/64.

.....
B. LAW.
Officer in Charge.

c.c. RCC Port Moresby.
District Commissioner, Kavieng.

SATC

JHH:SRW : EXEC : 28/8/64 Encl. 26a

21/1/387 31 AUG 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Regional Director,
Papua/New Guinea Region,
PORT MORESBY.

DESPATCHED

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

I refer to your memorandum of the 19th August, 1964, concerning the above subject, which was intended to submit a report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. When your memorandum was received in this office no report was attached thereto. Would you please forward a copy.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPT. 25a
RCD. 24 AUG 1964
FILE 21/1/387

TELEPHONE: 4141

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IN reply quote .....

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA REGION
PORT MORESBY
PAPUA

19 AUG 1964

Director-General of Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

Attached is a copy of a report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. There were no reported aircraft movements in this area at the time.

(D.W. ROLFE),
for Regional Director.

Enc.

F/A.D.9(D)

ENC 24a
RCD 16 JUN 1964
FILE 21.1.387

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

TELEPHONE: 23 1731
Telegraphic Address:
"AVIAT, PERTH"
Postal Address:
PRIVATE MAILBAG
G.P.O., PERTH
BOX X 2212

AVIATION HOUSE
88 ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE
PERTH, W.A.

In reply quote 63/1966.
FHL:KB.

12 JUN 1964

MEMORANDUM for:-

Director-General.

Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

... Attached is a copy of a memorandum received from the W.A. Divisional Office of the Burea of Meteorology, re an unidentified flying object in the sky on 27th April, 1964.

Submitted to your Office for information/investigation.

for Regional Director.

Att.

ADG/AS.

As discussed: its all yours.

19/7.

SAT

Mystery known? Hardly a rationalisation question?

F/ADG(O)

Noted PRO 21/7/64 RSA.

COPY

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Telephone: 21 6193

In Your Reply Please
Quote This Number
64/69/19

W.A. DIVISIONAL OFFICE,
Bureau of Meteorology,
Observatory Building,
PERTH, W.A.

2nd June, 1964.

The Regional Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
Aviation House,
St. George's Terrace,
PERTH, W.A.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

The following report was received from M.V. Burwah:-

"On 27.4.64 at 1240Z in lat. 36°36'S 127°22'E a bright starlike object was sighted, in a position close to Sirius, and stationary. It was about the same magnitude as Sirius. The object first moved south at high speed, then east, curved north and then curved to a southerly heading and disappeared at 1245Z. At the time there was 4/8 cloud with base 3500 feet.

The object was above the cloud and appeared to follow the cloud lanes."

There were no stars or planets which could have been confused in the position quoted. The possibility of this being the satellite Echo I was considered but the erratic moves discounts the idea. Likewise wind finding balloons might have been observed, but the distance from the nearest station is such that any balloon should have burst before it would have reached a position where it could be sighted and in any case the upper winds were not favourable to the necessary direction of travel.

A similar sighting was made on the same date last year 27.4.63 within 100 miles of the same position.

Sgd. (G. W. MACKEY.)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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10 APR 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

DESPATCHED

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

22B.

Forwarded for your information, and investigation if considered warranted, is a copy of a report received by our Perth office.

10/4

(M.D. Evans)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION.

Enc.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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In reply quote 21/1/1
FHL:KHW.

MEMORANDUM :
FOR

7 APR 1964

DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

Attached is a copy of a letter received at this office from Mr. R.V. Marsh of Armadale, W.A. which constitutes an unusual phenomena report and is referred to your office for information or investigation if warranted.

J. Yeshin

for REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

F/ADG(O)

..COPY..

27B.

33 William Street,
ARMADALE

22.3.64

Department of Civil Aviation,
88 St. George's Terrace,
PERTH.

Dear Sir,

I would like to report the sighting of an object this morning of which I was unable to identify. I have listed a general description under the headings below.

