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(G.A. PERSKE)  
GFCAPT  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A1167/SOINTELL INTELLIGENCE PD HQDAR REPORTS  
THAT FOLLOWING INFO RECEIVED BY NAVY FROM CFOKER ISLAND MISSION  
QUOTE DOZEN PEOPLE OBSERVED STRANGE VERTICAL LIGHT ON HORIZON EAST  
SOUTH EAST ABOUT TWENTY MILES AT FOUR AM FOR LAST SEVERAL NIGHTS  
UNQUOTE PD HQDAR ADVISES THAT HMAS BASS WILL INVESTIGATE AREA  
TODAY 02 NOV PD HQOPCOM WILL ADVISE OF ANY FURTHER INFO RECEIVED  
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TO DEFENCE CANBERRA

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ADM 7005 FROM TPNG ADMINISTRATION FOR CHAIRMAN  
JIC STOP REPEAT DAFI C5A NAVY MOMOTE ADVISE ON SUNDAY 24 TH OCTOBER  
SMALL AIRCRAFT BELIEVED TO BE JET HEADING WEST/SOUTH OF MOMOTE AT  
500 TO 600 FEET STOP ALSO AIRCRAFT OVER MOMOTE AT 1915 LOCAL TIME  
MONDAY 25 TH HEADING NORTH/SOUTH STOP THESE AIRCRAFT NOT CONSIDERED  
ON ROUTE TO OR FROM GUAM STOP DCA HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THESE AIRCRAFT

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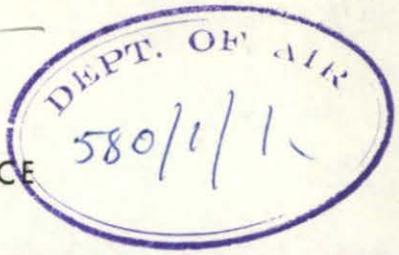
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(100)

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC



28 OCT 1965

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

REPORT OF UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

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

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

Encl /





ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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SUBJECT: [illegible]

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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PHOTOCOPY

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

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

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

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

*M. J. Bradle*

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**ROUTINE**



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

26 OCT 1965

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

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

2. Forwarded for information.

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

Encl





"Valley I (4)"

15 Brooklyn Ave.  
Tecoma  
Vict.

Dear Sir,

In answer to the questionnaire you have asked me to fill in, I would also like to comment.

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

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

This object was similiar to an aircraft switching on its landing

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

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

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

On top of all this on Monday Morning when we returned

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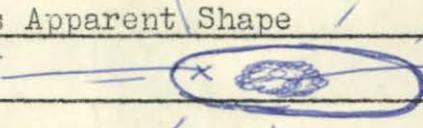
to work, one of our workmates had been fishing also that same evening, in the surf at Waratah Bay, (65 or 70 miles away) & he gave an identical description of the light except that his object disappeared ~~into~~ from his view behind cloud shrouding the mountains of Wilsons Promontory.

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

I remain

Yours faithfully  
John Bentley.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1 Name of Observer John Bentley.
- 2 Address of Observer 15 Brooklyn Ave. Tecoma. Vic.
- 3 Occupation of Observer Filter-Welder.
- 4 Date and Time of Observation October 15 1965 approx. 2130 Hrs.  
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)
- 5 Period of Observation(s) 10-12 Seconds.
- 6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)  
Approx. 1 1/2 mls. South of Glenmaccie Township, & on Watersedge  
Adjacent to Cemetery.  
of LAKE Glenmaccie with uninterrupted view  
right across the LAKE. Very Clear to NAKED Eye.
- 7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)  
about 15° above the horizon.
- 8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention  
(eg - Light or noise)  
Instant Intense Light.
- 9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object  
LIGHT ONLY.
- 10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation  
only one LIGHT.
- 11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object WHITE with small GREEN  
GLOW IN Centre
- 12 What was its Apparent Shape  
A Fluorescent-Tube-like  
WHITE LIGHT  A GREEN COLOUR SIMILAR TO  
copper wire being burnt.
- 13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable  
NO
- 14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO
- 15 Was There any Sound NO
- \* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 15° TO HORIZON
- \* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity Approx 30° for 10-12 Secs.

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

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

19 Direction of Flight with Reference to Landmarks or Points of a Compass From my position it moved FROM RIGHT HAND  
ACROSS TO LEFT HAND. THE glow in the sky FROM SALE town  
was directly below the object.

20 Did the Object Remain on a Straight Path, Deviate or Manoeuvre at all First seen in clear sky, went behind  
several scattered clouds, & lighting up same. Emerged &  
stopped dead. 2 yellow lights (separated) in centre of white.  
objects PATH ← →  
HORIZON

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

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

Stationary & in Mid-Air

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

NO

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

A very mild evening 50% but scattered cloud.

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

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

27 Any Additional Information

Signature of Observer

John Bentley

Signature of Interrogator.....

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

65/212

*Undated.*

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

*IN 6/2/2*

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTING

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

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

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

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

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Referred

*K. Dasgupta*  
Joint Secretary  
Joint Intelligence Committee  
30.9.65

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TO DEFENCE CANBERRA

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR  
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Subject: Unidentified Flying Object

SACAS

Please see F. 122 Can you suggest a likely astronomical phenomenon or other plausible reason for the object seen by these three people?

Do you think a satellite burning up on reentering the atmosphere would fit this description?

30 Sept 65

W. J. Harschak 2/9/65  
D/DAFI (Ops)

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Any suggestions?

W. J. Harschak  
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"Sunnyside" 122

Dubbo, N.S.W.

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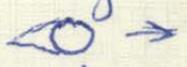
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RAAF Headquarters  
Canberra.

Dear Sir —

I am curious about a peculiar happening last Sunday evening at 8:07½ PM and am hopeful you can give an answer or pass the letter on to a suitable authority.

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

The object appeared to be a greenish disc with a reddish tail . We first noticed it a little north of north-west, and it sped across the sky to the North-east in about six seconds. It just disappeared before reaching anywhere near the

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

During the time the object was visible it travelled on a flat trajectory about  $30^\circ$  up from the ground.

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

I have seen Mirage jets over Dublin. This thing would have left the Mirages for dead many times over.

Yours faithfully  
Andrew G. Swomey

24 SEP 1965

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

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

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

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

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IN REPLY  
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CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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17th September, 1965

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The Secretary,  
Department of Air,  
CANBERRA.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

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

*Secretary*  
Secretary

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SEP 25 1965

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Patrol Post,  
Sehvlea,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

27th July, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

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

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

12TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Mr. T. Fisi'ihei, Missionary in Charge, Bwaruada.

Time - 1910

Direction from Bwaruada - westerly - in vicinity of Keroregea Bay between Mwadega and Sewataitai villages.

Appearance - An extremely bright light changing from red to blue and moving from side to side (a mile each way) at approximately 10 MPH

Height - Approximately 5,000 ft.

Duration of Sighting - Approximately 10 minutes

Description of Disappearance - Appeared to grow dim and then disappeared in N.W. direction.

Noise - Nil

Other Information.

First sighted by children who reported that it fell like a heavy weight for approximately 1,000ft before missionary informed.

13TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Penedi/Sisina, a female teacher at Bwaruada Mission.

Direction from Bwaruada - Easterly - over sea.

Appearance - Very bright light "like a primus" spinning in a large circle at a fairly high and constant speed.

Height - "Lower than nearby mountain". My estimation - 1500ft.

Speed - "A lot faster than a bird".

Duration of Sighting - Approximately 5 minutes.

Description of Disappearance - Disappeared in easterly direction at considerable speed.

Noise - Nil.

Other Information.

The teacher watched object for 2-3 minutes and then reported to the Missionary in charge. When he arrived the object had disappeared.

The Mwadega people reportedly sighted a similar object at the same time and in the same direction.

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

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

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

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

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(E. BECKR)  
Assistant District Officer.

ESA'ALA.  
11th August, 1965.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

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

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

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

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

Map attached to show position of  
village and Aiun Island.

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(J.B. Quinn, ADC)



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

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

*Uninformed Fanciful Observations?*

The Term UFO and Some Objections to it

1. Unfortunately the term "unidentified flying object", or UFO for short, because of its widespread and indiscriminate use is generally regarded as just another word for "flying saucer". This is a rather ironic situation since the term was originally introduced to combat just such an eventuality, and so overcome the tendency automatically and haphazardly to relegate all unidentified sightings to the category of "flying saucers".
2. Even the term "unidentified flying object" is somewhat of a misnomer, and this probably is the underlying reason for its indiscriminate use. We believe it to be a misnomer on a number of counts. Firstly many sightings are not of material objects but of what the observer, in all good faith, believes to be material objects. Freak weather conditions, electrical storms and unusual light conditions can give rise to misleading impressions, especially when the observer is unused to them and the time of viewing is short. The eye is not alone in this respect. For instance Radar is far from infallible. Radar echoes from dense clouds and pockets of air are quite common and can give the erroneous impression that some material object has been detected.
3. Secondly it is our experience that, except in sightings of aircraft, the process of flying is rarely involved. Many sightings are of the planets or of meteors entering the earth's atmosphere, and, in one case, we received an excellent report from some 17 separate observers in the Central NORTHERN TERRITORY of the re-entry of the Russian Satellite Cosmos II into the earth's atmosphere.
4. One might even go a stage further and challenge the word "unidentified" on the grounds that the classification is a purely tentative one, since information not available to the observer generally provides an adequate identification of the sighting subsequently. It is our experience that more than 90% of all well reported sightings can be identified satisfactorily. The rest cannot be identified specifically, mainly because the observer's report of the sighting does not contain sufficient information to provide an identification, or in cases where it is considered that further investigation is unwarranted. An example of the latter is illustrated by the case of a woman who wrote in 1964, after reading a newspaper report of a UFO sighting, to tell us of sounds she had heard one night more than twelve months previously; she did not know what date it was she had heard the noises and, as she was too frightened to get out of bed, she did not see what was making the noise. Could the "object" be identified? Naturally it could not be.
5. Although it is difficult to conjure up a name which adequately describes these sightings I think a more appropriate term than "unidentified flying objects" would be "unidentified aerial sightings" - the sightings being "unidentified" only insofar as the observer is concerned. It could be defined as an observation which remains unexplained to the viewer at least long enough for him to report it. Although the term may still be inadequate in some respects I think it removes some of the misleading inferences which were apparent previously when using the term "unidentified flying object".

Assessment of Aerial Sightings

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

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

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

- (a) Date and time of the sighting;
- (b) Length of time sighting under observation;
- (c) Where the sighting took place;
- (d) Position of the sighting when first observed (e.g., overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon etc.);
- (e) What was it that attracted your attention; (e.g. light, noise);
- (f) Did the sighting appear to be a light or a solid object;
- (g) What was its colour;
- (h) What was its apparent shape;
- (j) If more than one sighting was concurrently observed, how many were there and what was their formation;
- (k) Was any detail of the structure of the sighting observed;
- (l) Was any method of propulsion obvious;
- (m) Was there any sound (description, if any); and,
- (n) Your estimate of the object's height, speed and direction of flight.

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

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

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

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

#### The Identification of Aerial Sightings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Conclusions

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

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

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

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

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

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

25th August, 1965

FRIDAY 30th JULY, 1965

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE PETER HOWSON, MP, MINISTER FOR AIRRAAF REPORT ON SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER MISTAKES NEPTUNE FOR FLYING SEMI-TRAILER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

22nd September 1965

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100 Collins Street,  
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17th September, 1965.

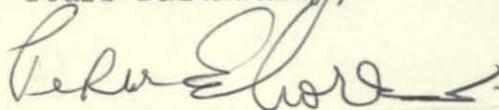
The Director of Air Force Intelligence,  
Rusell Offices,  
CANBERRA.....A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

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

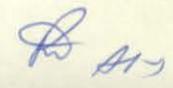
Are you able to confirm the sighting, and advise particulars of your evaluation?

