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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
16 May 69	Time 0900 hrs GMT at Kokopo, New Guinea, Clear sky. Blue rocket shaped object with red or orange trail. Duration 30 minutes.	Satellite
16 May 69	Time 1900 hrs GMT at Tamaringa, New Guinea. Clear sky. Object appeared as an oval shaped light. Duration 30 minutes.	Satellite
11 Jun 69	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Rabaul, New Britain. Clear sky. Object glowing red and shimmering like a star. Duration 5 minutes.	Satellite
12 Aug 69	Time 1212 hrs GMT at sea - position 10°05'S 110°00'E. Dull glowing object passing from East to West.	Unexplained
7 Sep 69	Time 0308 hrs GMT at Subiaco, WA. Clear sky with cumulous clouds forming. Object appeared as a blue light. Duration just under 6 minutes.	Unexplained
14 Sep 69	Time 1945 hrs GMT in vicinity of 'Bang Bang' station Queensland. Object appeared as light in the sky. Its disappearance was followed, 3 minutes later, by a loud explosion.	Met balloon (from Mildura)
28 Sep 69	Time 0030-0045 hrs GMT at Henty, NSW. Clear sky. Carrot shaped object smokey grey in colour with orange glow at the front. Duration 10 seconds.	Substance from a meteorite
6 Oct 69	Time 1245 hrs GMT at Coorparoo, Queensland. Clear sky. Bright orange red light. Duration 55 seconds.	Unexplained
13 Oct 69	Time 0935 hrs GMT at West Heidelberg, Vic. Clear sky. Brilliant blue light. Duration 45 seconds.	Meteorite
29 Oct 69	Time 1110 hrs GMT at Koumala, Qld. Clear sky. Red and green light. Duration 50 minutes.	Aircraft
14 Nov 69	Time 1510 hrs GMT at Burnie, Tasmania. Clear sky with well broken cloud. Object very bright white light with red sparks falling from tail. Duration one minute.	Meteorite or decaying space hardward.
22 Jan 70	Time 1010 hrs GMT at Canberra ACT. Clear sky and bright moon. Dish shaped object with flashing red/ white lights. Duration 5 minutes.	Unexplained
6 Feb 70	Time 1600 hrs GMT at Wingham NSW. Clear sky. Vivid red light. Duration 10-15 minutes.	Satellite
8 Feb 70	Time 1312 hrs GMT at East Bentleigh Vic. Clear sky. Large glowing luminous pink object. Duration less than 1 minute.	Reflection of motor vehicle lights.
11 Feb 70	Time 2055 hrs GMT at Toombul, Qld. Overcast sky. Object like dim white star. Duration 15 minutes.	Aircraft
12 Feb 70	Time 1530 hrs GMT at Mentone, Vic. Clear sky. Object appeared to be a flashing red and blue star. Duration 1-1½ minutes.	Satellite
3 Mar 70	Time 1000 hrs GMT at Springvale, Vic. Clear sky. Blinking light. Duration 5-10 minutes.	Aircraft
29 Apr 70	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Cabramatta NSW. No sighting made. Source reported loud whooshing noises passing over house.	Fireworks
11 May 70	Time 0935 hrs GMT 350 nm south of Darwin, NT. Brilliant white light flashing every 40 seconds moving west to east.	Satellite

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15 May 70	Time 1200 hrs GMT at 20 08S 12 942E on NT/WA border. Yellow flashing light.	Survey party
17 May 70	Time 0940 hrs GMT at Laverton, Vic. Flashing red/white light moving NE.	Met balloon
23 May 70	Time 0810 hrs GMT, 200 nm south of Townsville, Qld. High beam, static and vertical in western sky.	Unexplained
25 May 70	Time 1300 hrs GMT at 1048S 13555E. Falling green light.	Green flare.
3 Jun 70	Time 0905 hrs GMT at Townsville, Qld. Red glow over airfield.	Venus sighted through haze.
6 Jun 70	Time 0850 hrs GMT at Sydney, NSW. Bright light against red background.	Venus
15 Jun 70	Time 0750-0917 hrs GMT at Sydney, NSW. Bright white light disappearing over tree tops.	Venus
22 Jun 70	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Lussal Bay, New Britain. White light disappearing behind hills.	Meteorite
26 Jun 70	Time 0930 hrs GMT at Mildura, SA. Large object with two red lights rising vertically from the ground with whistling noise.	Unexplained
28 Jun 70	Time 0600 hrs GMT at Toowoomba, Qld. Large silver object descending vertically at high speed.	Glider
29 Jun 70	Time 0702 hrs GMT at Canberra, ACT. Black object traversing in front of Venus.	Unexplained
29 Jun 70	Time 0720 hrs GMT at Sepik River, NG. Five cigar shaped returns on radar screen 60 miles from aircraft. No visual sighting.	electro-meteorological phenomena.
12 Jul 70	Time 2205 hrs GMT at Tamworth, NSW. Orange object moving in controlled flight.	Aircraft
18 Jul 70	Time 1530 hrs GMT at Southport, Qld. Orange/white glow 'falling' in sky with smoke trail.	Space debris re-entry.
22 Jul 70	Time 1200 hrs GMT at 40 nm. SE of Katherine NT. Red and green flashing light seen from air. Object manoeuvred in area. Also observed by witnesses on the ground.	Aircraft
26 Jul 70	Time 1130 hrs GMT at Sale, Vic. Red/blue lights moving erratically towards SW.	Jupiter, Venus and 3 stars viewed at low elevation.
29 Jul 70	Time 110 hrs GMT at Dennington, Vic. Moving white light.	Venus viewed through car windscreen.
10 Aug 70	Time 0355 hrs GMT at Queanbeyan, NSW. Slow moving green light; circled and then moved away.	Aircraft
19 Aug 70	Time 0100 hrs GMT at Canberra, ACT. Two very bright white lights close together, moving North.	Aircraft
9 Sep 70	Time 0220 hrs GMT at Atherton, Qld. Fifty to 100 star-like objects in southern sky.	Unexplained