Sighting	9.57 a.m.
Height	About 2,000 - 4,000 ft.
Colour	Brown
Description	It was cigar shaped and travelling sideways. It would resemble a large bird but seemed to be travelling too fast and also the direction was straight. It did not appear to be an aeroplane as there was no apparent noise associated with the object and also was not shaped like an aeroplane. I first sighted it after it had passed overhead and it was between an overhead position and the horizon before I observed it. I then proceeded to watch it for about 10 secs. or more before I rushed inside to get a pair of binoculars, however by the time I came outside again it had disappeared.
Direction	N.N.W
Speed	Around about 400 mph.
Size	About 40' long.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. (R.V. MARSH)

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23/3/64

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23 MAR 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR

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

DESPATCHED

UNIDENTIFYING FLYING OBJECT

Forwarded for your information and investigation is a copy of a memorandum received from the West Australian Divisional Office of the Bureau of Meteorology which in turn forwards a report of lights observed in the vicinity of Balladonia, W.A.

2. The covering memorandum of our Regional Director indicated that the phenomena reported could not be associated with the operation of any aircraft in the area at the time.

3. Would you please advise the proprietor of the Balladonia Motel in due course of the result of your investigation.

23/3

(M.D. Evans)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

Att.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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In reply quote 21.1.1
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1A 17/3

18 MAR 1964

MEMORANDUM for -

DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

Attached is a letter received from the W.A. Divisional Office of the Bureau of Meteorology re an unidentified object sighted in the sky at Balladonia and reported to their Officer in Charge at Kalgoorlie, W.A.

As this aerial phenomena cannot be associated with the operation of any aircraft in the area the report is forwarded to your office for information or investigation if warranted.

J. Leslie.
for REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

F/AD 4(D).

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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RCD. 16 MAR 1964
FILE 21-1-1

TELEPHONE 21 6193

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

In Your Reply Please Quote This Number

64/69/9

W.A. DIVISIONAL OFFICE,

Bureau of Meteorology

OBSERVATORY BUILDING,
PERTH, W.A.

12th March, 1964.

The Regional Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
St. Georges Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

The following has been received from my Officer in Charge at Kalgoorlie.

"Following received from Balladonia Motel today. Three weeks ago a hot night at approximately 9.30 pm a light with the appearance of a burning tree trunk was noticed at an angle of 45 degrees and southeast of the Motel. Last Monday week one large and one small light appeared at approximately same time and place appeared to sink to ground and then rose again and disappeared. Sunday night and last night same lights appeared they appeared to move in the direction of Esperance. These last sightings were confirmed by Rabbit Trappers who were 50 miles further out. The Motel Prop. would like any information possible on this phenomenon."

Advice has been furnished to Kalgoorlie that there was no information available to identify the sighting report, but it would be forwarded to the appropriate authority, who would advise Balladonia in due course.

There is no astronomical explanation for this sighting, nor would it have been a satellite.

It could possibly be a reflection of car lights on a slope being focused on a cloud, similar to a cloud search light, but in view of the fact that two sightings were made from distances fifty miles apart, it seems difficult to believe that a light spot on a cloud would be sufficiently intense to be seen at such distances. There have been bush fires in this area, but again it is unlikely that a single light would be seen, but if there was any visible effect at the distances said, it would be more likely a reflected glow from the sky.

This leaves only the possibility of Aircraft operating in the area.

(G.W. MACKEY)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

13 MAR 1964

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The Minister for Defence has received a letter from Mrs. V. Cook of Minlaton, South Australia (copy attached) in which she reports noises which she associates with UFOs. The Minister wishes to know if there is any explanation of the noises which Mrs. Cook and her son heard and we would be grateful if you would look into the matter and let us have your comments as soon as possible.

2. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the Department of Civil Aviation for information.

Secretary.

The Director-General,
Department of Civil Aviation,
499 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

For information.

Noted 17/4/64
RGA
PRO

Secretary

P.R.O.

Box 6,
Minlaton, S.A.