Yours faithfully,

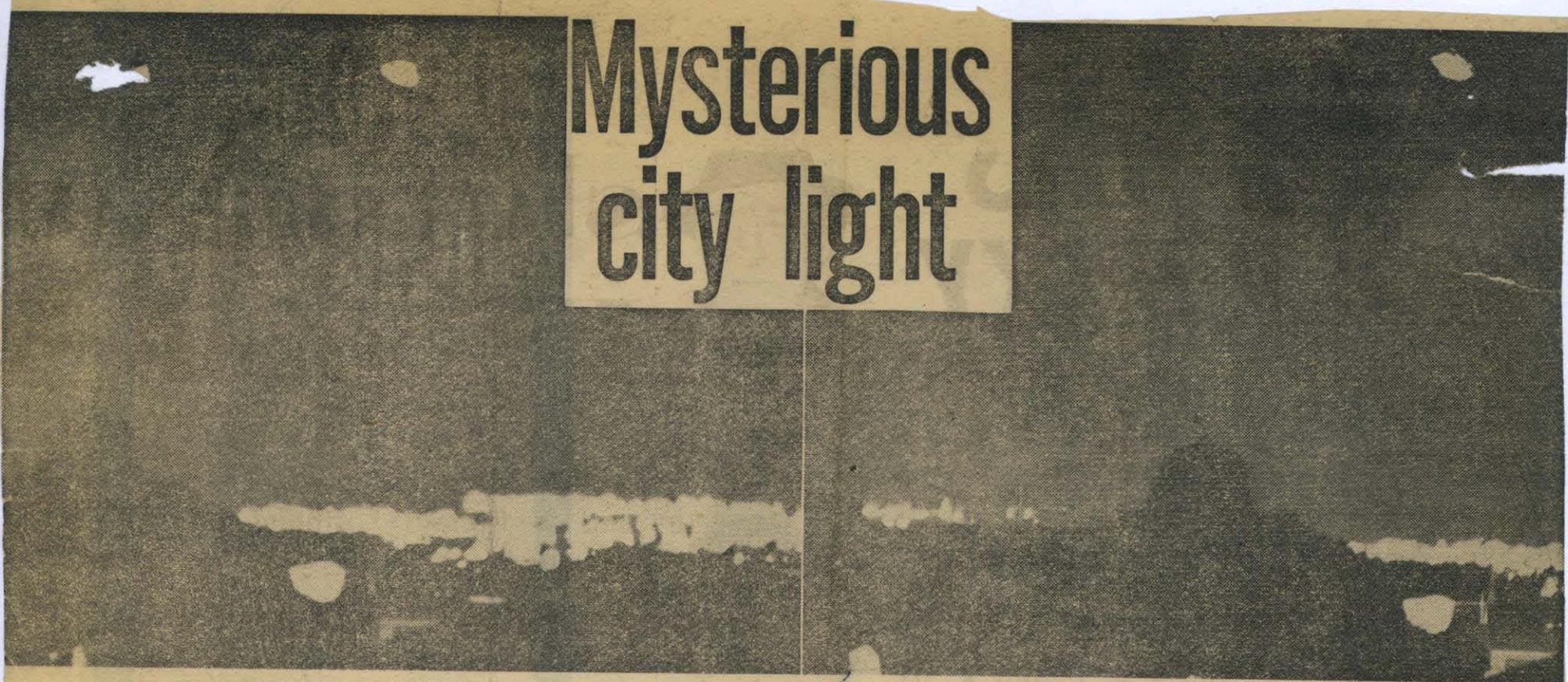


PETER E. NORRIS  
President.

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1. Please see Flagged folios.
  2. Checked with Mr. Brett in respect to folio 79. But he assures me that the parcel you forwarded for analysis was only a normal sample of Gum leaves with no abnormal characteristics.
- 21 Sept 65 

# Mysterious city light



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ● 'DARK SHAPE'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Burke's son, Kimbal, 12, said: "I was sitting looking out of the

# "Din like thunder"

window when I saw the light in the sky.

"I watched it for three minutes altogether.

## ● 'LOW, SLOW'

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

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

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

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

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



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IN REPLY QUOTE.....

14th September, 1965.

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

14 SEP 1965

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UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

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

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

( D.S. GRAHAM )

for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

Att.





D. C. F.  
Perth

ENC. 67  
RCD. 30 AUG 1965  
FILE 63/1966  
C/O BASIL A. LINDROTH  
of CLANCY MOTORS,  
EOMALLING.

Dear Sir,

Earlier tonight while attempting to sight the  
"Gemini's" space craft a strange object was sighted  
by myself on the approx course as shown on the  
enclosed map; time 6-52 - 6-53 PM 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 65.

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

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

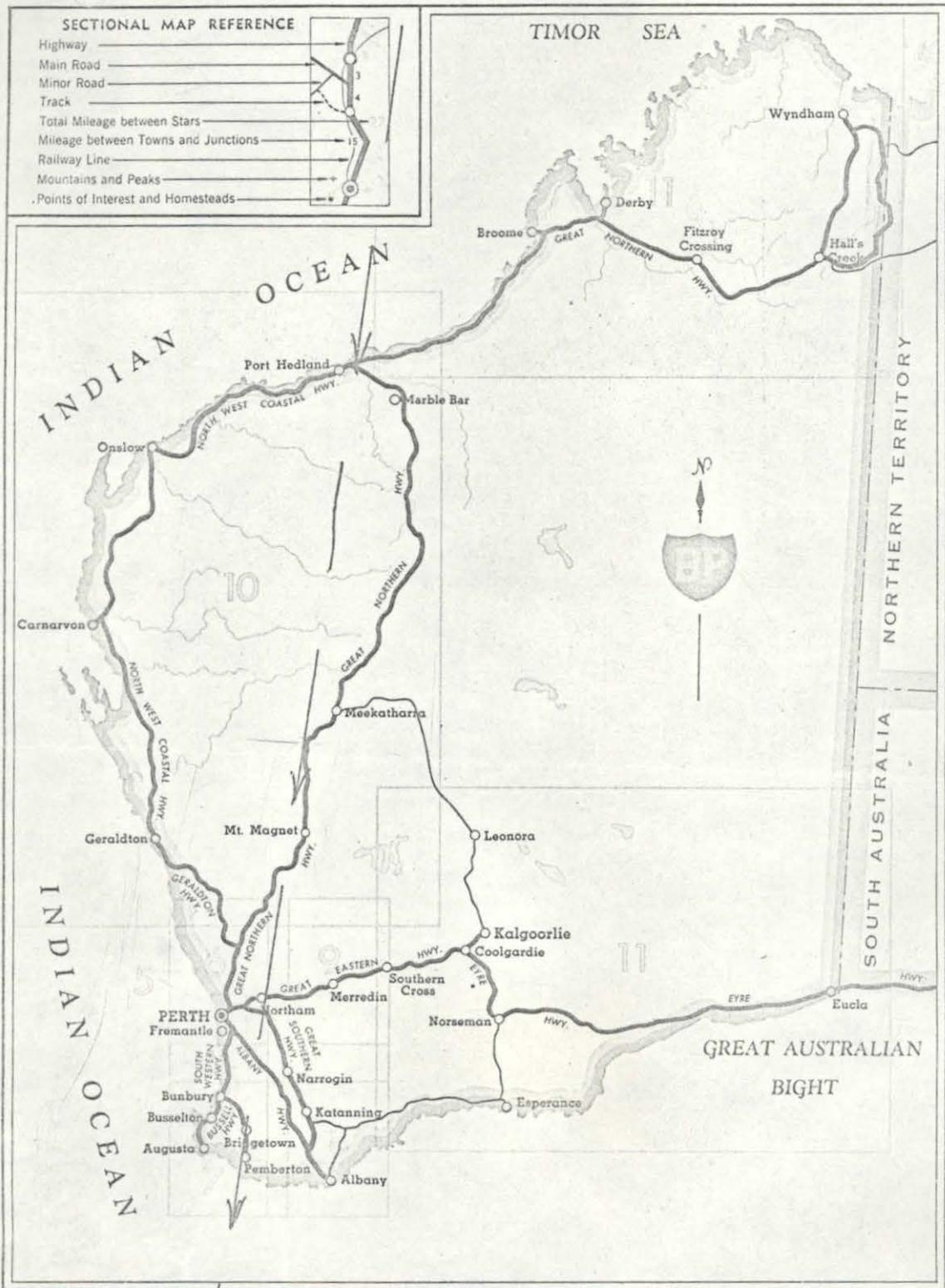
Yours Truly  
Basil A Lindroth

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## KEY TO SECTIONAL MAPS

### SECTIONAL MAP REFERENCE

- Highway
- Main Road
- Minor Road
- Track
- Total Mileage between Stars
- Mileage between Towns and Junctions
- Railway Line
- Mountains and Peaks
- Points of Interest and Homesteads



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

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UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

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

(F.D. Gillies)  
for Secretary.

Encl

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

Copy for your information.

*Gillies*  
(F.D. Gillies)  
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Department of Territories

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In Reply  
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No. C.5A

Port Moresby,

9th September, 1965.

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

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTING

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

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

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

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

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(D.M. CLELAND)  
Administrator

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COMMISSIONER SAMARAI QUOTE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM ASSISTANT  
DISTRICT OFFICER BECKE AT SEHULEA PATROL POST  
FURGESON ISLAND STOP FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED 1902 HOURS YESTERDAY  
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FURTHER CONFIRM STOP WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW UNQUOTE. PLEASE  
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# THE THING

Strange story  
of the goings-on  
above an English town

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

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

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

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

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

## Weird

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

But the story really began months ago . . .

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

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

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

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

## Pace

Among the dozens of

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Soared

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

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

guests or callers in search of The Thing or new knowledge.

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

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

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

Most of the others feel this "absolute rot."

## Truth

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

And they want to know the truth about it.

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

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

It's an effort to admit that, too.

## Last (expert) words

ARTHUR SMITH, the Daily Mirror Science Reporter, writes: "It is one of the best photographs of a saucer ever taken, but the lack of any knowledge of the size or distance reduces its scientific value to nil. Many pictures like it have appeared in the United States — most of them faked."

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

## The man who took it

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

guests or callers in search of The Thing or new knowledge.

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

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

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

Most of the others feel this "absolute rot."

### Truth

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

And they want to know the truth about it.

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

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

It's an effort to admit that, too.

### Last (expert) words

ARTHUR SMITH, the Daily Mirror Science Reporter, writes: "It is one of the best photographs of a saucer ever taken, but the lack of any knowledge of the size or distance reduces its scientific value to nil. Many pictures like it have appeared in the United States — most of them faked.

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



THIS is the pic



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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

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

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... **R. GROVES**
2. Address of Observer ..... **24 Claremont Street, Launceston.**
3. Occupation of Observer .....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... **26 0845 Z**
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... **15 minutes**
6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
**From residence at Claremont Street, Launceston.**  
.....  
.....  
.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
**one NW direction - travelling to SE - 2nd object travelling in opposite direction**  
.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
**Light**  
.....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
**moving stars**  
.....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
**two moving in opposite direction**  
.....
11. What was the colour of the light or object **star coloured**
12. What was its apparent shape ..... **round - size golf balls**
13. Was any detail of structure observable .....  
**NO**
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... **NO**
15. Was there any sound ..... **NO**
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... **overhead - over LT**
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... **Slow speed**
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
**NIL**  
.....

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
 approx. line NW/SE over centre LAUNCESTON  
 .....
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
 straight path  
 .....
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen No  
 .....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
 disappeared behind a cloud  
 .....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
 NIL  
 .....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
 Broken cloud 2500' with lower patches 1200'  
 .....
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
 NIL  
 .....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
 LAUNCESTON AIRPORT  
 .....
- 27. Any additional information Probable explanation: sighting was stars  
 given appearance of movement by low wind blowing over Launceston and  
 Airport - Launceston Tower Controller was unable to obtain sighting of  
 any objects.  
 .....

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

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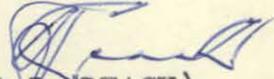
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

2. No action has been taken at this Headquarters.

Encls (2)

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

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Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
DARWIN NT

5/4/Air (28)

26th August 1965

Headquarters Operational Command  
RAAF  
FENRITH LW NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

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

" RADIO IRONYAMPT VJKW DARWIN RADIO NT 51 25000Z

RAAF DARWIN NT

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

P. READ SECOND OFFICER"

*A.K. Carruthers*

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

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1. Name of Observer Roland Aubrey ROBERTS.....
2. Address of Observer Dania Station via Neba.....
3. Occupation of Observer Grazier.....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
24th June, 1965. 1845 Hrs.....
5. Period of observation (s) 30 seconds.....
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
W.A.C. No. 3234. Clermont area. Position 148°16. East. 22°7. South.  
Visual.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon etc.  
Coming towards observer from towards S.W. approximately.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
Just looking at the sky to see if any clouds were building up that may contain rain when I noticed the lights
9. Did object appear, as a light or as a definite object.  
As a definite object with lights around the side of it brilliant bluish white
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
One object sighted.....
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Silver dome top and black under neath. This would be caused by the brilliant lights.
12. What was its apparent shape Saucer shaped with a dome.....
13. Was any detail of structure observable Yes dome top and rows of lights along the side and across the front.....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious It had a constant red jet tail or slip stream at the rear the colour did not vary.
15. Was there any sound Could hear no sound.....
- \* 16. Height, or angle of elevation About 500 feet.....
- \* 17. Speed, or angular velocity No idea of speed but travelling at terrific speed.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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

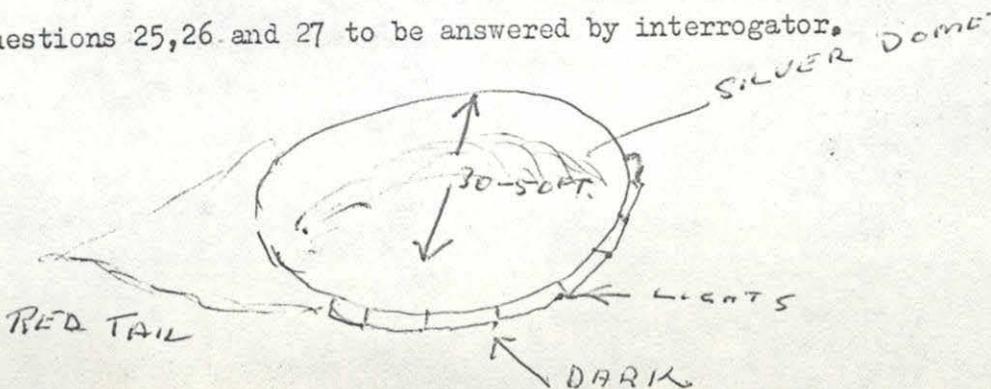
Report on aerial object observed (Contd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
.....From Approx. S.W. Direction turned about 1/4 mile from where I was standing at the homestead gate the went
- 20. Did the object ~~Remain~~ on straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
.....Turned onto another heading N.E. when near Daunia Station.
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Yes..Red.tail.....
- 22. Where did object disappear e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
.....Over horizon.....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
.....None.....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)....Dry.....  
.....Clear weather.....
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
.....None.....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area .....  
.....Mackay.....
- 27. Any additional information ....The object sighted would have been between 30 to 50 feet across. With bluish white light seperated by black patches. Uprights could see no legs or landing gear under the object.  
.....The observer is a sober and reliable person.....