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26 Oct 70	Time 1045 hrs GMT at Lyndale, Vic. Two alternately flashing, orange/white objects. Objects merged and parted at intervals.	Unexplained
28 Oct 70	Time 0800 hrs GMT at Binalong Bay, Tas. Aircraft shaped object with 2 small wing projections. Duration 10 minutes.	Unexplained
1 Nov 70	Time 2320 hrs GMT at Coonabarabran, NSW. A dense white horse-shoe shaped object. Duration one minute.	Unexplained
15 Nov 70	Time 2400 hrs GMT at 90 nm SE of Wewak, NG. Object was a white light which left a smoke trail. Duration 1 second.	Meteorite
18 Nov 70	Time 1130-1220 hrs GMT at Nimmitabel, NSW. Object appeared to have one red and one blue part. It first appeared as a bright yellow light in the Eastern sky. Duration 50 minutes.	Unexplained
9 Dec 70	Time 1435 hrs GMT at City Beach, WA. Tadpole shaped yellowish light. Duration 2 to 3 minutes.	Meteorite
16 Dec 70	Time 1212 hrs GMT at Rokeby, Tas. Slight cloud. Yellow/white pulsating light moving very quickly. Duration approx 15 seconds.	Aircraft
7 Jan 71	Time 1103 hrs GMT at Queenscliff, Vic. Red and blue light, approx 30 ft in diameter. Duration 15 minutes.	Unexplained
10 Jan 71	Time 1600 hrs GMT at East Preston, Vic. Weather fine and clear. One small white object travelling eastwards. No means of propulsion evident.	Venus
11 Jan 71	Time 1530-1545 hrs GMT at Glenelg, SA. Reddish/ orange glow remaining in the sky for several hours.	Insufficient evidence
8 Feb 71	Time 1145 hrs GMT at Exeter, Tas. Flashing diamond shaped red lights on horizon.	Lightning reflection through clouds.
26 Feb 71	Time 1200 hrs GMT at Laverton, Vic. Light grey matter moving across the sky. Duration 7-10 minutes.	Searchlight reflection.
2 Mar 71	Time 1015 hrs GMT at 31 miles N of Kaniva, Vic. Orange coloured object changing to blue/green as it descended vertically. Duration 6 minutes.	Research rocket from Woomera
2 Mar 71	Time 1040 hrs GMT at Aspendale, Vic. A large round light beneath the moon. Duration 10 minutes.	Satellite Pageos I.
3 Mar 71	Time 1730 hrs GMT at Montagu Bay, Tas. Bright green/ yellow light descending to ground. Duration 15 seconds.	Unexplained
19 Mar 71	Time 0935 hrs GMT at Dungog, NSW. Alternating scarlet and white lights. Duration 20 minutes.	Aircraft
2,9,12 Apr	Times 0230 hrs (2nd and 9th April) and 0045 hrs GMT (12 April) at Condoblin, NSW. Very bright object showing flashes of blue/green, yellow and white. Object appeared in the western sky and followed an erratic course.	Unexplained
24 Apr 71	Time 0932 hrs GMT at Mentone, Vic. One white constantly glowing object making constant circular movements at 1,000 feet. Duration 15 minutes.	Aircraft

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29 Apr 71	Time 0850 hrs GMT at Richmond, NSW. Oscillating light flashing red white/green white every 1½ seconds. Duration 2½ hours.	Unexplained
14 May 71	Time 1340 hrs GMT at Richmond, NSW. Extremely bright white-green-red object. Duration 34 minutes. 8 known witnesses.	Unexplained
26 May 71	Time 0754 hrs GMT at Williamstown, Vic. Bright white light appearing in the NW.	Landing lights of aircraft.

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R E S T R I C T E D AI11 REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PD MR WHEATLEY CMM SCHOOLTEACHER AT ATHERTON STATE SCHOOL PLUS OTHER TEACHERS AND MANY CHILDREN OBSERVED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED STAR LIKE OBJECTS IN SOUTH EASTERN SKY CMM ELEVATION THIRTY FIVE TO SIXTY DEGREES FROM 1220-1240 9SEP70 PD OBJECTS RESEMBLED STRIPS OF SILVER PAPER SUSPENDED IN AIR AT GREAT DISTANCE PD OBJECTS EVENTUALLY FADED FROM VIEW PD REPORT PASSED TO RAAF TOWNSVILLE BY DCA CAIRNS

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1st September 1970

Secretary
Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Enclosed are the following reports of aerial observations:-

a. Report by Mr Knees of Boorong

b. Report by Mrs Edlington of Tharwa

(M.E. NEWMAN)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Encls: 2 Reports

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STATEMENT BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

Mr. Ralph Knees (aged 13 years) a high school student of BOORONG stated that he was bushwalking approximately one half mile from his home approaching dusk on Sunday 9th August 1970.

On looking above his home he stated that he observed a green light which appeared to carry out one orbit and then commence to move to the west and stop. On coming to a halt the light changed from green to white and became an unfocussed white light cone shaped towards the ground. The light changed back to green and the object moved off at increasing speed until it disappeared. At no stage was there any noise associated with the object or efflux observed.

The witness although young appeared to be reliable and stated the he also observed an aircraft several minutes earlier which coincides with the aircraft mentioned in Part 2 of this report.

M.T. WINTER
Flight Lieutenant.

(a)

ANNEX A TO
ASI 3/A/5

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING
Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of observer ...RALPH KERR..... Age 13...
2. Address of observer ....c/- BOORONIA.....NR.....
...DIVIDENDEN..... Phone..9720225..
3. Occupation of observer ..HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.....
4. Date and time of start of observation 9 AUG 70. 1755 K.
How certain is the date? .....DEFINITE.....
How accurate is the time of start ....ACCURATE.....
5. Duration of observation .....30 SECONDS.....
How accurate is your estimate? APPROXIMATE. ACCURATE...
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. APPROX 200 YDS
..330°T...FROM HOME...IN BUSHLAND.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
.....FAMILIAR.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation...FINE....
.....(DUSK APPROACHING. DARKNESS.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation
.....NIL.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
(a) Relative to your surroundings ....ABOVE.....
.HIS HOME...(FROM APPROX 800 YDS 330°T).....
(b) Angle of elevation APPROX 45°...NIL OR APPROX 200 YDS
(c) compass angle bearing ...APPROX...170°T.....
(d) how accurate are these estimates ....AVERAGE...
10. What first attracted observer's attention? .....
.....NOTHING SPECIAL.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there? .....

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ORANGE/WHITE

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards). BRIGHTER THAN STREET LIGHT.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon .....

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ..APPROX 1°...

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

..170°M.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NONE OBSERVED.

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....NO SOUND.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

NO ACFT SEEN - APPROX 200 YDS HIGH OVER HOUSE...

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances (SPEED WITH ACFT) - SLOWER FASTER THAN ACFT.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases SHORT PERIOD DURING WHITE LIGHT SEPARATION

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ONE CIRCUIT OF HOUSE

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen

.....NIL.....

23. Where was object last observed? :

(a) relative to your surroundings APPROX 200 YDS 300°

(b) angle of elevation ....APPROX 45°.....