3.3.64

The Minister of Defence

Dear Sir,

I have at last decided that I should report something I heard over my home about 12 months ago. The delay in reporting it is because I have been frightened of being laughed at, but I heard it and one son later heard it and I leave it to you to decide what it could be. It was about the time the odd ball was found near Broken Hill.

On two occasions I woke to hear a frighteningly loud bell like whining noise flying over the house. The third occasion I did not hear it quite so loudly but a son and family said they heard it and it made the little children (who are not unduly nervous) cry, and their father to comfort them said "Its just a big truck" but he only said that so they wouldn't be frightened. He like myself had no idea what it could be. It appeared to be flying over head at terrific speed S.W. to N.W.

I live about 1½ miles north of Minlaton on the Curramulka Road.

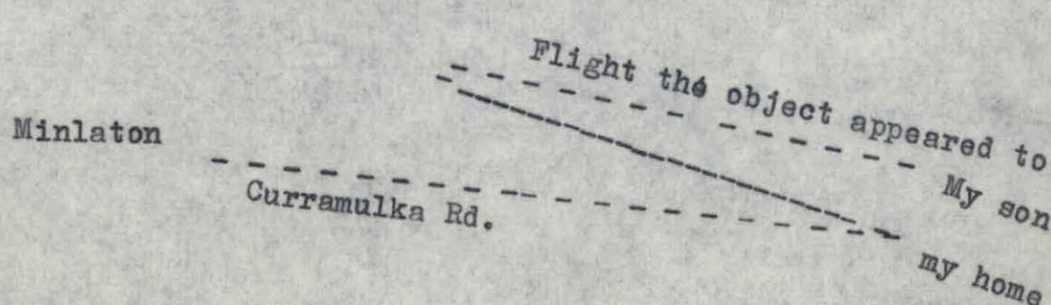
I have stayed at Elizabeth where jets of all kinds fly over head but I have never heard anything like this. What it was I don't know but I quite make up my mind that the next time I heard it even if in the middle of the night I'd do my best to get out and see it (It went over about 2.30 a.m. twice and one about 6 p.m.)

My daughter was a plane spotter during the war years, couldnt something similar be used in peace time with so many strange reports going the round.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Vera M. Cook

My son lives several 100 yds NW of me.



18A.

20th February, 1963.

Mr. H. Raynor,
Director of Public Relations,
Department of Air,
Russell Offices,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Harry,

Our Embassy in Washington has sent us the attached letter - it looks like your baby. You know how we feel about saucers - we prefer to concentrate on cups.

I mentioned this to Frank Doak and he suggested I refer the thing to you. Would you please reply direct to Mr. Laval and send a copy of your reply to Mr. K.J. Leonard, Civil Air Attache, Australian Embassy, Washington D.C.

Hope to buy you a beer in Canberra in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

RB

(Rex Banks)
Public Relations Officer.

Att.

Quote Ref: 02/113.

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1963.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Director-General,
Department of Civil Aviation,
499, Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.
Australia.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Please note the enclosed correspondence between this office and Mr. John Laval, 7 Idlewild Lane, Matawan, New Jersey, with reference to the above subject.

Would you please reply to Mr. Laval direct, furnishing this office with copy of your reply.

K.J. LEONARD,
Civil Air Attache.

Enc:(2).
KJL/sdp.

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Quote Ref: 02/113.

February 8, 1963.

Mr. John Laval,
7, Idlewild Lane,
MATAWAN, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Laval,

Your letter of January 23rd concerning the Australian position on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has been referred to this office for reply. Our apologies for not answering sooner.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your queries to our Department of Civil Aviation and have asked that you receive a direct reply. It is our belief that the Department handles UFO reports, but we are unable to provide you with the remaining answers to your queries.

Do not hesitate to write to us at any time.

Yours sincerely,

K.J. LEONARD,
Civil Air Attache.

KJL/sdp.

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7 Idlewild Lane
Matawan, New Jersey
January 23, 1963

The Embassey of Australia
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate very much your answering the following questions:

1- What is the official Australian Government policy concerning unidentified flying objects (UFOs)?

2- Does the Australian Government inform its public of all the facts concerning UFO reports, including military sightings?