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

Signature R. A. Roberts.  
*R. A. Roberts*

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





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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

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

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

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

Encl ✓



REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... **Mrs. Bloomfield** .....
- 2. Address of Observer ..... **Kimberly Tasmania (tel Kimberly, 35)** .....
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... **Housewife (Farming family)** .....
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... **032315k July 1965** .....
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... **15 minutes approx.** .....
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... **Visual Observyation point was at farm house situated 2 miles east** .....
- ..... **from hill where object was seen. This hill is known as "billgoathill"** .....
- ..... **although this is thought to be a local name only.** .....
- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... **above and behind hill** .....
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... **bright lights** .....
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... **Actual object not seen only lights coming from it.** .....
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... **one only** .....
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... **yellow/white** .....
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... **Unknown** .....
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... **No** .....
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... **No** .....
- 15. Was there any sound .. **Yes. Observer stated that object was emitting an engine sound, like a loud humming.**
- 16.++ Height, or angle of elevation ..... **Unknown** .....
- 17.++ Speed, or angular velocity ..... **Slow descent, then stationery, then slow ascent**
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... **Nil** .....

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
..... south (observer was uncertain about this) .....
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
..... descended, was stationery, then ascended .....
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ... No .....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
..... behind hill .....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
..... observer did not proceed to location of sighting, however.....  
..... country is reported to be very rough .....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
..... raining and low cloud .....
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
..... Nil .....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
..... Nil .....
- 27. Any additional information Observer was quite adamant that object was...  
..... airborne and stated she thought it was an aeroplane in distress  
..... or helicopter hovering looking for a suitable landing place..  
..... The lights mentioned appeared to be slanting down similar to  
..... landing lights of an aircraft... The lights were so bright that  
..... they clearly illuminated a herd of cattle in a nearby paddock.  
.....

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

*un-signed*

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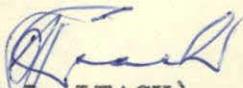
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are copies of statements made by two members of No 16 ALA Squadron on an unidentified flying object sighting.
2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

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

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AIR HAZARD

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

GENERAL

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

DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

- (a) Airborne
- (b) Flying on a similar heading to our own - 273°M - (as there was no noticeable lateral or vertical displacement of the light throughout the observed period)
- (c) Travelling at a faster speed than our own aircraft (TAS approx 105 kts)

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

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

CONCLUSION

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

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

STATEMENT BY : 19993 2Lt V. T. SALMON

OF : Unidentified object

AT : Approx. 10 miles North of DALBY

ON : 220918Z - 220928Z

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

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

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

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

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

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



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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

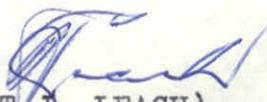
(a) From Mr J. Clayden of 16 Hunter Street, LEWISHAM who is Private Secretary to the Minister for Transport NSW:-

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

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

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

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

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

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

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REPORT ON UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

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

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

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

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FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
AIR REGISTRY  
CANBERRA

RE: VICTORIA-LESTERIA HAZARD

Both reports mentioned above were received

from [unclear] with [unclear]

The following occurred on the same day as that reported  
serial number [unclear] attached for information is a report of an

INFORMANT [unclear]  
[unclear] of [unclear]

(S) [unclear]

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE



REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. M.L. TAYLOR .....
2. Address of Observer ..... LONGFORD "MOSSBRY" .....
3. Occupation of Observer .....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 29.2205 - 2210 local .....
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 8-10 seconds .....
6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... 10 miles from Longford on Patina Road... Observer...  
travelling in southerly direction .....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... object at right angle N.W. direction .....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... Vivid light blue .....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... circular light with flash .....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... one object .....
11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... blue .....
12. What was its apparent shape ..... circular surrounding flash .....
13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... as for 12 .....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No. appeared stationary .....
15. Was there any sound ..... No .....
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... 201000' 30-40° above horizon .....
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... No info .....
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... NIL .....

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
.....Stationary to observer.....
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
.....observer moving in car. - object appeared stationary in relation to car.
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Light only.....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
.....Disappeared while observer slowing down.....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
.....NIL.....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
.....Fine.....
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
.....NIL.....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
.....LT AIRPORT.....
- 27. Any additional information Observer trainee pilot with Tas. Aero. Club. - stated light more vivid and bluer than lightning flash.  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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

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C O P Y.

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IN REPLY Encl. 12A  
QUOTE 128.1.21 RCD 22nd July 1965  
FILE: 99/64/8

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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

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

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

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

(Sgd.)  
( L. MacLean )  
Secretary.

C O P Y.

Confidential

Patrol Post,  
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED.

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

We watched the U.F.O. and it appeared to be wavering back and forth and moving up and down slightly. The appearance was one of a hovering light. We watched it for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  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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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(85)

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

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DAFI

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached, for information, is a report by Mr G.J. Evans of Frankston Victoria concerning an un-identified flying object on 3rd August 1965.
2. Mr Evans telephoned this Headquarters on the morning of the sighting and was requested to submit the questionnaire paper in the interests of the Air Force.

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

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FOR THE CHIEF OF THE  
DEFENCE COMMITTEE  
(AIR REGISTRY)

*[Handwritten signature]*

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information contained in the  
enclosure is true and correct and that it is being furnished to you  
in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Act 1953.

Yours faithfully,  
[Signature]

SECRETARY OF DEFENCE

FOR THE CHIEF OF THE  
DEFENCE COMMITTEE  
(AIR REGISTRY)



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SECRETARY OF DEFENCE



REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1 Name of Observer GRAHAM JOHN RYANS.
- 2 Address of Observer 44 SUMMIT ROAD, FRANKSTON
- 3 Occupation of Observer SUPERVISOR - GAS & FUEL CORP.
- 4 Date and Time of Observation 3-8-65- 6-10 AM  
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)
- 5 Period of Observation(s) APPROX 2-3 MINUTES.
- 6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)  
I WAS STANDING AT CORNER OF YUILLE AND WILLIAM STS FRANKSTON.
- 7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)  
ALMOST OVERHEAD - IF ANYTHING IT WOULD BE SOUTH OF OVERHEAD.
- 8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention (eg - Light or noise)  
I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT I THOUGHT WERE 2 STARS WHEN I STARTED TO DRAW AWAY
- 9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object  
LIGHT
- 10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation  
ONE FIRST AND ANOTHER LATER ON A DIFFERENT PROJECTORY.
- 11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object SAME AS A STAR.
- 12 What was its Apparent Shape UNKNOWN
- 13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No.
- 14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO
- 15 Was There any Sound NO.
- \* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation \* } SEE EXPLANATION
- \* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity \* } AT REAR OF SIGNED COPY.

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

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

NIL

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

SOUTH TO NORTH

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

IT WENT ON THE SAME PROJECTORY BUT STOPPED A FEW TIMES

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

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

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

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

NIL

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

GOOD.

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

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

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

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

27 Any Additional Information

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

Signature of Observer C. Hoover

Signature of Interrogator

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

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

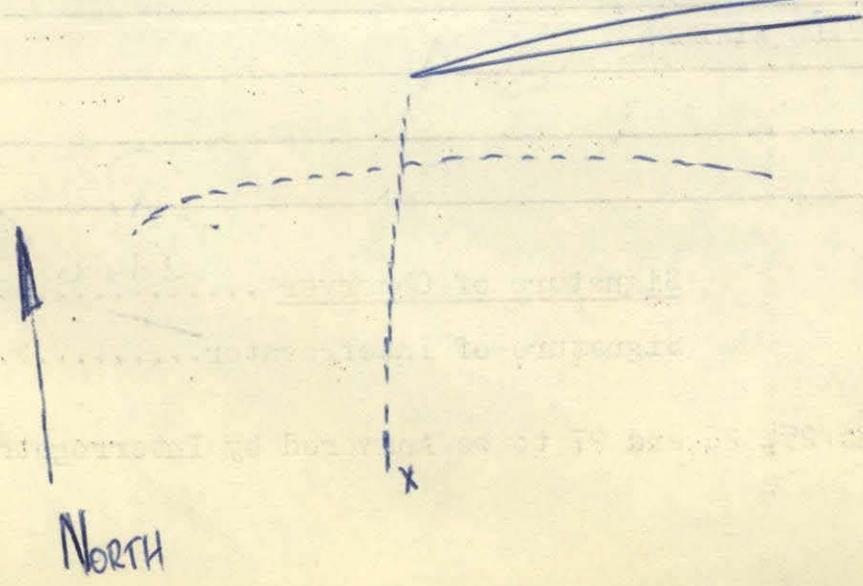
I RAN IN TO GET TOM (SURNAME UNKNOWN) AND HE JOINED ME TO WITNESS WHAT HAPPENED FROM THIS POINT.

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

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

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

G. Wilson





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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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ELIZABETH STREET,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

"HENTY HOUSE,"

499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

3 AUG 1965

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IN REPLY QUOTE 6/565/478

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3 AUG 1965  
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

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Unidentified Flying Objects.

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

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

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

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

*W.J. Molloy*  
(W.J. Molloy)

for Director General of Civil Aviation.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

5th August, 1965

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

  
Secretary.

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Port Moresby.

28th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

*D. M. Cleveland*  
(D.M. CLEVELAND)  
Administrator

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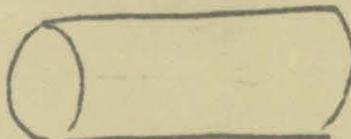
Nivani Plantation,  
Deboyne Plantation,  
24th. July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

Dear Sir:

Un-identified Flying Object

On the morning of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 1/2 mile. All the time it gave off a noise like a diesel vessel.

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

I did not report this immediately as I was afraid of being ridiculed but several days later I visited Buaruada and three or four Europeans there reported having seen the same object on Saturday night the 20th. 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.) Wency Miller.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

MEMORANDUM for:

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

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

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REPORT OF UFO IN SAMARAI AND MILNE BAY AREAS

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

*Markan*  
Secretary.

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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.

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*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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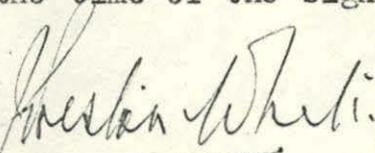
12th July, 1965.

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The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
PORT MORESBY.

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

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



(J. Preston White)  
District Commissioner.

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

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District Office,  
Samarai,  
Milne Bay District

12th July 1965

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District

LIGHT IN THE NIGHT SKY

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

STAR/PLANET?

The light was sighted at 1856 local time and remained visible 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 visible then or later, and the clear white quality of its light, and its position in relation to land, rule out bush fires as an explanation.

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

TELEPHONE: 32 0261

TELEGRAMS:

"DEP." MELBOURNE.

POSTAL ADDRESS: BOX 2288U,  
G.P.O., MELBOURNE.



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Quote: Y111/12/1 Pt. 4.

339 SWANSTON STREET.  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

3rd August, 1965.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

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

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

  
CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
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PENRITH 1W NSW

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

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

29 JUL 1965

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O/PATV 005*

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from Headquarters DARWIN of an unusual sighting by a Mr F. Muir of MURELLA PARK.
2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

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

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DARWIN NT

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22nd July 1965

Headquarters Operational Command  
RAAF  
PENRITH IW NSW

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Mr Frank Muir of Murella Park reported, via DARWIN Radio, to this Base of the sighting of an unusual object on the 15th July 1965.
2. He stated that he had observed a brilliant white light in the sky at moonrise for a period of 5 to 8 minutes. The light appeared to be South to South South West of Mt Cahill (12.50S 132.43E). Distance and height were not stated.
3. The report also added that this was the third sighting over a period of time dating from approximately the beginning of the last wet season (November 1964).

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

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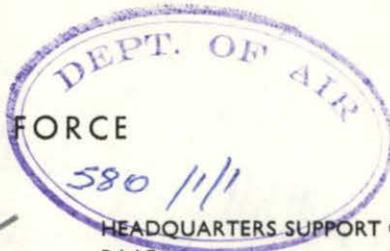


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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

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HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

23 JUL 1965

~~Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT~~

DAFI.

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached for information is a copy of a report by Master D. Webster of Hobart of an unusual aerial object on 29th June 1965.
2. The report was received from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.