(c) compass angle bearing...200°T...APPROX.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ABRUPTLY OUT OF SIGHT

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)?
.....NIL.....
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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity .....NIL.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ..1.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? YES..FORMER RESIDENT. NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS APPROX.. 12 MONTHS AGO

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? ....NIL IDEA.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? .....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed. ON BACK OF PAGE

Signature ..... Date 18 AUG 70

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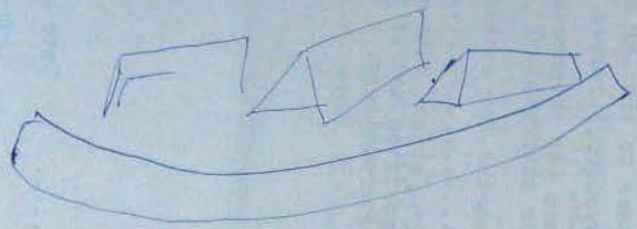

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type .....N.K.....(1).....(2)..
Heading.....T.....T...
Height .....,000ft.....,000f
Speed .....K.....K...
.....hrs.....hrs.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type .....N/E.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....T.....T.....T
Height .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft
Speed .....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type .CESSNA...(1)...C86.....(2).....(3)
Heading..TRACK.....T.....T.....T
Height...6200'...,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft
Speed...110 K.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ~~ATD~~ or ATA. CB 1P004

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....
.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ....N/I.....
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)
General wind profile .....
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z
Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...13/9°.....°C at ..Ground.....ft, measured at 0[illegible].Z hrs from .....Vacua.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting
.....N.I.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating ...No Radar Trace.....
....A/c Navigation Lights On.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* delete as required)
.....UNDETERMINED.....

.....3 Sect.....(Unit) .....(Name)
.....15 Aug 70.....(Date) .....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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NARRATIVE OF OBSERVATION AS TOLD TO INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

On the morning of 7th August 1970 I was travelling along Mugga Lane when I noticed two extremely bright objects in the sky directly in front of me. I first saw them at 11am and watched them manoeuvre for about 5 minutes.

At times these objects were stationary. They also disappeared and reappeared(after a short interval) several times. They finally disappeared as if each light was turned out.

STATEMENT BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

Mrs Edlington appeared to be a reliable witness who was very interested in UFO's and like objects. She is a member of the CANBERRA Astrological Society and appears to be quite engrossed in her hobby. She is equipped with a high power telescope and charts of the stars and is very interested in the results of this observation.investigation.

W.T.WINTER
Flight Lieutenant.

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ANNEX A TO
ASI 3/A/5

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of observer ..... Age .....
2. Address of observer .....
   ..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer .....
4. Date and time of start of observation .....
   How certain is the date? .....
   How accurate is the time of start .....
5. Duration of observation .....
   How accurate is your estimate? .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....
   .....
   How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
   .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? :
   (a) Relative to your surroundings .....
   .....
   (b) Angle of elevation .....
   (c) compass angle bearing .....
   (d) how accurate are these estimates .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? .....
    .....

11. If there was more than one light/object:
    (a) how many were there? TWO
    (b) in what formation were they? LEVEL SIDE BY SIDE - SMALL SEPARATION

12. What was the colour of the light ~~or object~~? WHITE

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) ~~SIMILAR~~ BRIGHTER THAN AIRCRAFT REFLECTION

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
    (a) relative to Venus or ~~Moon~~ SAME SIZE
    (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) —

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
    BRG NOTED ANTI-CLOCKWISE APPROX SAME AS WIDTH OF TEL POLE AT 50 yds
    ELEV NO CHANGE

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity NIL

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?
    30 TO 35° APPROX

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances SLOWER THAN A/C AT SIMILAR DISTANCES

20. Give duration of any stationary phases STATIONARY FOR MOST PART OF OBSERVATION

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres APPEARED TO BE COMING TOWARDS OBSERVER AND MOVING LEFT

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen
    LIGHT ONLY

23. Where was object last observed? :
    (a) relative to your surroundings NORTH
    (b) angle of elevation 30 TO 35° APPROX

(c) compass angle bearing..NORTH.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? SIMILAR TO TURNING LIGHT OFF.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)?
.....NO.....
.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of ~~his~~/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity .....NO TRAINING.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 1.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? YES.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? SIMILAR TO BUT BRIGHTER AND LARGER THAN AIRCRAFT REFLECTION.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? TOO BRIGHT.....

31. Please sketch the light/~~object~~ with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature ..... Date 25 AUG 70.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type ..IROQUOIS..(1)..IROQUOIS...(2).....(3)
Heading.....CIRCUIT.....T..CIRCUIT.....T.....T
Height ....800....,000ft....800'...,000ft.....,000ft
Speed ....80.....K.....80.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*..OPERATING OVERHEAD OBSERVATION..hrs..PERIOD.....hrs

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

A/C type .F27.....(1).BA 24.....(2).....(3)
Heading..TOWARDS SYDNEY METEK TURNING.....T.....T
Height.....CLIMBING.,000ft..CLIMBING,000ft.....,000ft
Speed.APPROX 150.....K..APPROX 120.K.....K
ATD/ATA*..0057K.. hrs....1100K.hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..35°20'..Longitude..149°07'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....
...NOT APPLICABLE.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..NOT APPLICABLE.
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)
General wind profile .....
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z
Was it known to have burst?.....

AAL 230

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....3.....°C at .....5000.....ft, measured at 0623ZAcr. hrs from .....WAGGA..... station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting
.....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating .....
.....NO RADAR.....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was*~~/may have been* (delete as required)
.....A CIVIL AIRCRAFT.....

.....3 SQN.....(Unit) .....(Name)
.....20 AUG 70.....(Date) .....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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THIS ... OF YOUR REPLY ... MUST BEAR A MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION OF RESTRICTED.

R E S T R I C T E D AI180 REPORTED UFO SIGHTING BY MRS JUDITH FOLINGTON OF THARWA VIA QUEANBEYAN PD APPROX 1100 HOURS 7AUG70 OBSERVED TWO BRIGHT REFLECTED OBJECTS AT GREAT DISTANCE PD ONE OBJECT OBSERVED APPROX TWO MINUTES BEFORE DISAPPEARING PD SECOND OBJECT OBSERVED FOR APPROX FIVE MINUTES PD NO OTHER WITNESSES PD REPORT RECEIVED FAIRBAIRN 24AUG70
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(39)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
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PENRITH 1W NSW

18 AUG '70

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Enclosed are the following reports of aerial observations:

a. Report by Mr Kerrison of Tamworth.

b. Report by Mr Harrington of Sydney.

c. Report by Mr Hibbert of Labradore.