3- Which government agency in Australia handles UFO reports and what are the conclusions, if any, of this agency as to the nature of these flying objects?

Thank you.

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JAN 31 1963
AUSTRALIAN NEWS AND INFORMATION BUREAU
NEW YORK

Sincerely yours,

John Laval

John Laval
NICAP member

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DFO:

Thought others would see it - so let The Idea Slide I live at High Ground could not miss anything - The sky. but after Today news I thought I better let you know what I saw

I will be Home Sunday For any Details, Your Faithfully E Gamble

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21.1.387

Long Forest Rd
Bacchus Marsh
Anthony Cutting
Oct 5. 1962

PA

Dear Sir

27th of Sep I saw an object in The sky or space on about 6 oc in The evening - it was Silver & not a Plane or star, I did write a letter To send but

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LETTER-SHEET

PRICE : SIXPENCE



MELBOURNE 5 30PM 5 OCT 1962 VIC. MIDWEST.

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The Ministry
Air Ways
Melbourne

REMEMBER TO ADDRESS THIS SHEET

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IF UNDELIVERED RETURN TO .

REMEMBER TO ADDRESS THIS SHEET

IF SENT BY AIRMAIL TO OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS THE USUAL AIRMAIL LETTER RATES APPLY. THE SPECIAL AEROGRAMME RATES ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

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11th September, 1962.

MEMO for:

Regional Director,
S.A./N.T. Region.

DESPATCHED

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Reference your 14/1/24 of September 3rd.

This Department is not likely to receive any further information on the report by Mr. Schultz of an unidentified object.

Such reports are passed to the R.A.A.F., and in the past we have received no further communication on them from the Service.

(Ross G. Alexander)
Public Relations Officer.

Telepho[redacted]83 69 11
Telegraphic Address:
"AVIAT Adelaide"

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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6 SEP 1962
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In reply quote 14/1/24

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

POSTAL ADDRESS:
BOX 1958P, G.P.O.,
ADELAIDE.

68 GRENFELL STREET,
ADELAIDE, S.A.

5 SEP 1962

Director-General,
MELBOURNE.

RA

Airways Operations - Unidentified Object

Referring to our 14/1/24 of 10th May, 1962 would you please advise whether you have any information regarding this report which could be passed on to Mr. Schultz.

(I. M. LESLIE)
for Regional Director

ADG(O).

Telephone: 83 69 11
Telegraphic Address:
"AVIAT Adelaide"

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

ENC. 12A
RCD. 11 MAY 1962
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In reply quote 14/1/24

POSTAL ADDRESS:
BOX 1958P, G.P.O.,
ADELAIDE.

68 GRENFELL STREET,
ADELAIDE, S.A.

9 MAY 1962

Director General,
MELBOURNE. Vic.

Airways Operations : Unidentified Object

Attached are three copies of a report received from D.H. Schultz of Rendelsham, South Australia. Additional copies are enclosed in case you wish to refer this report to another authority.

for (I.M. LESLIE)
for Regional Director.

Att.

ADG (O)

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"Bleakfield",
RENDELSHAM.
South East.

Civil Aviation Department.

68 Grenfell Street.

Dear Sir,

On the 17th April at 8 p.m. I was duck shooting at the Coorong (opposite Policemans Point) where I was very surprised to see a strange craft flying very fast and low along the Coorong Beach and making no sound whatever. At 8.15 p.m. it was also seen by my neighbour R. Farmer who would be 125 miles south of where I saw it.

This strange craft had 3 very brilliant cabin lights as bright as car head lights.

I would be most grateful if you could inform me if you have a record of this flight or was it a space ship I saw.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. D.H. Schultz.

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Sgd. D.H. Schultz.

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In reply quote 21.1.1.
DMcD:JM.