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

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FOR THE AIR REGISTRY  
CANBERRA  
(AIR REGISTRY)

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... DAVID WEBSTER (11 years of age)
2. Address of Observer ..... 219 Derwent Avenue, Lindisfarne, Hobart.
3. Occupation of Observer ..... Schoolboy (on paper run)
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 290640
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 10 secs.
6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
Visual observation from Main Road, Lindisfarne. Approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile  
.....  
from Tasman Bridge.  
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.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
Coming from behind Mt. Wellington (4165 feet)  
.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
Slight clicking noise  
.....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
Light  
.....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
One only.  
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11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... Blue to green with occasional red at rear.
12. What was its apparent shape ..... Like the blade of a knife but sharp at both ends.  
.....
13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... Nil.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... Red colour at rear like jet motor.
15. Was there any sound ..... Slight clicking noise when overhead.
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... Took approximately 5 secs. to traverse sky from Mt. Wellington to hills (500'/1000') behind Lindisfarne.
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity .....  
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18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
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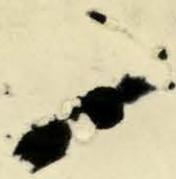
Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
SW/NE then NE/SW  
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- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
Straight path  
.....
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen <sup>Red light seen at rear.</sup>  
.....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Behind Mt. Wellington.  
.....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
Nil  
.....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Calm clear cold cloudless (air temp. approx. 35°F)  
.....
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
Nil  
.....  
.....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Hobart Bureau (4 mls SSW) airport office (7 mls ENE)  
.....
- 27. Any additional information <sup>(Sunrise 07.41. First Light 07.09 (Airport))</sup>.  
Phenomenon traversed from Mt. Wellington to hills behind Lindisfarne  
.....  
disappeared then reappeared slightly further north to traverse sky  
.....  
and disappear behind Mt. Wellington.  
.....

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

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

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*W. Brown SK*  
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21 JUL 1965

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

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

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

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

*W. Brown*  
Secretary.

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Patrol Post,  
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
ESA'ALA.UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

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

We watched the U..F.O. and it appeared to be wavering back and forth and moving up and down slightly. The appearance was one of a hovering light. We watched it for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  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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AIRPORT 15 JUL PD THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS CONCLUDED THAT OBJECT  
WAS PLANET VENUS PD NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

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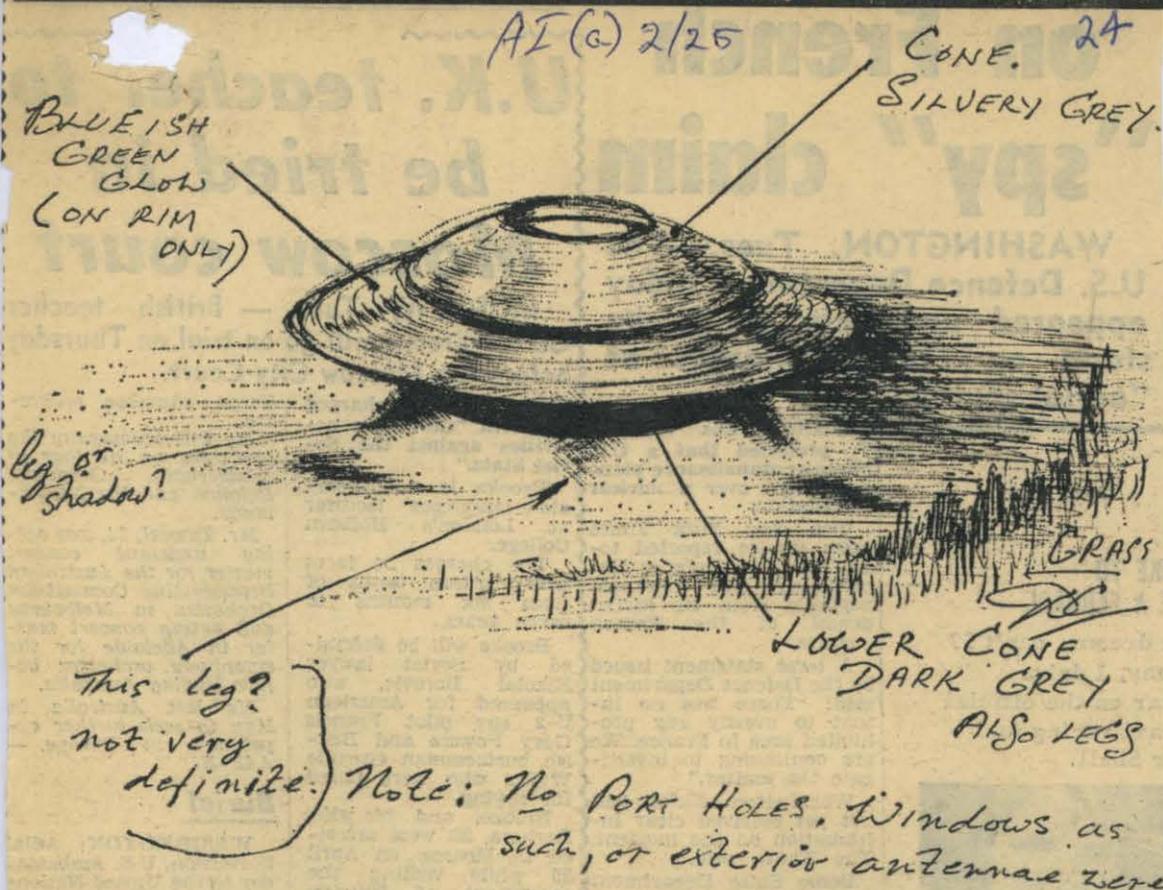
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# THE THING ON THE BEACH



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

## GLOWING IMPRESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Rapid flight

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

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

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

"I looked around hoping to see someone else who saw what I saw, but

my only company was about a dozen or so dogs," Mr. Crowe said.

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

"After it took off, they were strangely silent."



Mr. Denis Crowe

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

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

The sketch is reproduced above.

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

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

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

"But I could not keep silent.

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

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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

15 JUL 1965

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/1/Air(61)

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Attached is a report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr Neilson at 1930 hours on 5th July 1965, in the vicinity of ELLIOT.
2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

Encl (1)

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

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Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
DARWIN NT

5/4/Air(24)

9th July 1965

Headquarters Operational Command  
RAAF  
PENRITH IW NSW

REPORT OF SIGHTING

1. The following information was received from a Mr Neilson whose address is C/- Surf Life Saving Association, Box 1565 GPO BRISBANE QLD.
2. When travelling by car from MT ISA to DARWIN, in the vicinity of ELLIOT, on Monday 5th July 1965 he saw an object in the sky at 1930 hours. Mr Neilson described the object as a bright white light in the sky which was visible until he lost it in clouds at approximately 1958 hours. He further stated that a small red light was on top of the bright light and that the light did not appear to be moving. He was travelling North and away from the object. The light appeared to be beamed down at an angle of 45° and appeared to be at a height of 400 feet although he could not really assess. There was no noise associated with the object.
3. Mr Neilson says that he could best describe what he saw as:-
  - (a) A plane coming in to land.
  - (b) A building with lights on but no lights between object and ground level.
  - (c) A single intense car light.
4. Mr Neilson further stated that on discussing this sighting with the people in DARWIN, he was told that the daughter of a local DARWIN Taxi driver had also sighted a similar object in the ELLIOT location. The sighting was reported to Inspector Porter of the NT Police Force.
5. No RAAF or known civil aircraft movements took place in the area during the period.

*A.K. Caruthers*

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

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Department of Air  
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CANBERRA ACT

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT.

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

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

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Ring W/C Cannon  
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... MR. C.A. WALLACE
2. Address of Observer ..... 418 WEST TAMAR ROAD, LAUNCESTON
3. Occupation of Observer ..... DAIRY OFFICER, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 29th JUNE 1965 0645
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... APPROX. 5 SECONDS
6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... EYE OBSERVATION ONLY. POSITION ON PATEENA ROAD - MAP REFERENCE  
..... TAS SURVEY 1: 250,000 E501 N883 - (3 MILES FROM BRIDGE OVER SOUTH  
..... ESK RIVER ON LAUNCESTON SIDE)
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... OVERHEAD SLIGHTLY TO SOUTH
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... LIGHT OF OBJECT
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... AS A LIGHT
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... ONLY ONE OBJECT
11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... SAME COLOUR OF STAR BUT BRIGHTER
12. What was its apparent shape ..... STAR SHAPE BUT WITH SMALL TAIL (NOT A COMET)
13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... NO
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... NO
15. Was there any sound ..... NO
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... APPROX. 5 DEGREES OFF VERTICAL
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... UNKNOWN
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... WAS AN AIR GUNNER IN RAAF WORLD WAR II

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
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          TRAVELLING EAST TO WEST  
.....
20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
.....  
          STRAIGHT PATH  
.....
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..SLIGHT LIGHT TRAIL.....
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
.....  
          BEFORE REACHING HORIZON - POSSIBLY BEHIND CLOUD  
.....
23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
.....  
          NIL  
.....
24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
.....  
          BROKEN CLOUD BASE UNKNWON - VIS GOOD  
.....
25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
.....  
          NO AIR TRAFFIC AT TIME  
.....  
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26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
.....  
          LAUNCESTON AIRPORT  
.....
27. Any additional information ..MET OFFICE LAUNCESTON AIRPORT.....  
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          ESTIMATE CLOUD BASE IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING WAS  $\frac{3}{8}$  SC 2500'.  
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- Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE  
14 JUL 1965  
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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

SGT Leane file

12 JUL 1965

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report of three sightings of unidentified objects shortly after dark on 3rd June 1965, in the Bowen/Proserpine area.
2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

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*[Signature]*  
(T. J. LEACH)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

3rd JUNE 1965

AS PER PRO-FORMA

1.       (a) Detective Constable 1st Class J. MESKELL  
          Townsville Police Station.  
  
          (b) Clarence Edward MESKELL  
              3 Allen Street  
              Speers Point  
              NEWCASTLE NSW  
  
          (c) Eric FINSCH  
              3 Camera Place  
              North Lampton  
              NEWCASTLE NSW
2.       As above.
3.       (a) Detective  
          (b) Not known (Father of J. MESKELL)  
          (c) Proprietor, NEWCASTLE AUTO ELECTRICS.
4.       3rd June 1965 - 1st observation 031900(K)  
                          2nd observation 031903(K)  
                          3rd observation 032000(K)
5.       At least a minute in each case.
6.       Natural observation.  
          Location of observers: Aboard a fishing boat position 20 09S 148 26E  
                                  for the two sightings at 1900(K) and 1903(K)  
                                  and position 20 03S 148 26E for the third  
                                  sighting at 2000(K).
7.       Object first observed descending vertically on a bearing (by guess)  
          from the boat 180°(m). One member stated in the direction of  
          PROSERPINE. This is approximately 170°(m).
8.       First noticed as a light, similar to a star but moving contrary and  
          much quicker to all the other stars.
9.       The object appeared as a white light similar to a star initially,  
          but grew larger in size as it descended until it was quite large and  
          bright (white) with a sort of halo around it. It stopped descending  
          at approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet. approximately the same height  
          as a B707 travelling north that the party saw at 032100(K). This  
          observation applies to the first two sightings at 1900 and 1903.  
          The object seen at 2000K carried out the same manoeuvre but was a  
          brilliant white light without the halo.
10.      One object only on each occasion.
11.      White on each occasion, the third being a lot brighter.
12.      As a spot of light growing larger as it descended.

13. No.

14. No.

15. No.

16. Approximately  $45^{\circ}$  to the horizontal on all sightings.

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

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

19. Approximately south-east for all three sightings.

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

21. No.

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

23. NIL.

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

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

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

26. TOWNSVILLE and MACKAY are approximately equidistant from BOWEN.

27.

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

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

*R. J. Roberts*

(R.J. ROBERTS)

Flight Lieutenant

Base Intelligence (Security) Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. S.22A

Port Moresby,

13th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

*D.M. Cleland*  
(D.M. CLELAND)  
Administrator *AB.*

Attch.

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16 JUN 1965

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS  
Your 21/1/387 - 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.

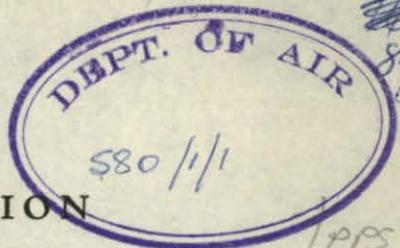
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"HENTY HOUSE"

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

*[Signature]*

27 MAY 1965

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

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

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

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

- 23.2.65 Orange Across South Metropolitan coastline.
- " " 9.22 p.m. W. to E. turning 90° to N.
- " " 9.45 p.m. " " " "
- " " Across North Metropolitan coastline.
- " " 9.30 p.m. W. to E. not turning.
- " " 10.02 p.m. W. to E. " "
- 30.3.65 " Across North Metropolitan coastline.
- " " 7.52 p.m. W. to E.
- " White 8.05 p.m. "
- " Orange Across Central Metropolitan coastline.
- " " 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).