(R.S. BLACK)
A/Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 3 Reports

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

(a)

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... L. F. KERRISON ..... Age 48 ....
2. Address of observer... 2 DOUGLAS AVE
..... TAMWORTH 2340 ..... Phone 61 2187
3. Occupation of observer... SENIOR POSTAL CLERK (LATE POSTMASTER)
4. Date and time of start of observation... 8-15 AM MONDAY 12TH JULY
How certain is the date?... PRECISE ....
How accurate is the time of start?... WITHIN LIMITS 8-15 TO 8-30 AM.
5. Duration of observation... APPROX 30-40 SECONDS ....
How accurate is your estimate?... WITHIN 10 SECS + OR - ....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... IN FITZROY ST TAMWORTH
.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
HAVE LIVED WITHIN 200 YDS OF SIGHTING POINT FOR 19 YEARS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
..... FINE, SUNNY MORNING ... NO CLOUD IMMEDIATE VICINITY CALM ....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
..... NIL OTHER THAN USE OF BUILDINGS AS CHECKPOINT .....
9. Where was object first observed:
   a. Relative to your surroundings... In sky at a position of approx 1 o'clock from the sun (vertical position) ....
   b. Angle of elevation... Est. (SUN) about 65° ....
   c. Compass angle bearing. First sighted approx due west. Travelled in [illegible] direction 250°
   d. How accurate are these estimates?... [illegible] .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? It is my custom to arise the time of the day in the early morning & it was during such a scan that the sight was noticed .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
   a. How many were there?... One .....
   b. In what formation were they?... Not applicable .....
12. What was the colour of the ~~light or~~ object?... Brownish orange .....
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) As bright & clear as a motor car on morning sunlight at a distance of 200 yards .....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
   a. Relative to Venus or Moon... Not applicable .....
   b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) Estimate object probably 30 to 40 feet in length & estimated shape (-possibly) & possibly 6 to 8 feet in diameter
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... Estimation by Manual sighting
Bearing 320° magnetic based on known bearing of [illegible] .....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... Nil .....

/17. Describe

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
Completely soundless.

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Height estimated 100' to 200'

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Speed estimated as nearly as possible of 100-150 mph. Based on observation of plane movements.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Nil.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Nil. Course did not vary.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.
Completely free of any type of exhaust.

23. Where was the object last observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings. Disappeared into sky in a NNW direction
b. Angle of elevation. Disappeared on horizon
c. Compass angle bearing. About 320° magnetic

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Faded through distance

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). Absolutely nil.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Two. Self + 8 year old son

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?
No others known

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? There is absolutely no natural explanation

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
It was clearly an aircraft in controlled flight.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form,

Signature..... Date.....

(1)

2 Douglas Avenue,
Tamworth.
27th July, 1970.

Lieut. H.W.Kaufman,
Headquarters, RAAF Base,
WILLIAMTOWN. 2301.

Dear Mr. Kaufman,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter and questionnaire concerning the sighting of an aerial object by myself, and son, at Tamworth on 13th July, 1970.

I have completed your questionnaire and shown hereunder is a statement in outline the incident.

"At 8-5am on Monday 13th July, 1970, in company with my eight year old son, Trevor, I was walking down Fitzroy Street, on my way to the office, when I noticed an object in the sky in the immediate vicinity.

At the time of first sighting the object I judged it to be immediately above a point approximately 200 yards in front of me, and the angle of elevation to be about 65 degrees. Based on the known height of the Oxley Lookout above the town (800') I estimated the height of the aircraft to be in the order of 1000' to 1200'.

The object was following a course almost parallel to Carthage Street, , and based on this it is estimated that the heading was about 320 degrees magnetic. (Carthage Street bears 312 degrees).

The object was not travelling fast. In my opinion the speed was within the limits of 100mph to 150mph.

The craft was following an unvarying course - without deviation, undulation, or any change whatsoever. From point of sighting to final loss through distance it followed what I judged to be an unvarying course both in direction and height.

The shape of the aircraft was cylindrical, i.e. it was shaped precisely similar to a length of outside water pipe. There was no tapering towards the ends, nor was there any variation in shape over the entire surface of the vehicle. Note. The craft DID NOT HAVE Wings.

Colour was a brownish orange. I saw no sign of variation in colour even though the object was clearly visible in sunlight.

There was no sound audible, nor was there any sign of exhaust emission.

The rear end of the craft showed the typical round outline which may be discerned when viewing a piece of pipe, or a culvert from a distance. This showed dark against the object and gave the impression that the rear end was open in entirety. I did not see the forward end as the object had passed my position prior to sighting."

It is hoped that this information, together with that shown on your questionnaire, is of assistance in your investigation. In the event of any further point needing discussion I would be pleased to give assistance.

I would also be most interested to know if you receive other reports of sighting this aircraft together with any conclusion you may reach.

Yours sincerely,

L.J. Kaufman

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer. Mr HARRINGTON.P.J. ..... Age. 33 .....

2. Address of observer. 209 Cooper Rd YAGOONA SYDNEY .....

..... Phone. SY 703730 ....

3. Occupation of observer. Pilot Chieftan Aviation .....

4. Date and time of start of observation. 222130 local .....

How certain is the date? .... Positive .....

How accurate is the time of start. Very accurate .....

5. Duration of observation. 10 to 12 minutes .....

How accurate is your estimate? ... Very accurate .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 40NM South east of ....

Katherine .....

How familiar is observer with this locality? Not familiar .....

. .....

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

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

. .....

9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings. South west of the A/C - A/C was tracking 325M at 8500' QNH at 150kts .....

(b) angle of elevation. Same level .....

(c) compass angle bearing. 270 relative .....

(d) how accurate are these estimates. Very accurate ....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? The brightness of ... the object .....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there? Two for two minutes .....

(b) in what formation were they? One vertical above the other

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.. What was the colour of the light or object?. Alternating red and green

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards). Similiar to A/F Beacon at 20NM

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon... Planet size

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).. ½"

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? Visual assessment - approx level +/- 1000' - converged and moved towards rear

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?. No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

Nothing heard

18. What was the maximum and minimumangle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. 9500 - 7500

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Thru 10° in 20 seconds

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 2 minutes. Relative to A/C

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Dive/climb circle

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Light - as above

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings: Disappeared 20 miles SE KATHERINE Reappeared 5NM KATHERINE for 30 seconds

(b) angle of elevation. Disappeared level Appeared lower

(c) compass angle bearing. Disappeared 270° Rel. Appeared 360° Rel.