9 MAR 1962

MEMORANDUM for -

DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

The following is a copy of a message received from Kalgoorlie regarding a reported sighting of an unusual aerial phenomena, and is referred for your information -

"030345 APKGYT
FOR INFORMATION. MEMBER OF PUBLIC EDWARD THOMS BEVANS ADVISES HAVING SIGHTED LIGHT AT 45 DEGREES SOUTH WHICH DISAPPEARED INTO HAZE BETWEEN 021445 AND 021505
NO AIRCRAFT IN AREA AND MET ADVISE NO BALLOON FLIGHTS AT TIME."

(D. McDonald.)
for Regional Director.

ADGO.
PRO

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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REC'D 15 JAN 1962
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PA

12 JAN 1962

In reply quote..... 21.1.1
EJMcC.SCM

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Director General.

Sighting of Unidentified Object in Sky

The following report has been received from Mr. C. H. Gilmore of 5 Western Avenue, South Perth, W.A.

On the 10th January, 1962 at approximately 7 p.m. Mr. Gilmore was watching T.V. when the screen suddenly blackened, a number of diagonal lines appeared and then the picture re-appeared.

At the same time Mr. Gilmore's son, aged 18½, called out to his father saying "come and see the object in the sky".

Mr. Gilmore reported the object as a light like the original "Sputnik" but larger. The light travelled across the sky from south-west to north-east. The light did not have any tail.

2. A check with ABW Channel 2 indicates that this station was off the air for a few seconds at 8.06 p.m. on the day in question. This break was caused by the failure of the link to the transmitters site and the time delay involved in changeover to the secondary link.

3. Submitted for information.

E. J. McCubbin.
for Regional Director.

ADG(D)

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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PERTH, W.A.

PA

20 NOV 1961

In reply quote..... 21/1/1.
DMcD:GMH.

MEMORANDUM for:

Director-General.

Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

The following is a copy of a message received from Kalgoorlie regarding a report constituting an unusual aerial phenomena and is referred for your information :-

"171650 APKGYT
POLICE SGT BROWN ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1630Z SAW BRIGHT FLASH WHICH LIT UP GROUND ALL AROUND LOOKED LIKE SEARCHLIGHT HAD BEEN TURNED ON THEM
IN PICCADILLY STREET LOOKED UP INTO SKY AND SAW VAPOUR TRAILS IN DIRECTION AIRPORT STOP THIS WOULD BE IN SOUTH WEST DIRECTION STOP VHRMC HAD BEEN IN CLOUD AND HAS NOT SIGHTED ANYTHING STOP CB ACTIVITY IN HYDEN AREA COR WA SOUTH WEST.....DIRECTION"

(D. McDONALD).
for Regional Director.

ADG(O)

Encl 8/7

17 NOV 1961

21/1/387

16th November, 1961.

DESPATCHED

Mr. H. Raynor,
Director,
R.A.A.F. Public Relations,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from one of these U.F.O. Men. As we have passed the flying saucer buck to the R.A.A.F. you may as well add this to your collection along with his international postal note.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter which I am sending today to Mr. Fitch.

All the best to you and yours,

(Rex Banks)

Encl- 7A

21/1/387

16th November, 1961.

DESPATCHED

Mr. C.W. Fitch,
6526 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland 3,
OHIO. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Fitch,

You wrote to this Department recently seeking details of an unidentified flying object sighting by the Rev. Lionel Browning, of Cressy, Tasmania.

All U.F.O. reports in Australia are handled by the Royal Australian Air Force. Contrary to the newspaper reports, and although we did have some initial contact with Mr. Browning, we did not make a full investigation of his sighting but merely passed on details (time, place, what he saw, etc.) to the R.A.A.F. for whatever action they considered necessary.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. H. Raynor, Director, R.A.A.F. Public Relations, Canberra, A.C.T., in the expectation that he might be able to send you a full report on the sighting.

Hoping this meets with your approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Rex Banks)
Assistant Public Relations Officer.

6526 Carnegie Ave.
Cleveland 3, Ohio, U.S.A.
August 7, 1961



PA

The Civil Aviation Dept.
Canberra, A.C.T.
Australia

Gentlemen:

In THE EXAMINER of Launceston, Tasmania on Sum. Nov. 18, 1960 reference was made to the sighting of an unidentified flying object as reported by Rev. Lionel Browning, of Cressy, Tasmania.