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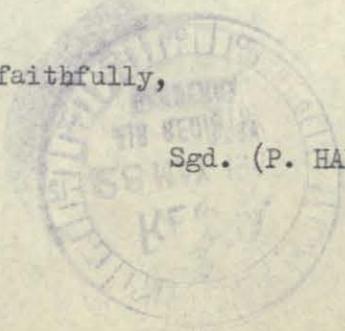
*N/F 1830/2230 LOCAL*

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). "





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

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



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



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

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

*Leonard*  
(K.J. Leonard)

For DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION



Att.



301 THE GARDEN BUILDING (MAY 1965)

THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. JAMES H. GARDNER, DECEASED, ARE NOW BEING CONDUCTED IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PERSONAL COPY OF THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS

BY MAIL

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DELIVERY OF CIVIL WARRANT

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE



10 Thwaites Road,  
Pakenham East,  
Victoria.

24.4.65

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

Dear Sir,

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) S.M. Doig.



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REPORTS ON UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

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

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

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

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Sighted at Lakes Entrance.

Date: 19th March 1965

Time: 9.10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Noise: No noise from the object could be heard.

Apparent Height: More than 7,000 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

Weather Clear Sky  
Conditions No Wind

(signed)

H. MCANTER  
167 GREY ST  
TRARALGON VIC

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer Mr. W.C. BLINKHORN
  2. Address of Observer 66 Swallow Court, Norlane, Geelong, Victoria.
  3. Occupation of Observer Pupil of Norlane High School
  4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
45 minutes Eastern Standard Time (24th March)
  5. Period of Observation(s) Approx. 4 minutes
  6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
Riding along on my bike up Sparkes Road in direction of Melbourne Road saw two objects in sky when I looked in direction of Even's Res. Objects stationary to the South. ~~Hurried and got telescope and stood on woodshed in back garden.~~ Observed with telescope about  $\frac{1}{2}$  min.
  7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
High in the sky and to the south
  8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
Unusual shape reflecting the light off the sun
  9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
Definite objects.
  10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
Two objects one slightly higher than the other
  11. What was the colour of the light or object Silvery colour.
  12. What was its apparent shape Both objects appeared a dish like shape with a dome in the centre.
  13. Was any detail of structure observable NO.
  14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO
  15. Was there any sound NO
  - 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation Approx.  $45^{\circ}$  from eye level.
  - 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity Moved away together in South Westerly direction fast.
  18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
Often observe aircraft.
- \*\* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
... In general direction of Bellpark away from me......
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
... Straight path.....
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ... NO.....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
... Over the horizon.....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
None  
.....
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
... Clear, Sunny......
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
... Saw none......  
.....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Don't know  
.....
- 27. Any additional information Rang Avalon Airfield......  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0650

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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

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

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer Ian David Scott.

2 Address of Observer state School 3011  
WELSHPOOL VIC.

3 Occupation of Observer SCHOOL TEACHER.

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

5 Period of Observation(s) 10 minutes

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

On 5th. Gippsland Highway just west of town.

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

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

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

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

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

12 What was its Apparent Shape Spherical.

13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No.

14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No.

15 Was There any Sound No.

\* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation Moved from the zenith 30° ENE in 3 mins  
paused for 1-2 minutes moved from

\* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity there 10° NNW, paused about 3 mins.  
then moved ENE again rising about  
30° above the horizon, & then blacked out after  
about 3 minutes  
in about 1 minute.../2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes. See what I wrote under 17/18.

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

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

Mid-air 50° above horizon

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

My wife was standing with me at the time.

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

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

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

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

27 Any Additional Information

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

Signature of Observer *David Scott* .....

Signature of Interrogator .....

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... **R.R. Treaseley and (Bernard Hay)**
- 2. Address of Observer ..... **Brayside Blackwall West Tamar - Tasmania**
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... **Orchard Workers.**
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... **19/2105**
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... **2105/2106**
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... **Visual observation only.**
- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... **Over horizon**
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... **Orange light.**
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... **Light**
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... **One only**
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... **Orange**
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... **Circular**
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... **No**
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... **No**
- 15. Was there any sound ..... **Unable to ascertain**
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... **None apparent - Road traffic in vicinity**
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... **Unable to ascertain. (Moving quickly).**
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... **Not experienced.**

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

..... **N.W. to S.E.** .....

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

..... **Straight path.** .....

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

**Fluctuating trail.**

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

..... **Over horizon** .....

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

..... **No** .....

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

..... **Clear Sky** .....

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

..... **1 Viscount departed Launceston for Melbourne track 325° at 2105** .....

**(Local).**

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

..... **Launceston Airport** .....

27. Any additional information .....

**At Launceston Airport 2100 L weather 1/8**

..... **Cloud 5000 weather hazy. Vis. 15 miles - no balloon flights being** .....

**carried out at this time.**

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... R.W. SMITH
- 2. Address of Observer ..... 28 Howson St., Armadale.
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... Cameraman - ABV.2.
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 21st March, 1965 - 1955 - 2012
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 20 minutes
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... Field glasses/vision  
..... photographs to be developed
- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... N.E. of Malvern station
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... Unusual light reflections
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... Object with 3 lights or tails coming from it - definite tail
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... One
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object .....
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... Sphere with red dome on top - bigger than light.
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... No (reflected light)
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No
- 15. Was there any sound ..... No
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... 35° above horizontal to 48°
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... Appear to approach and turn 90° to south
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... Student pilot (51 yrs - Mil. intelligence - war)

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
Appears to be trying to manoeuvre - same spot roughly estimated at Woods Point
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Yes
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Several times in cloud - last time at 2035E. (Phoned again 2115 to advise  
did not reappear).
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
Photographs to be developed.
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Broken cloud (1/8 4000 - latest obs)
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
Not in vicinity reported - unlikely from description to be an  
aircraft on RPT work
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Laverton Balloon? (Not a Melbourne Airport balloon)
- 27. Any additional information Additional observer also Margaret Hotchkiss  
Nil sightings from Melbourne Airport  
Observer sounded reasonable.

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

2017 Manoeuvring in one vicinity

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

2023 Red light on top.

2035 Position varies in relation to stars.

W.J. Barclay  
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ATC 5  
Melbourne Airport



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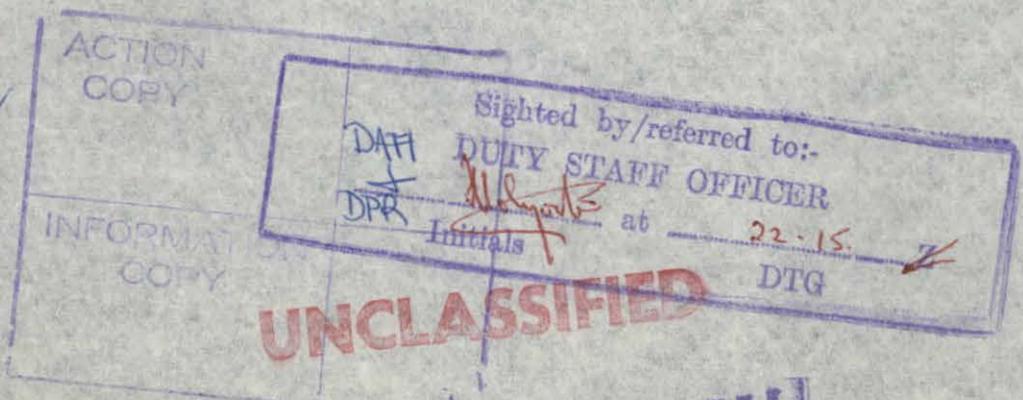
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FLYING OBJECTS PD FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF UFO SIGHTINGS IN SYDNEY AREA BETWEEN 050927Z AND 050945Z REPORTED BY NUMEROUS PRIVATE PERSONS PRESS AND MILITARY SOURCES ALPHA FOUR TO NINE ORANGE COLOURED OBJECTS AT 50000 FEET PLUS TRAVELLING NW TO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

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

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

*[Signature]*  
(R. N. DALKIN)  
Group Captain  
For Air Officer Commanding

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serial object number on 14th January 1965.  
by Mr. H. Moore of BRAYBILLIN Gannett's concerning an unusual

Forwarded for information in a report submitted

REPORT OF DRUMHEAD VILLAGE STATIONS

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... **NOEL MOORE**
  2. Address of Observer ..... **45 BAIN TERRACE, TREVALLYN**
  3. Occupation of Observer ..... **JOURNALIST (PHONE: 22291)**
  4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
**17/1/65 0230 E.S.T.**
  5. Period of Observation(s) ..... **30 MINS.**
  6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
**ON TREVALLYN HEIGHTS. OBJECT APPROX. EAST.**  
**ELEVATION APPROX. 60 DEGREES. BINOCULARS USED.**
  7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
**FIRST NOTICED ABOVE HORIZON**
  8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
**LIGHT APPEARED SPARKING**
  9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
**LIGHT APPEARED TO HAVE TAIL - SEE ITEM 12.**
  10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
**ONE ONLY**
  11. What was the colour of the light or object **YELLOW - NORMAL LIGHT**
  12. What was its apparent shape **ELONGATED LIGHT WITH VARYING TAIL OF LIGHT (LIKE KITE)**
  13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... **NO**
  14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... **NO**
  15. Was there any sound ..... **NO**
  - 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... **60 DEG. APPROX.**
  - 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... **APPEARED MOVE ERRATICALLY ABOUT ONE POSITION I.E. TO AND FRO; UP AND DOWN**
  18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
**AIR CADETS**
- \*\* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
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**SEE ITEM 17**  
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20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
.....  
**SEE ITEM 17**  
.....
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen **LIGHT TRAIL**  
.....
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
.....  
**WAS STILL**  
.....
23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
.....  
**NO - ABOUT FOUR OTHER PEOPLE ALSO SAW LIGHT**  
.....
24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
.....  
**VERY CLEAR**  
.....
25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
.....  
**NIL AIR TRAFFIC**  
.....  
.....
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
**LT. AIRPORT ABOUT 7 MILES SOUTH OF THE OBSERVATION POINT.**  
.....
27. Any additional information **HB AND ML 3 A.M. PILOT INDICATED UPPER**  
**WINDS NNW 30-40 KNOTS UP TO 12000 STRONGER ABOVE.**  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

DAFI

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

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

Encl ✓

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... Mr. O'Donahue
- 2. Address of Observer ..... 13 Killara Rd., Mentone. Phone: 93-1408
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... Salesman
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 171025Z
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 20 seconds
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... From above address appeared above the rising moon.  
.....  
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- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... Above cloud formation on angle above.
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... Two red lights and line of what appeared to be cabin lights.
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... Definite object.
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... One
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... above
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... Not definite
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... No
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No
- 15. Was there any sound ..... No
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... Angle of elev. of <sup>moon</sup> room from location at 1025Z
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... Not moving.
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
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\*\* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
Stationary.  
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20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
No  
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21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... No .....
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Appeared to fade away  
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23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
No  
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24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Light broken cloud good vis. Smoke haze in area which turned moon red.  
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25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
RMH dep. ML 1025 on 0290 div. From description aircraft would have  
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appeared in observers field (if at a long dist). Broken cloud in  
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aircraft's flight path.
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
At Essendon (no balloon flights due fire risk)  
.....
27. Any additional information ..... Appeared as formation of lights, as  
described above, remained stationary for time then appeared to  
.....  
disintegrate and faded as coals with water on them (i.e. quickly).  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

G.L. Buegg  
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R M 150213Z

FM RNZAFHQ WELLINGTON  
TO RAYSD/RAAF DEPAIRCAN  
INFO RAYRO/RAAF HQOPCOM  
RAYDCR/JOZCAN

ROUTINE

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A0302 JAN 1565 ATTENTION DAFI PD HQOPCOM  
131415Z REFERS PD PARA ONE PD IN VIEW REF TO RADAR RESPONSES  
IN HQOPCOM SIGNAL PARA 5 SEARCH OF AREA BY MARITIME AIRCRAFT ON  
JAN 14 REVEALED NOTHING EXCEPT AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH  
DENSITY CLOUD RADAR CONTACTS PD UP TO 10 AT ONE TIME WERE  
OBTAINED AT RANGES UP TO 70 NMS PD PARA TWO PD D OF I RNZAF  
INTERVIEWED CAPT SHANNON AT WELLINGTON EVENING JAN 14 PD SHANNON  
ENLARGED ON REPORT BUT NOTHING SIGNIFICANT ADDED PD PARA THREE PD  
UNLESS YOU HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION WE PROPOSE TO LET MATTER DROP  
PD PRESS REPORT HAS RESULTED IN FLOOD OF UFO SIGHTINGS

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Normal

Public Reaction

Notes of Action

(1) DRG OR (MAR) DAFI

Stated this signal. No Action

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Monday 18/1/65

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13 JAN 1965  
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P R 131415Z

FM HQOPCOM

TO RAYSD/DEPAIR

RBYQAE/RNZAFHQ

INFO RAYDKA/NZJSLS

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AC THIS MESSAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED YOUR  
REPLY OR REFERENCE MUST BE AT  
A MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION OF  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AI700 ATTENTION DAFI RNZAF DCAS AND  
RNZAF STAFF LIAISON OFFICER PD FURTHER TO TELECON DDOPS RNZAF AND  
SOINTEL HQOPCOM CONCERNING SIGHTING OF UFOS BY QUANTAS CREW FLIGHT  
363 CAPTAIN SHANNON ON 13 JAN PD FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT POINTS  
OBTAINED FROM INTERVIEW CLN -