24. What was the manner of its desappearance? Light went out - as if light switched off.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or or radioactivity etc) . Nothing

State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. 3500 flying hours

27. How many witness to the sighting? 2 Self and 2nd Pilot

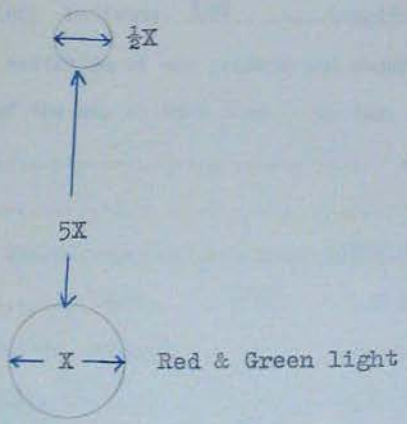
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? Only as reported by DCA official

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Another A/C in vicinity

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Behaviour - different to what expected from an A/C in transit. Sudden changes of altitude and heading.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Red & Green
or Orange



Recieved by phone.

Signature ..... (D.W.PICTON) Date. 22JUL70

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C..QA470...B707.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading..347M.....T.....T.....T

Height....35.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.TAS 460Kts.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*DAR 221239Z.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
TDL 221215Z

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's location: Latitude..15S.....Longitude..132 45E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from..DARWIN.....

at..221130.....Z Colour....White.....Weight.....100.....gm

Radio-~~sonde~~**/radar**: ~~Candle~~**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile. SE/15 to 7000' W to SW/10.15 to 18,000' SE/10.15 to 35,000' S/15 to 39,000' E/22.40 to 53,000'

Maximum height tracked.....57.....,000 ft at..221225.....Z

Was it known to have burst?..Yes.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....2.....°C at 4000 to 5000...ft, measured at..222300.....Z hrs from.....DARWIN.....Station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. .....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....Not applicable.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

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22JUL70 Mr John MIDDLETON, DCA KATHERINE, received an earlier report, from 4 or more witnesses, by phone from a work club social. He reported that the witnesses sounded sober and reliable. He will attempt to get names on 23JUL70.

Base Squadron RAAF Base DARWIN (Unit) (D.W.PICTON) (Name)

22nd July 1970 (Date) Flight Lieutenant (Rank)

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....none.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.~~Agricultural A/C~~...(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus only....No details.....

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36 A meteorological balloon was released from..Williamtown.....

at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/~~radar** Candle**/battery~~ (**delete as required)

General wind profile Westerly.....

Maximum height tracked.....No details.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....Unknown.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, ~~comets~~, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....none.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating .....Unknown.....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably~~ was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required). Unknown .....

.....Headquarters Williamtown.....(Unit).....Alex Lampson.....(Name)

.....30 JUL 52.....(Date).....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... Michael Lindsay HIBBERT ..... Age. 26 yrs

2. Address of observer. 13 Oleander Avenue, LABRADOR.

..... Phone. 37-1636 .....

3. Occupation of observer.. Machinist (2nd Class) (Water Valves, etc)

4. Date and time of start of observation. Sunday 19th July 1970. 0130 hrs.

How certain is the date?... Positive. .....

How accurate is the time of start. Fairly Accurate (within 10 minutes)

5. Duration of observation.. Approxiamately Thirty (30) Seconds. .....

How accurate is your estimate?... Fairly Accurate. .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 200 yards south of .....
Intersection of Pacific Highway and Tedder Avenue, Main Beach, Southport.

How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familar with area.
Travels that route six (6) days per week during course of employment.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Light rain falling at
observer's location. .....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.. None. ...

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9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings.. Directly ahead. .....

.....

(b) angle of elevation... Approximately 30 Degrees. .....

(c) compass angle bearing.. Between North West and 330 Degrees. ...

(d) how accurate are these estimates.. Reasonably accurate. ...

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Orange/White Glow..
Travelling in a downward irregular direction. .....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there?... One (1) only. .....

(b) in what formation were they?... One (1) only. .....

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? Orange/Whitish colour.

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).... Ordinary street light at a distance of three (3) miles.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. Approxiamately size of a Star.

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). Approxiamately 3/32"

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? As answered on 9(b) and 9(c). Values assessed at later date by Compass.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? None obvious.

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.... No sound heard.

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Between 20 and 30 degrees from Ground Level.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Seemed to be travelling at a speed of about Eighty (80) miles per hour comparing with speed of motor vehicles.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Not Stationary at any time.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Slight movement from half left to half right in downward direction.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Smoke seen in a Conical Shape behind falling object.

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. Between Helensvale and Hollywell.

(b) angle of elevation... At angle of approximately 20 degrees.

(c) compass angle bearing. Between 310 and 345 Degrees.

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Faded like a dying ember.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). Do not know of any.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. No professional training. Merely a Hobby.

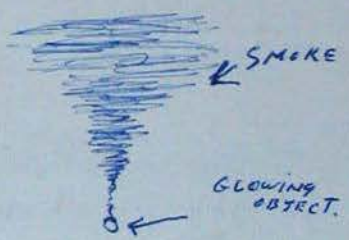
27. How many witness to the sighting? Two (including observer) other Kevin O'BRIEN, 31 Little Norman St, S'port.

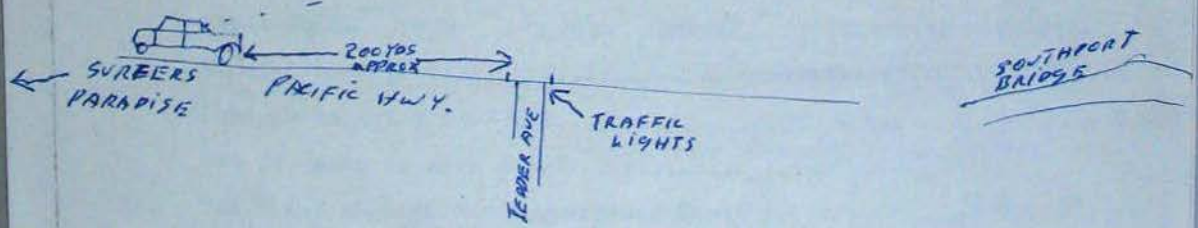
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? None known.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? A Falling Flare.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.





Signature Michael L. Hibbert. Date 31st July 1970

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 27° 58' 15" S Longitude 153° 25' 35" E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....N/A.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from EAGLE FARM at 1100 Z 18 JUN 70 Colour.....Weight.....gm

~~Radio-sonde~~** /radar** : ~~Candle~~** /~~battery~~** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....LOWER LEVELS WSW. BACKING WNW AT HEIGHT....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst? WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL OUT OF THE AREA

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of....N/A....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A. .....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

..... POSSIBLE SPACE DEBRIS? .....

(PART 1 OF THIS REPORT WAS COMPLETED BY THE SOUTHPORT POLICE.).

No. 82 Wing
RAAF Base
AMBERLEY QLD.