For your information I quote from the news item:

"Mr. Osborne said that his department did not interview everyone who claimed to have seen unidentified flying objects. But if no natural explanation was found, a more detailed investigation was made.

This action was being taken as a result of a written report which the Civil Aviation Department had made on Mr. Browning's experiences."

The subject of unidentified flying objects is one in which I have been interested in collecting information on for several years.

This sighting appears to have been a particularly good one and for that reason I would like to obtain a copy of the written report referred to above since I am interested in reading your evaluation of it.

If there is a charge to obtain a copy of this report will you kindly advise me as to how much it is and I will send you an international Postal Money Order in payment for one by air mail on receipt of your reply. I am enclosing International Postal Coupons in sufficient amount to enable you to reply to this letter by Air Mail.

I will thank you for an early reply in reference to this request.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Fitch

ADG(O)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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TELEPHONE: 23 1731

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AVIATION HOUSE
88 ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE
PERTH, W.A.

In reply quote 21.1.1.

DMcD:JM.

DAO 20/6

MEMORANDUM for -

DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

Unusual Aerial Phenomena.

The attached copies of two reports concerning unidentified aircraft movements in the vicinity of Bamboo Springs (Lat. 22°04" S. 119°37" E) and Warrie (Lat. 22°15" S. 119°34" E.) on 1st August 1961, are referred for your information and the necessary action.

Our enquiries indicate that there were no civil aircraft reported in the area at this time.

(D. McDonald.)
for Regional Director.

Attach:

ADG(O)

21-4-367.

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FURTHER TO PREVIOUS REPORT ON AIRCRAFT SIGHTING RECEIVED FROM
R F D S / PD STOP AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED BETWEEN
WARRIE AND BAMBOO SPRINGS AND A WHITE LIGHT WAS DEFINITELY SEEN
FROM WARRIE HOMESTEAD BUT NOT SURE IF IT WAS FROM THE EXHAUST STOP
NO OTHER NAVIGATION LIGHTS WERE VISIBLE AND TIME OF SIGHTING
WAS 0230W S T STOP THE AIRCRAFT WAS HEARD APPROACHING
AND SOUNDED LIKE A CONVENTIONAL PISTON ENGINE AIRCRAFT N E E E
BUT TRAVELLING AT HIGH SPEED STOP AFTER IT HAD PASSED A RUSHING
NOISE WAS HEARD

NNNN

COPY

1st August, 1961.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Regional Director,
SOUTH AUST./NORTHERN TERR. REGION.

AIRWAYS OPERATIONS: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

Reference - Your 14/1/24 of 15/6/21.

By way of courtesy we have used your subject title though we are hopeful that there are no unidentified objects in Airways Operations.

2. There are two possibilities that readily come to mind, firstly, such as the scientific balloons released at Mildura and secondly, one of the daylight visible planets.

3. You may care to pass on the above suggestion to the worthy Brothers together with the note that detailed follow up of similar reports in Australia have failed specifically to identify the object sighted.

(R.W. Gross)
For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

Telepho[redacted] WF 69
Telegraphic address :
"AVIAT Adelaide"

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In reply quote 14/1/24

POSTAL ADDRESS :
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ADELAIDE.

68 GRENFELL STREET,
ADELAIDE, S.A.

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Director-General,
MELBOURNE.

Airways Operations : Unidentified Object.

Your AWC 8217 and 8258 of 1960.
Possibly your file 14/1/124.

Attached are three copies of a report received through the Officer-in-Charge, Tennant Creek. Additional copies are enclosed in case you wish to refer this report to another authority.

for (R. H. BAYLY)
for Regional Director

Att.

DAO

COPY:HJW

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Original enclosure 1A removed to file 21/2/206 encl 2A.

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PRO	3A			PRO	16A	11/4		ADC/AS	26	2/9	
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