PARA ONE PD AIRCRAFT POSITION 41S 167E COURSE 275 M HEIGHT  
20000 FEET TIME 130845Z SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET PD

PARA TWO PD WEATHER CLN STRATA CLOUD TOPS 7000 FEET CMM CLEAR OTHERWISE  
CMM VIS 30 DASH 40 CMM NIL JET STREAMS CMM FRONT APPROX  
169EPD

PARA THREE PD OBJECTS CLN SINGLE VAPOUR TRAIL APPEARED TO NORTH

WEST TRAVELLING EAST AT APPROXIMATELY MACH ONE PLUS  
BECOMING SEVEN DISTINCT CONTRAILS APPARENTLY MADE BY  
LARGE AIRCRAFT IN LOOSE FORMATION PD ALTITUDE ANGLE FROM  
OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES PD HEIGHT ESTIMATES  
35 DASH 45000 FEET PD TRAIL DISSIPATED FROM REAR PD

PARA FOUR PD OBSERVERS CLN ALL CREW MEMBERS OBSERVED TRAILS FROM VARIOUS  
PARTS OF AIRCRAFT AND AGREE WITH LITTLE VARIATION TO  
ABOVE PD SOURCE CONSIDERED RELIABLE PD

PARA FIVE PD OTHER INFORMATION PD SECOND PILOT ALSO RECALLS THAT AT  
APPROXIMATELY LONGITUDE 166E THIS MORNING ON THE SYDNEY  
DASH WELLINGTON FLIGHT HE NOTICED WHAT HE CONSIDERED AS  
ELEVEN SHIPS IN GROUP ON HIS RADAR SCREEN PD

PARA SIX PD FOR DAFI CLN RNZAF ADVISE SURVEILLANCE RADARS AT WELLINGTON  
AND OHAKEA RECORDING NOTHING AT HEIGHT WITHIN 15-200 MLS  
EXCEPT 10 QUOTE ANGELS UNQUOTE SOUTH OF WELLINGTON SPEED  
APPROX 100 KTS PD NZ PRESS ARE AWARE THAT A SIGHTING  
HAS BEEN REPORTED AND RNZAF HAS SUGGESTED TO THEM THAT  
WEATHER PHENOMENON IS POSSIBLE EXPLANATION CMM AT THIS STAGE

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Note of Action

Copy passed to US  
Air Attache on 13 Jan  
for comment

*[Signature]*

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

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7 MAY 62

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

580/1/1(74)

4 JAN 1964

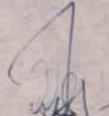
B. Brett Esq  
Department of Defence  
3rd Floor Admin Building  
CANBERRA ACT

Leaflets

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT  
5th December 1964

1. With reference to our telephone conversation 31st December I enclose herewith a package which was forwarded to this department from the Nebo Police Station for chemical analysis of the contents.
2. The original signal on this subject was from Townsville and read as follows:

"RESTRICTED A792 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT PD MACKAY TOWER ADVISED AT 042354Z BY NEBO POLICE THAT MR ROBERTS OF DAUNIA H S CMM 30NM SW NEBO CMM REPORTED SEEING IN SCRUB A STRIP ABOUT 600 YARDS WIDE AND 4 AND ONE HALF MILES LONG IN A STRAIGHT LINE AND VEERING INTO A CLEARING CMM WHICH HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO EXTREME HEAT PD NO BUSHFIRES IN AREA PD NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILBLE THIS TIME PD WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON RECEIPT OF POLICE REPORT PD THIS INFO WAS RELAYED TO TVL DCA WHO ADVISED THIS"

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

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31 DEC 1964

Headquarters Operational Command  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT  
5th December 1964

Receipt of your letter 5/15/7 Air(63) dated 24th December 1964 is acknowledged, and the enclosed package is receiving attention.

  
(N. G. S. MARSHALL)  
Wing Commander  
for Chief of the Air Staff

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

21/11/64  
2 MAY 82

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/7/Air (63)

24 DEC 1964

~~Secretary~~  
Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

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REC'D.  
29 DEC 1964  
C.A.S.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT  
HQTVL A792 5th December 1964

The enclosed letter and package have been submitted by Headquarters RAAF Base TOWNSVILLE following civil investigation of the incident under reference.

Encls(2)

*Dough*  
(F.K. CARRICK)  
Wing Commander  
For T/Air Officer Commanding

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11/29/64

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO: THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
FROM: THE AIR ATTACHE, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MK 8.1/20

Department of Civil Aviation  
Government Aerodrome  
MACKAY

11th December 1964

The Commanding Officer  
Royal Australian Air Force  
Garbutt  
TOWNSVILLE

SUBJECT : REPORT OF FOLIAGE SUBJECTED TO EXTREME  
HEAT DAUNIER STATION.

Please find the enclosed package received from  
Constable Rooke of the Nebo Police Station.

The package is forwarded for possible chemical analysis  
of the contents.

Sgd G.M. CHEESMAN  
Officer in Charge.

Note of Action

1. CONTACTED MR. BRETT (Dept of Defence). HE  
STATED THAT THE PARCEL WAS A SAMPLE OF  
Gum leaves with NO ABNORMAL CHARACTERISTICS

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7 MAY 82

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REF ID: A66666  
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT  
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE  
DATE 11/30/84 BY SP-6  
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7-DEC 1964  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION

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P 050300Z

FM HQTVL

TO RAYSD/DEPAIR

RAYR/COROPCOM

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07 DEC 1964  
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~~RESTRICTED~~ A792 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT PD MACKAY  
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DETAILS AVAILABLE THIS TIME PD WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON RECEIPT OF  
POLICE REPORT PD THIS INFO WAS RELAYED TO TVL DCA WHO ADVISED THIS

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awaiting further details.  
B. Brett.  
3rd Floor  
Admin Building  
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TELEPHONE :  
Melb 69-0550

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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Headquarters Support Command  
Victoria Barracks  
St Kilda Road  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

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20/11/64

24 NOV 1964

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

The attached reports which show details of unusual aerial objects sighted in Tasmania have been received from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne, and are forwarded for information.

*S.W. Dallywater*  
S.W. DALLYWATER  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

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EXTRACT ONLY

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1 Name of Observer D. Crosswell
- 2 Address of Observer Low Head Light House TASMANIA
- 3 Occupation of Observer Head Light Keeper
- 4 Date and Time of Observation 081930 E  
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)
- 5 Period of Observation(s) Few Secs.
- 6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)  
From LHD light - roughly over 5 Mile Bluff
- 7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)  
Over Horizon
- 8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention (eg - Light or noise)  
Light
- 9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object  
Light
- 10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation  
One
- 11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object ?
- 12 What was its Apparent Shape ?
- 13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No.
- 14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No
- 15 Was There any Sound No
- \* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 20/30' above horizon
- \* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity ?

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

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

Light House Keeper

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

NNE of LHD Light

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

Straight face.

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

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

Just above horizon - spread out appeared to explode.

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

Nil.

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

SK C calm

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

TVQ ML/HBT 40 S 0930

TVP ML/LT 40 S 0917

*} 2 times?*

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

LT

27 Any Additional Information Nil

Note: At 090015 local time Low Head Light House reported sighting a brief glow in the horizon North of Lighthouse. Glow lasted approximately 1 - 2 seconds no previous sign of falling light.

(Not signed by observer)

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1 Name of Observer Thomas D. Phillips
- 2 Address of Observer P.O. Pt Sorrell
- 3 Occupation of Observer Postmaster
- 4 Date and Time of Observation 081930 E  
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)
- 5 Period of Observation(s) 6 - 7 seconds
- 6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and describe any equipment used in the observation)  
Approx 600 yards E of Port Sorrell jetty (sighted North East)
- 7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)  
In front 45° from horizontal
- 8 What First Attracted Observer's Attention  
(eg - Light or noise)  
Light
- 9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object  
Object
- 10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation  
One
- 11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object Red/Orange
- 12 What was its Apparent Shape Long and Narrow
- 13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable No
- 14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious No
- 15 Was There any Sound No
- \* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 45° from horizontal
- \* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity Extremely fast

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

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

Army - seen shells etc

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

Toward Wilson's Promontory

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

Fell straight down

21 Was any Trail of Exhaust, Vapour or Light Seen Only light pencilled shaped

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

Disappearance approx 5 degrees above horizon just above Bakers Beach Hill.

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

No.

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

Fine SK c calm

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

TVQ ML/HBT 40 S 0939

TVP ML/LT " 0917

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

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27 Any Additional Information On reaching approx 5° above horizon apparently burst into a pear shape.

(Not signed by observer)

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

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13th July, 1965.

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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

*D.M. Cleland*  
(D.M. CLELAND)  
Administrator

Attch.

Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

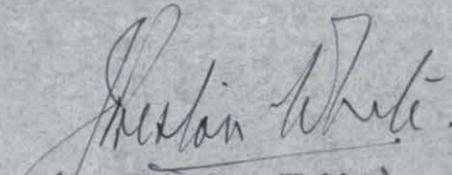
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9th July, 1965.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
PORT MORESBY.

Report of Unidentified Flying Object.  
Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district.

Further to my memorandum Al-1-40 dated 6th July 1965 I now append memorandum l-1-6 dated 5th July 1965 to hand to-day from the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala Sub-district elaborating his telegram of 3rd July 1965 from Sehulea Patrol Post which I conveyed to Mr. G.W. Toogood by radio telephone that day and the text of which is contained in the first paragraph of my memorandum Al-1-40 dated 6th July 1965. It will be seen from the Assistant District Commissioner's enclosure that the group following "MPH" which was distorted in the original telegram as received here is the word "BUT".

  
(J. Preston White)  
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration.  
c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala.

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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 investigation another recent sighting by village people was reported by Councillor David of MWATEBU who said that

"On 17th June an object passed over Sewataitai at about 7 pm from the direction of Samarua 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.L. Mackellar".

(W.L. Mackellar)  
s/Assistant District Commissioner.

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SAMARAI.

002 00240 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED  
 2030 HOURS LAST SATURDAY AND MONDAY KEROROGEA  
 BAY HEIGHT 200 FEET SPEED 400 MPH BUT HOVERED  
 FOR ONE HOUR EMITTED BRIGHT FIRE RED GLOW  
 ILLUMINATING BAY NO SOUND DISAPPEARED  
 INCREDIBLE SPEED DIRECTION NORTH WEST WITNESSES  
 BECKE AND HIS SERVANT ONLY

MACKELLAR





ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE



HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/Air(78)

DAFI  
16.6.65

-5 JUL 1965

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

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SIGHTING OF AN AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached for information is a report by J. VELTKAMP of Launceston Tasmania of the sighting on 26th June of an unusual aerial object.
2. A similar report by Mr VELTKAMP was submitted in May and was forwarded to your Department under cover of 5/6/Air(75) dated 18th May 1965.

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

Encl ✓

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1 Name of Observer VELTKAMP, J.  
2 Address of Observer 60, VICTORIA STREET, YOUNGTOWN  

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3 Occupation of Observer CLERK  
4 Date and Time of Observation 24/6/65 1820Z  
(Time given in 24-hour clock zonal time)  
5 Period of Observation(s) 5 MINS AT LEAST  
6 Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by  
map reference if possible, or by known landmarks and  
describe any equipment used in the observation) (41°20'  
500 YDS/325°T FROM YOUNGTOWN P.O. (147°09'45")  
(NIL EQUIPMENT)  

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7 Where was Object First Observed: (eg - Overhead, coming  
from Behind a Hill, over the Horizon, etc)  
S.S.W. FROM POSITION 45° ELEV. (APPROX)  

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

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9 Did Object Appear as a Light or as a Definite Object  
AS A STAR  

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10 How Many Objects Were There, and What Was Their Formation  
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11 What was the Colour of the Light or Object YELLOWISH WHITE  
12 What was its Apparent Shape STAR SHAPE  

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13 Was any Detail of Structure Observable NO  

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14 Was any Method of Propulsion Obvious NO  
15 Was There any Sound NO  
\* 16 Height, or Angle of Elevation 45° (ESTIMATED)  
\* 17 Speed, or Angular Velocity UNABLE TO ESTIMATE

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

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

NIL

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

NNE/SSW

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

YES - A STRAIGHT PATH

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

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

BEHIND HILL - AND FADING

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

NO

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

CLEAR SKY

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

NIL

26 Location of any Meteorological Stations in General Area

NO BALLOON FLIGHTS

27 Any Additional Information FIRS T SEEN ABOUT 6.20 WALKING HOME TOWARDS S.W. WENT INSIDE CALLED 2 SONS (18 & 16) AND WATCHED IT DISAPPEAR

un-signed

Signature of Observer .....

Signature of Interrogator.....

Peter Frith confirms everything ties in with "Echo 2".