.....(Unit)..... S.J. Wilson (S.J. WILSON)(Name)

.....6 AUG 70.....(Date)..... FLT. LT.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Forwarded are reports by Mr & Mrs M.Sayers of Stradbroke VIC concerning an unusual object sighted near Sale on 26th July 1970. Investigation was carried out from RAAF Base East Sale and the report is also attached.

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

Enclosures: 2 reports of sighting
with Investigator's report

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer.....Mrs M. SAYERS.....Age..Not Admitted.....

2. Address of observer.....'Dalorwan" Frouds Road STRADBROKE VIC (Near Sale).....

.....Phone..68233.....

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

4. Date and time of start of observation.....26th July 1970 2130 hours.....

How certain is the date? .....Positive.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....Within 5 minutes.....

5. Duration of observation.....1.5 hours.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....From rear of house in garden.....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..Cloudless, good visibility....

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8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....No aids.....

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings.....In the sky between two bright stars and through gap in trees.....

b. angle of elevation.....10°-15°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....285°.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?.....Fairly good.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....Red light in sky.....

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11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there?.....Two.....

b. in what formation were they?.....On the same level but appearing to rotate horizontally.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?,.....Red and Blue (both deep).....

At one time the lights were extinguished completely for approximately 3 seconds before resuming normal intensity. The lights appeared to shimmer rather like stars.

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg oridinary street light at 100 yards). Quite bright but not the intensity of the brightest star

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon. size of Venus

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). 2" circular

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? 10°-15° varying a few degrees. Using clothes line and trees.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity None heard

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 10°-15°

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Very slow moving in both horizontally and vertically over short distance.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Approx 3 secs during each phase of movement.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Describing + type manoeuvre (up, down ~~left~~, right)

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None

23. Where was object last observed:

a. relative to your surroundings. Moved away to SW beside bright star

b. angle of elevation. slightly higher in sky - approx 20°-25°

c. compass angle bearing. 220° approx

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? It appeared to travel away. I didn't wait to see it disappear - it only showed a blue/green small light.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). None

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. Nope. cannot estimate angles well

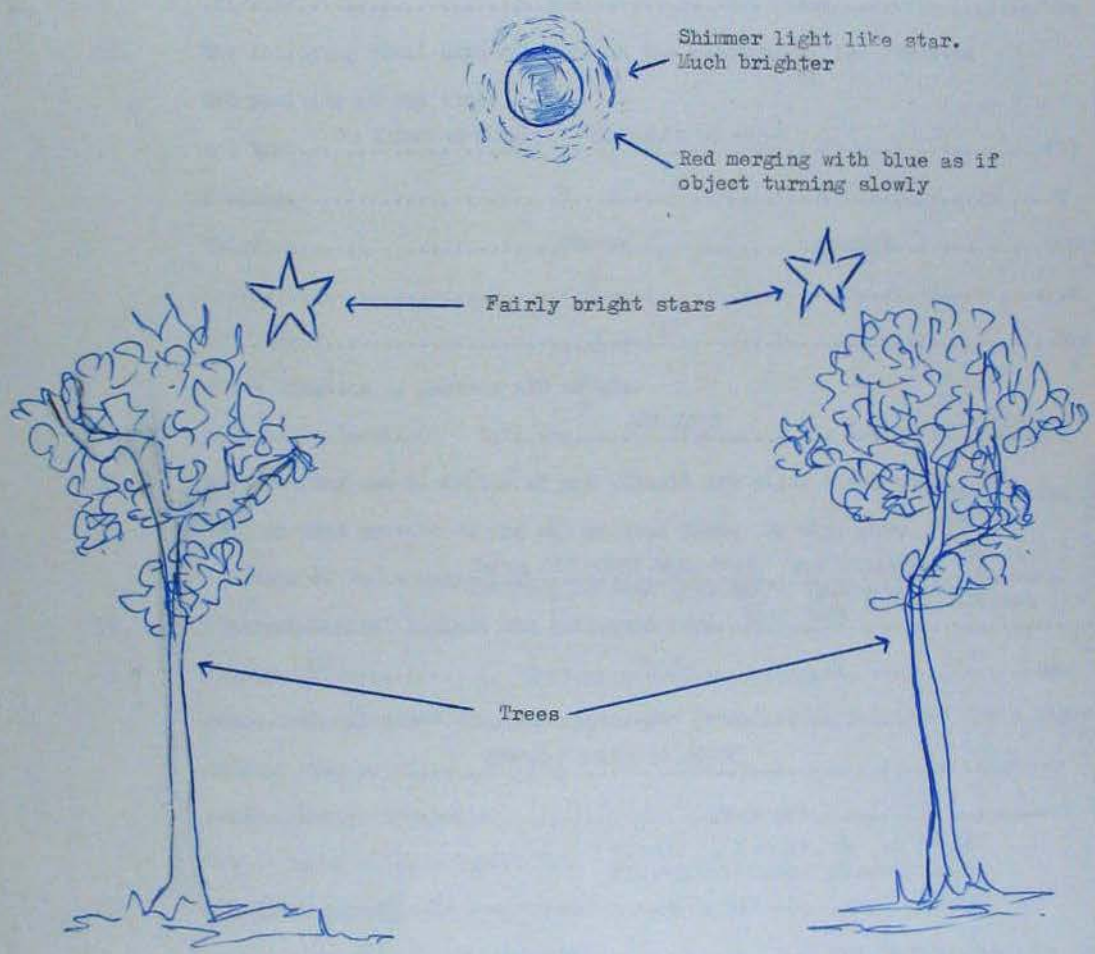
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Two

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No, only husband

29. What natural phenomenon (ro phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? I did think it could be a helicopter

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? None, however it appeared to be a man made object. It wasn't a shooting star or an aircraft

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature [signature] Flt Lt
pp MARGARET SAYERS

Date 28th July 1970

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type No military (1) aircraft in the (2) area. (3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

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

A/C type No known civilian (1) aircraft in area (2) (3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's location: Latitude 38° 18'S Longitude 147°02'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only Moon rising in East (Spica / Deneboca / Gienah) Venus 15° elev Brg. 280°T from observer Jupiter 45° elev Brg. 280°T from observer All fairly bright in west

36. A meteorological balloon was realeased from East Sale at 1115 Z. Colour White Weight 645 gm

Radio-sonde**/~~Radar~~**: ~~Chaff~~**/Battery** (**delete as required) White Light

General wind profile 290°/12 knots at 4000'

Maximum height tracked 4 ,000ft at 1123 Z

Was it known to have burst? No. Cloud: 3/8 Strata Cu. at 3500' Visibility: 10nm in smoke haze

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from ....station. Nil inversion

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting, no knowledge

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.... no known aircraft

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

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~*(delete as required)

A combination of Jupiter, Venus and three other bright stars which were in the sky to the west of the observers, at a low elevation. The smoke haze possibly combined with moonlight from behind the observer caused the colour effect, the shimmering and the apparent movement.

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b. Following this report the investigating officer considers the explanation in para 41 correct.

...Headquarters.RAAF.Base.EAST.SALE.(Unit)..... ..(Name)

.....29th.July.1970.....(Date).....Flight.Lieutenant.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer....MALCOLM SAYERS.....Age Not Admitted.

2. Address of observer..."Delorvan" Froude Road STRADBROKE VIC (near Sale)..

.....Phone..68233....

3. Occupation of observer.....Dairy Farmer.....

4. Date and time of start of observation..26th July 1970..2130 hours.....

How certain is the date? ..Positive.....

How accurate is the time of start?....±5 minutes.....

5. Duration of observation...5 hours.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting...Outside rear of house.....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation...Nil cloud - Good visibility..

..and it had not been raining.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..Nil, but wears glasses

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings..I was called to look at the object by

..my wife, it was in the sky to the west.....

b. angle of elevation....not more than 45°.....

c. compass angle bearing....285°.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?....very approximate.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?....my wife.....

.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there?....two.....

b. in what formation were they?....They were not distinctly separate but appeared to merge together most of the time

12. What was the colour of the light or object?,....Red and white.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg oridinary street light at 100 yards). Brighter than a normal star - probably about double intensity....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.. approx size of Venus.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). n/a.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?. Unsure but less than 45°.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No. but lights definately moving very slowly in irregular pattern over a relatively small area of sky

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity ....No. noise. but. probably. too. far. away.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..Max. 45°..Min. 20°.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..Approx. 10°. per second.. .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..of. 3. minutes. observed,. ?. minutes. were stationary

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Completely. irregular. pattern. but... appeared to be continually rotating.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..None.....

23. Where was object last observed:

a. relative to your surroundings...Still. to. west. of. house. in. sky. .....

b. angle of elevation...unchanged..... .....

c. compass angle bearing...approx. 285°.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?. still. there. when. I. left.. scene..

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)....None.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....None..... ...poor. at. geometry.....

27. How many witnesses to the sighting?.....Two.....

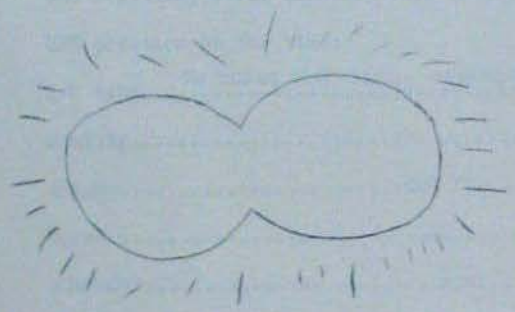
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? None, except wife

29. What natural phenomenon (ro phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Nothing obvious - not an aircraft or shooting star or anything that I have observed before.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? No

Explanation given

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Integrated Glow.
A merging of red and white light, mainly white.

Signature [signature] Flt.
pp Marcan SAFEO

Date 28th July 1970

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type No military (1) aircraft in the (2) area. (3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

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

A/C type No known civilian (1) aircraft in area (2) (3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA* ..... hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's loaction: Latitude 38° 18'S Longitude 147°02'E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only Moon rising in East (Spica / ~~Deneboca~~ / Gienah) All fairly bright in west

Venus 15° elev Brg. 280°T from observer

Jupiter 45° elev Brg. 280°T from observer

36. A meteorological balloon was realeased from East Sale

at 1115 Z. Colour White Weight 645 gm

Radio-sonb**/~~Radar~~**: ~~Onmidec~~**/Battery** (**delete as required) White Light

General wind profile 290°/12 knots at 4000'

Maximum height tracked 4 ,000ft at 1123 Z

Was it known to have burst? No. Cloud: 3/8 Strata Cu. at 3500ø'
Visibility: 10nm in smoke haze

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from ..... station. Nil inversion

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting, no knowledge

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.... no known aircraft

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...Headquarters.RAAF.Base.EAST.SALE.(Unit)..... ..(Name)

.....29th.July.1970.....(Date).....Flight.Lieutenant.....(Rank)

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

OBSERVED ON SUNDAY 26TH JULY 1970

Introduction

1. At approximately 2130 hours on Sunday 26th July 1970, Mrs M. Sayers and her husband sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky to the west of their farmhouse, situated at Stradbroke, Victoria, near Sale. The object took the form of two bright coloured lights which appeared to move around a small area of sky in an irregular pattern. After approximately 1.5 hours the object had moved further to the South West and finally was seen to disappear as it travelled away from the observer. As Mrs Sayers was unable to explain what she had seen she reported the matter to the RAAF Base, East Sale, on the Monday morning 27th July 1970.

Quality of Evidence

2. The two witnesses were interviewed separately. They both gave the impression of being well educated and sincere in their efforts to do their duty. The quality of evidence was quite good and differed only in the colour of the lights observed and their intensity.

Investigations

3. A number of possible causes were investigated in an effort to explain the phenomena:

a. Aircraft. From the evidence it seemed likely that an aircraft or more particularly a helicopter was the cause. The helicopter base at Longford was not flying that night and the authorities in Melbourne were not aware of any military or civilian aircraft flying in the vicinity on the night in question.

b. Television Masts. The television masts situated on top of the Strzeleskis mountains are 2796 feet above sea level. They bear 255°(T) and are line of sight 22 nautical miles from the observers farm. However the masts are unlit and are therefore excluded.

c. Meteorological Balloon. A white meteorological balloon carrying a small white light was released from RAAF East Sale at 2115 hours on Sunday 26th July. The wind at 4000' was 290°/12 knots when it was last observed by a meteorological observer using binoculars. Although the balloon might well have carried into the area, it is considered unlikely to be the cause. The light was to too low an intensity to be seen by the human eye above 4000' and in any case would hardly compare with the "bright light" observed. It is also unlikely that it would have remained virtually stationary in the area for so long.

d. Esso Gas Plant. The Esso Gas Plant is excluded as it is well to the North of the reported observation.

e. Visible Satellites. No Satellites were known to be visible at the time of the observation and in any case the duration of the sighting would rule the possibility out.

f. Meteorites. The possibility of a meteorite cannot be entirely discounted as they are known to do very strange things. However once again the time factor makes it highly improbable and both observers discounted this idea as they had observed them before.