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be Answered by Interrogator  
(Has not observed satellite previously)

A "New Australian" obviously, and had difficulty in making him understand the questions completely but feel that the answers as finally given are correct, but treat the elevation with caution.



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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached are two newspaper clippings of an alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object received from RAAF Base AMBERLEY.
2. No action has been taken on the matter at this Headquarters.

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(T.J. LEACH)  
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# THREE REPORT SEEING A 'FLYING PLATFORM' LAND

**MACKAY, May 26.** — Police are investigating a reported sighting by three men near here of a mystery flying object with spotlights above a circular platform.

The circular-shaped object, said to have some 30 lights on it, was alleged by the three men to have landed near the Retreat Hotel on the Eton Range, about 50 miles from Mackay, on Sunday night.

It was claimed that tree-tops and a section of grass had been scorched, yet there was no evidence of an ordinary fire.

The three men who said they saw the object are Mr. J. W. Tilse, licensee of the hotel, Mr. John Burgess and Mr. Eric Judin, who were staying at the hotel.

Mr. Tilse is an experienced commercial pilot.

## CALLED POLICE

He said tonight: "It was about midnight on Sunday and I was clearing up around the place.

"We were all sober.

"One of the blokes ran in and said, 'Come and have a look at this.'

"I went out and said, 'It's just the moon.'

"But when I saw it moving towards us, I ran inside and called the police."

Mr. Tilse added: "The policeman at Mackay nearly died laughing and said, 'I bet it's still not there.'

"I went and had another look and said, 'Yes it is, and it is coming towards the hotel.' That took the smile off his face."

Mr. Tilse said: "The object was about 300 yds. from the hotel and was moving over the treetops at one stage.

"It had a great bank of spotlights, about 20 or 30 of them, above a circular platform."

Mr. Tilse continued: "When it was coming to-

wards us somebody said, 'Get the rifle and shoot at it,' but I said 'No fear, they might shoot back'."

## "FOR 40 MINUTES"

The licensee said he and the other two men watched the object for about 40 minutes.

When it took off and flew away they saw it had three legs.

"I saw it. We all saw it. It disappeared in a north-easterly direction," said Mr. Tilse.

He declared that the object was not an aircraft and he was sure of this.

Mr. Judin confirmed Mr. Tilse's story tonight.

He said: "I have never seen anything like it . . . those lights . . . and those legs."

Mr. Tilse had taken coloured photographs of marks made by the object, including a circular scorch mark about 20 ft. across, and reported the matter to the police and Civil Aviation Department.

The three men also made a sketch of the object and signed it.

## "EXPERIENCED PILOT"

The Regional Director of Civil Aviation (Mr. Seymour) said in Brisbane tonight that so far he had not received a report on the sighting.

"But if Mr. Tilse says he has seen something then I believe him, as he is an experienced pilot," he said.

The sighting would probably be investigated by the Air Force as were other sightings.

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REPORTS OF UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are reports on sightings of un-identified aerial objects, as follows:-

- (a) Report by Mr I.D. SCOTT of Welshpool Victoria. See also earlier report referenced 5/6/Air(69) 5 Apr 65. — 85 Reports received from Bureau of Meteorology Melbourne.
- (b) Reports by Messrs MORICE and VELTKAMP of Tasmania, giving impressions of sightings on 5th May 65. These reports received directly from Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.

2. Forwarded for information.

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

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State School, 3011  
WELSHPOOL VIC  
29th March, 1965

Regional Director  
Bureau of Meteorology  
Box 1289K, P.O.,  
MELBOURNE, C1

Dear Sir,

Ref. my letter of 21st March  
Ref. your letter of 25th March, ref. V24

Further to remarks in these letters, I have more sightings to report for your information. These are all personally vouched for and have independent witnesses.

1. Monday 22nd. Object sighted 9.20 pm. Moved from WSW to zenith in jerky movements, paused at the zenith then moved in a NNE direction, and blacked out approx. 15 degrees from horizon.
2. Tuesday 23rd. First sighted at zenith about  $75^{\circ}$  above southern horizon, it moved in 3 minutes from there to a position in NW about  $60^{\circ}$  above horizon, then moved in an easterly direction until obscured by cloud. No cloud elsewhere, sighted at 10.05 pm.
3. Thursday 25th. 7.30 pm. Cloudless sky. Object rose about WSW, moved in a continuous straight orbital line to a position approx.  $35^{\circ}$  above the eastern horizon. There it stopped dead, and remained in that position for 6 m. 35 sec. and then resumed its journey.
4. Sunday 28th. 8.45 pm. Seen following the course described for Tuesday, except that it was first picked up in the NW position referred to, and I have no knowledge of its prior position.

In addition to the occasions mentioned above, there are three viewings I have made myself, and a large number brought to me at the school which I have not included as information is not definite enough, and too many details are lacking.

I am including an extra carbon copy of this letter if you wish to send it on to someone else. I might mention that the Wednesday was cloudy, and though tonight is clear, no report has come in to the time of writing (9 pm).

Also that Thursday's viewing was confirmed by a person (also a schoolteacher) whom I consider reliable, at Hedley, 6. m. east of Welshpool, and Sunday's sighting was confirmed from Toora  $6\frac{1}{2}$  m. west of Welshpool.

I have had many requests for information which I cannot supply, so hope there is some possibility of information being available. When one considers the additional chances not included in this letter, I think you will agree that the two theories you suggest cannot fill all premises required.

Seeking your further assistance, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

signed IAN D. SCOTT H.T.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... Glen Morice
- 2. Address of Observer ..... 1 Jellico St., Mowbray, Tasmania
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... High School boy.
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 5/5/1965 1930 - 2000
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 30 Minutes
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... Visual sighting from home at Mowbray (1-2 miles north of  
..... Launceston city).  
.....
- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... Towards N-W horizon
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... Light
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... Light
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... Split into two objects
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... White becoming orange
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... Banana shaped
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... Nil
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... Nil
- 15. Was there any sound ..... Nil
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... Low angle to horizon
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... Difficult to determine
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... Inexperienced

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

Observer stated that his brother followed the object by car until it appeared to be overhead approximately 600 feet above the ground.  
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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
Towards N-W  
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20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
Appeared to circle  
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21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Nil seen  
.....
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Low towards horizon  
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23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
Nil  
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24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Clear overhead at airport, visibility good - some low cloud to NW  
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25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
Nil  
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26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Launceston Airport  
.....
27. Any additional information Crescent moon observed by Meteorological  
and Tower staff at time approximately coincidental with reported  
times above. Some smoke haze expected in Launceston city area.  
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- Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

A. VELTKAMP/J. VELTKAMP

- 1. Name of observer .....  
61 VICTORIA ST., YOUNGTOWN, TAS.
- 2. Address of Observer .....  
SCHOOLBOY - COST CLERK
- 3. Occupation of Observer .....
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
5.5.65 2230 - 2245  
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- 5. Period of Observation(s) 15 minutes  
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- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
Visual sighting  
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Travelling west to south-west  
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- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
First sighted 30° from horizon travelling down to 20° from  
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- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
horizon.  
Light only.  
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- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
Light  
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- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
One object  
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- 11. What was the colour of the light or object Green to orange to green  
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- 12. What was its apparent shape Light source only  
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- 13. Was any detail of structure observable No  
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- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No  
.....
- 15. Was there any sound No  
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- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation Hard to determine  
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- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity Slow apparent speed  
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- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
No previous experience except observing aircraft  
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\*\* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
From west to south-west  
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- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
Straight path  
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- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Not obvious  
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- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Towards horizon  
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- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
No  
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- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Weather fine to clear  
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- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
Nil Air Traffic  
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- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Launceston Airport - nil balloon flights  
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- 27. Any additional information .....  
Weather fine, nil cloud, visibility good.  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR  
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*Subject:* SIGHTING OF U.F.O.s

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Between 1820 and 1830 on Thursday 13th May 1965 I saw an U.F.O. I was parked in my car in Griffith facing South when suddenly a bright light caught my eye. It was very bright with a light greenish shade under the front portion, and was moving approx. NE to SW. The U.F.O. appeared slightly elongated and moved at a great speed. It was observed for about three to four seconds moving along a horizontal plane and appeared to break-up into about 4 to 6 bright pieces which seemed to slow-down and fade away.

This U.F.O. seemed identical to another one which I saw in about the first week of April 1965. That U.F.O. did not appear to disintegrate but to flip over or change direction and disappear.



F/Sgt DAWSON R.F.

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*Subject:*

LIGHTING OF OBJECTS IN THE SKY

1. At about 1820K on Thursday 13th May 1965 while travelling about south on the Queanbeyan - Captains Flat Road about 12 miles from Queanbeyan I noticed a bright light to my left at about  $40^{\circ}$  elevation. The light was yellowish, similar to the colour of the moon which was in the same general direction and in its third quarter. The night was cloudless and visibility was excellent.
2. The object was moving in the same direction - South at high speed. I do not know if it was the initial light-up of the object that first attracted my attention or the fact that it came from the rear and entered my field of vision. When first sighted it was at an angle of  $90^{\circ}$  to the vehicle, and as it proceeded towards the front, changed colour to a greenish glow, similar, but not as green as a green very light. Within about 2 to 3 seconds from sighting, the object had moved from right angles to about  $30^{\circ}$  from the front of the car. At this time it appeared to emit pinpoints of light, radiating at about  $15^{\circ}$ - $20^{\circ}$  from the rear and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  second later it faded rapidly as though extinguished.
3. The light appeared like a diffused source, similar to a mercury vapour street light, at about  $\frac{2}{3}$  main size. There was no bright flash of light but more of a bright glow lighting up an area in the sky. The moon was very bright at the time, and this probably diffused the light from the object.
4. The trajectory appeared flat and an inspired guess on height would be 20-30,000ft. Speed, once again a guess but based on experience, very high 2-3000 mph.
5. It was quite unlike anything that I had seen before, left no trail and was definitely not a reflection or a reflected light. It did not in any way resemble a falling meteorite.
6. Two other passengers also clearly saw the object and from a discussion which followed the sighting, their observations were similar to mine.
7. In the area where the sighting took place there are no street lights or houses.

(R.F. BRANDLI) (05853)  
Squadron Leader  
Technical Branch

NOTE:-

Passengers in Car  
Wife  
Mr. Cliff Smith  
Captains Flat.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

DAFI

Herewith proformae outlining eyewitness reports on an unidentified flying object allegedly sighted at WITTENOOM GORGE WESTERN AUSTRALIA, on the 2nd August 1964 by:-

- Mr ANTONI UCHANSKI
- Mr GERZY JUSZCZYK
- Mr EDO ROSSI
- Mr ALEXANDER BRIAN ELDER

*C.H.D. Browne*  
(C.H.D. BROWNE)  
Wing Commander  
For Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer *Antoni UCHANSKI*
2. Address of Observer *Hut 48d. ABA Compound. WITTENDOOM*
3. Occupation of Observer *Crane Driver*
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) *2nd August 1964. Approximately 3 am.*
5. Period of observation(s) *Approximately 1 minute*
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
*Located outside tailing bin at ABA Mill - WITTENDOOM  
Hammerley Ranges. West Australia*
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
*Coming from behind hill and travelling above  
Hammerley Ranges*
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise  
*Stream of light in the sky*
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
*Definite object. Similar to a rocket*
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
*Only one object*
11. What was the colour of the light or object, colour - *(Light) yellow - orange*  
*Colour of object not known close to object*
12. What was its apparent shape.  
*Appeared as a rocket. Body longer than aeroplane.*
13. Was any detail of structure observable. *No*
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. *Rocket propulsion*
15. Was there any sound. *No*
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. *Hard to say. could not judge. - but at least 30 feet above Ranges*
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. *estimated to be the same. Speed as Fokker Friendship's maximum ground speed on takeoff*
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
*No previous experience prior to this incident.*
- xx Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and time taken to do this.

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

*Travelling from S. West to N. East direction - from ABA Mine to Cakuhwa Gorge in Hammersley Ranges*

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

*Remained on straight path*

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *Trail of red flame*

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

*Behind a hill*

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

*Nil*

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

*Weather good. Visibility clear.*

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

sighting. *Nil*

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

*Nil*

27. Any additional information.

*Nil*

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

photographs or other supporting evidence.

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

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

sighting. *Nil*

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

*Nil*

27. Any additional information.

*A. C. ...*

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. *Jerzy Juszczyk*
2. Address of Observer. *36 Seventh Avenue, WITTENOOM*
3. Occupation of Observer. *Shift Boss - A.B.A. Ltd WITTENOOM*
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) *2nd August 1964. Approximately 3 am*
5. Period of observation(s) *Approximately 2 minutes*
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
*Located outside Mill - main door - AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS LIMITED - HAMMERSLEY RANGES, WITTENOOM.*
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
*Coming over from behind hill.*
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise  
*Light*
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
*Appeared to be a rocket*
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
*One object only*
11. What was the colour of the light or object. *Object had orange and yellow lights inside - alternate colours at each window - Object colour Not known*
12. What was its apparent shape.  
*Object appeared to be a rocket*
13. Was any detail of structure observable. *No*
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. *Rocket propulsion*
15. Was there any sound. *No sound*
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. *About 200 to 300 feet above Ranges*
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. *Speed about 200 to 250 MPH*
18. Travelling horizontal position  
State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
*No previous experience prior to this incident*
- xx Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and time taken to do this.

*Jerzy Juszczyk*

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

*Travelling from South to North - from ABA Mine towards Witteroom Townsite.*

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

*Remained on straight path until out of sight over Ranges.*

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

*Trail of red flame from rear.*

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

*Behind hill.*

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

*Nil*

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

*Weather conditions good - visibility clear.*

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

*Nil*

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

*Nil*

27. Any additional information.

*Nil*

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer. *Edo Rossi*

2. Address of Observer. *WITTENDOOM*

3. Occupation of Observer. *Mill Foreman*

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time). *2nd August 1964 - Approximately 3 AM*

5. Period of observation(s). *Approximately 1 minute*

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
*Location - outside Mill Office - Australian Blue Asbestos Limited. Hamersley Ranges - West Australia.*

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

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

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

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
*One object only - similar to rocket.*

11. What was the colour of the light or object. *Red lights in windows also white lights - alternate in each window - object colour not known*

12. What was its apparent shape.  
*Similar to aeroplane body - but longer and wider.*

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

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. *Rocket propulsion*

15. Was there any sound. *No noise.*

xx Height, or angle of elevation. *Not sure - about 100 feet above Ranges.*

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. *About the same as Fokker Friendship*

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
*No experience previous to this incident.*

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

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

*Travelling South to North - from A.B.A Mine to Witteroom Town*

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

*Remained on straight path until out of sight over Ranges*

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen *Trail of red flame*

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

*Behind Hill*

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

*Nil*

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

*Clear night - visibility clear*

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

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

*Nil*

27. Any additional information. *Nil*

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

*E. Pring*

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer... *Alexander Brian Elder*
2. Address of Observer... *40 SEVENTH AVE Wittenoom.*
3. Occupation of Observer... *Electrician*
4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)... *2.8.64 3:10AM.*
5. Period of observation(s)... *TWO MINUTES*
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
*On the road between second and third crossings in Wittenoom Gorge, travelling south from the Town to ABA Mine in Wittenoom Gorge, Hammerby Range*
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
*Coming from behind a hill, on the side of Wittenoom Gorge*
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise  
*Light from the object.*
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
*It appeared as several objects. At first it appeared to be one light*
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. OBJECT AS SEEN  
*Approx. six or seven objects. the long object appeared as a streak of light surrounded by discs*
11. What was the colour of the light or object. of light  
*Colour was golden yellow.*
12. What was its apparent shape. *As drawn above.*  
*(Item 10)*
13. Was any detail of structure observable... *No.*
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... *No.*
15. Was there any sound... *No.*
16. xx Height, or angle of elevation... *Over 20000 feet.*
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity... *Through 90° in Two minutes*

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
*(16) Comparison to local aeroplane travel.  
(17) ~~Correct~~ Judgment of angles in electric line work.*

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

Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

*Travelling from South to North from ABA where to Terminal.*

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

*Object remained on a straight path.*

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

*No.*

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

*Object disappeared behind a hill.*

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

*NONE*

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

*Weather Good. Visibility clear.*

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

sighting. *Nil*

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

*Nil*

27. Any additional information. *Nil*

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

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*ABA*



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

6 OCT 1964

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

DAFI

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.

*(Signature)*  
(D.S. Graham).

for Director General of Civil Aviation.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE (S.D.)

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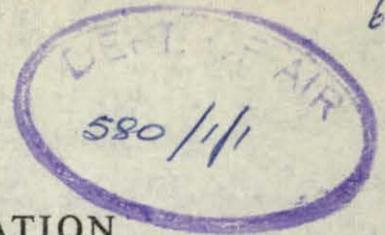
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

11 8 SEP 1964

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

Recd at D/O on  
on 25 Sep 64

OR (Mars)

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.

MS

(D.S. Graham).

for Director General of Civil Aviation.

TELEPHONE:

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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.

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B. LAW.  
Officer in Charge.

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

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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

2nd September 1964

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/1/Air (41)

Secretary  
Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. The following report was received by the Duty Operations Officer at this headquarters from ACC SYDNEY at 020345Z September.

2. First Officer V.S. KAYE, co-pilot of Ansett-ANA Flight 318 reported possible UFO sighting at 012227Z whilst enroute MELBOURNE to CANBERRA at Flight Level 170.

3. Two silver objects were sighted when 15 - 20 nautical miles SOUTH WEST of HOLBROOK. One appeared approximately 3000 feet above the aircraft dead ahead, the other much higher at the one o'clock position. Both appeared solid silver ovals ie, no wings.

*most likely*

4. The objects could possibly have been a Viscount and an Electra aircraft which were in the area at the time, but seemed too large.

5. Conditions at the time were glary and the pilot was wearing polaroid glasses. The captain who was not wearing glasses did not sight the objects.

6. SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ACC have confirmed that no military traffic was in the area at the time.

7. No further investigation has been conducted by this headquarters.

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HCB*

*W. Carrick*  
(F.K. CARRICK)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

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~~Box~~ 65

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- 2 SEP 1964

Headquarters Support Command  
RAAF  
Victoria Barracks  
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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS  
Your 5/6/Air(55) dated 28th August, 1964

No further action is considered necessary in respect of the two reports of sightings of unusual aerial objects forwarded under cover of your above-mentioned letter.

*mel*  
(M.C. RABAN)  
Wing Commander  
For Chief of the Air Staff

TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0550

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28 AUG 1964

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

OR(M+S)

SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are two reports received on 26th August 64 from the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne concerning sightings of unusual aerial objects at PASCOE VALE Victoria during May 64 and at LAUNCESTON Tasmania on 17 Aug 64.

2. In connexion with Mr D. Owen's report, it is pointed out that Pascoe Vale is within the circuit area of Essendon civilian Airport.

3. Advice is requested as to whether any further action should be taken by this Headquarters.

*S.W. Dallywater*  
(S.W. DALLYWATER)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

- 1. Name of observer ..... Mrs. Mills & Son (age 8)
- 2. Address of Observer ..... 285 Hobart Road (LANCASTON)
- 3. Occupation of Observer ..... Housewife
- 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... 0630 E 17/8/64
- 5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 30 mins.
- 6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... Naked eye
- 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... 70° E
- 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... Light
- 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... Looked like a star - bluish
- 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... One
- 11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... bluish
- 12. What was its apparent shape ..... Star
- 13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... No
- 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... No
- 15. Was there any sound ..... No
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... 70°
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... Moving in circles (clear sky)
- 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... Nil

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



REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... **DAVID OWEN (AGE 17)** .....
2. Address of Observer ..... **8 Alexandra Street, Pascoe Vale.** .....
3. Occupation of Observer ..... **Works at motor wreckers.** .....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)  
..... **2345. 9.5.64 (and 7 days previously between 2000-2100)** .....
5. Period of Observation(s) ..... **Not reported.** .....
6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).  
..... **Sighted from above address.** .....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.  
..... **Overhead.** .....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.  
..... **Moving lights (two)** .....
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.  
..... **Light.** .....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.  
..... **One.** .....
11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... **Yellow.** .....
12. What was its apparent shape .....  
..... **Large light appeared to precede small.** .....
13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... **No.** .....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... **No.** .....
15. Was there any sound ..... **No.** .....
- 16.\*\* Height, or angle of elevation ..... **Much higher than an aircraft.** .....
- 17.\*\* Speed, or angular velocity ..... **Much faster than an aircraft.** .....
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.  
..... **Nil.** .....

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

Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.  
E to W, NW to SE and N to S.  
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- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.  
Moving back and forth in a zig-zag between two stars.  
.....
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... No:.....
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.  
Not reported.  
.....
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.  
Sighting corroborated by employer Mr. Silipec. Phone 35-4033.  
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- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)  
Cloudless.  
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- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.  
Unknown.  
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.....
- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.  
Melbourne.  
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- 27. Any additional information .....  
Nil.  
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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Extract from Parliamentary Debates in

the ~~(Senate)~~ ~~(House of Representatives)~~ *House of Reps.*  
(Hansard)

Dated 11/8/64

**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.**

Mr. BENSON.—My question to the Minister for Air relates to the state of our radar readiness. Has the Minister seen recent reports in the Press that radar units in our northern area go out of operation during weekends? Are these reports correct? If they are, will the Minister take steps to ensure that a constant watch is kept?

Mr. HOWSON.—Yes, I have seen those reports. As a rule, the radar stations in the north are not manned continuously, but it is not correct that they are manned only in normal working hours. At the moment we do not consider that the dangers to our north are such that we need to keep a constant watch. I suppose the honorable member would want a string of radar stations all the way from Carnarvon to Cape York, and fighter squadrons located all over our northern area. We do not hold the fortress concept that is so beloved by members of the Opposition, but we have certain commitments. The chief demand on us at this time is to help our friends to our north, to meet any requests for assistance that they may make to us. At this stage we regard that as our first priority.

*A Sec. 2, 14/8 Have Hansard but pls  
place on file.*

*For information*

*14 Aug '64*

*Rex Stumbles  
AO Sec*

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the ~~(Senate)~~ ~~(House of Representatives)~~ *House of Reps.*  
(Hansard)

Dated *11/8/64*

**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.**

Mr. HARDING.—I direct a question to the Minister for Air. In view of reports of unidentified objects flying over north Queensland and northern Australia, can the Minister inform the people living in the area whether the sightings are imaginary? Has he any plans for positive identification in the event of future sightings?

Mr. HOWSON.—The honorable member may have read the statement I made on this subject only a few days ago, in which I said that we cannot state positively that these were not enemy aircraft. However, I can say that of such sightings that have been reported and investigated not more than 3 per cent. have been thought to have involved anything other than birds, showers of meteors and the other objects to which I referred in the statement. The object that was reported over Longreach was sighted at exactly the same time as a DC8 aircraft was passing over that town. Showers of meteors have also been sighted over Longreach in similar circumstances. I very much doubt whether the objects were anything other than what we believe them to be. As I stated in my reply to the question asked by the honorable member for Batman, if the honorable member for Herbert thinks that we should devote all the resources of the Royal Australian Air Force to operating radar stations around our north instead of getting on with the job of meeting what we regard as a first priority, he will have to think again.

*A Sec A 14, Have Hansard sent pls place on file.*

*For information*

*14 Aug 64*

*Lex Stumbles  
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Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
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(Copy to: Headquarters Support Command  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your 5/9/Air(36) dated 28th July, 1964  
and 5/9/Air(38) dated 5th August, 1964

1. It is considered that no further investigation of the sightings referred to in your above-mentioned letter dated 28th July, 1964, is required. This Department's views on these sightings were conveyed to your Headquarters by the Public Relations Officer, Mr. H. Rayner, in a telephone conversation on Tuesday 4th August, 1964. Attached are copies of the suggested press release forwarded to the Press Secretary, of the Minister of Defence, and additional background information, not for publication, prepared for the Minister of Defence.
2. The sightings reported in your letter, referred to above, dated 5th August, 1964, are assessed to be of meteor activity which Mount Stromlo have advised is prevalent at this time of the year in the southern hemisphere. No further investigation is deemed necessary.

Atts:

*all*  
(H.C. RABAN)  
Wing Commander  
For Chief of the Air Staff

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No. 5/9/Air (38)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE  
Headquarters  
RAAF  
PEARCE WA

5th August 1964

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

Info: Headquarters Support Command

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS  
ONSLOW AREA 1st and 2nd AUGUST 1964

1. A report was received on Monday 3rd August 1964, from Mr LLOYD MARSHALL a newspaper reporter for the Daily News of PERTH, that two sightings had been reported from ONSLOW, one on Saturday evening, the second on Sunday morning the 2nd August 1964.

2. The particulars are:-

First Report 1 Aug

Several local people (un-named) who were patrons of the ONSLOW Open Air Cinema observed late during the show a flying object travelling much slower than normal at about airline altitude.

Second Report 2 Aug

(a) Submitted by Mr BOB MARSHALL one of three men who alighted from a car at WARREEMBOO CREEK approximately 57 miles east of ONSLOW at 0315 hours

(b) The observed object travelled from SOUTH to NORTH and was in view for approximately 3 minutes. The flying object had a very bright head followed by an incandescent tail, when it disappeared the head went out first and the tail glowed on. The phenomena appeared to be quite low.

(c) The second object was seen by all three members of the party.

Local Aircraft in the Area

Mr D McDONALD, Operations Officer for DCA in West Australia states that there were no civil aircraft authorized to fly in the ONSLOW area on the night of Saturday/Sunday 1st and 2nd August 1964.

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Service Aircraft in the Area

Flt Lt P. COFFEY (RAF) Operations Officer for No 11 Squadron on exercise PELARGIC DOLPHIN stated that no SERVICE AIRCRAFT were in the area during the hours of the report.

3. No formal investigation of either this report or the previous report on aircraft sightings at BARROW ISLAND (HQPEA letter 5/9/Air (36) dated 28th July 1964 refers) have been undertaken to date. Your direction in this matter is awaited.

*C. H. D. Browne*

(C.H.D. BROWNE)  
Wing Commander  
Officer T/Commanding

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