/g. Meteorological

g. Meteorological Conditions. The sky was virtually clear there being 3/8 Strata Cumulus reported. Visibility was 10 nautical miles in smoke haze but no inversion was present. The meteorological officer considered that atmospheric reflection was a slight possibility.

h. Reflections. The area to the west of the observers farm house was thickly covered with high trees. Another farmhouse is about one mile to the west but this could not possibily have produced reflections to produce the reported phenomena.

i. Celestial Bodies. Several bright planets and stars were visible in the sky where the unidentified object was reported:

(1) Venus. Elevation 15°, Bearing 280°T from observer.

(2) Jupiter. Elevation 45°, Bearing 280°T from observer.

(3) Spica, Denebola and Gienah. All are bright stars in this area.

5. The investigating officer considers after studying the evidence that the reported Unidentified Flying Object observed on the night of 26th July 1970 was either or both the planets Jupiter and Venus, the size, brilliance, distortion and apparent movement being due to the smoke haze and a little immagination on the part of the observers.

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b. Following this report the investigating officer considers the the explanation in para 5 is correct.

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The Secretary,
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We wish to forward for your information a report that we received from the Administration of Papua and New Guinea.

2. On 29th June, 1970 at 1720 hours E.S.T. Captain B.N. Keog, pilot-in-command of F.27 aircraft VH-FNK made the following observations from the aircraft radarscope:-

> "Crossing the Sepik River on the Madang-Wewak track, on descent from 12,500 feet he noted echoes appearing on his radar from 60° green to abeam the aircraft. The radar scale was set at 180 nautical miles and the echoes appeared to be about 60 nautical miles from his aircraft and keeping station with him. There were five cigar shaped objects. With the radar scanner on maximum depression or elevation the echoes disappeared."

3. The Department of Civil Aviation has no record of any aircraft in the area at the time.

(F. S. Evatt)
for Secretary

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING 29 JULY 1970
BY MR & MRS P. GANNON OF PT FAIRY VIC

Reference: A. HQLAV Signal A329 29th July 1970

Herewith is report investigated by Flg Off D.J. Maguire of Laverton, concerning the sighting advised by Reference A.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure 1. UFO pro-forma

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer MR & MRS PHILLIP GANNON Age 30 & ?

2. Address of observer REGENT ST PORT FAIRY VIC

Phone

3. Occupation of observer EDITOR PORT FAIRY GAZETTE

4. Date and time of start of observation 8.10 PM 29 JUL 70

How certain is the date? DEFINITE

How accurate is the time of start? WRISTWATCH

5. Duration of observation

How accurate is your estimate?

6. Observer's location at time of sighting IN MOTOR CAR TRAVELLING WEST FROM WARRNAMBOOL ON PRINCES HIGHWAY BETWEEN DENNINGTON AND ILLOWA

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY

7. Weather conditions at time of observation DARK & CLEAR

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings IN SKY NORTH SIDE (INLAND) OF PRINCES HIGHWAY

b. Angle of elevation VARIED

c. Compass angle bearing

d. How accurate are these estimates?

10. What first attracted observer's attention? PREDOMINANT WHITE LIGHT

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. How many were there? N/A

b. In what formation were they? N/A

12. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE LIGHT WITH RED, BLUE & GREY EXTRAS

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What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). WHITE LIGHT LIKE CAR HEADLAMP LIGHTED

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. Relative to Venus or Moon .....

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) .....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? .....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity ..... NONE HEARD .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ..... VA .....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances ..... AT PEAK SPEED APPEARED FASTER THAN LIGHT ACFT .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .... NONE .....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ..... PAGE 3 .....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... NONE NOTICED .

23. Where was object last observed :

a. Relative to your surroundings .....

b. Angle of elevation .....

c. Compass angle bearing .....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..... INSTANTANEOUS .....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground identations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc) ..... NOT KNOWN & NOT INVESTIGATED .....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....

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27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ..... TWO .....

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? .....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? .....

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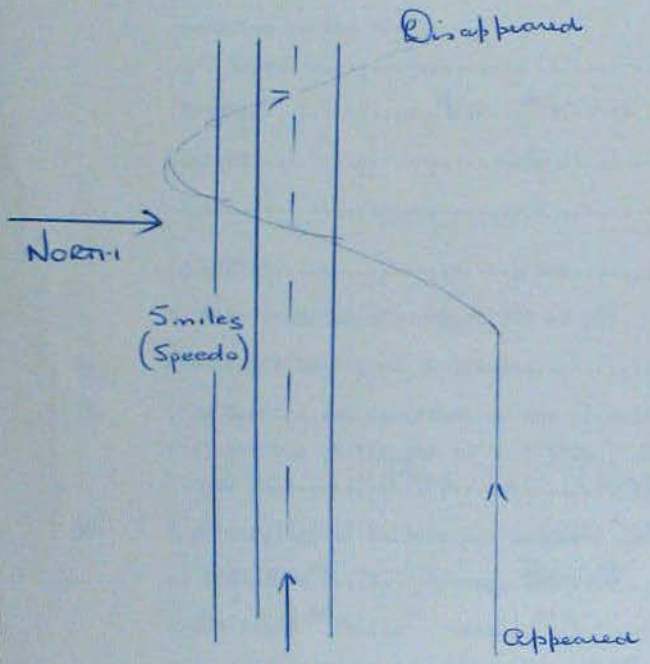
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Observers passed information to 1st Constable WADE (13504), Port Fairy police, who relayed information to Sgt TERRY (10994), D24.
Telephone 662011 Ext 242.
Sgt TERRY passed information to O/C and duty controller at RAAF LAVERTON.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type .....(1) .....(2).....(3)

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

Height ..... NONE ,000 ft..... KNOWN ,000 ft.....,000 ft

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type..... (1).....(2).....(3)

Heading..... NO KNOWN TRAFFIC T.....T

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

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

ATD/ATA*..... hrs..... hrs..... hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only..... PAGE 5 (LIST) .....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..... LAVERTON .....

at 29 0445 Z. Colour BROWN Weight 350 gm

Radio-sonde **/radar**: ~~Sonde~~ **/battery** (** delete as required)

General wind profile.. NORTHERLY STREAM BACKING WESTERLY

Maximum height tracked..... 55 ,000 ft at 29 1100 Z

Was is known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..... 2 .....°C at SURFACE ft, measured at 29 0445 Z hrs from..... LAVERTON .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

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if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was*~~/may have been* (delete as required) the planet VENUS and the secondary colour effects could have been caused by the surface in unison.

	Brg	Elevation
Alphecca	330°	15-20°
Acturus	315°	15°
Greiah.	265°	15°
Spica	275°	25-30°
Durbola	290°	5°
Zubeneligenubi	300°	45°.
Venus	275°	15°
Jupiter	280°	25-30°

Details On Initial Report By Observer Incomplete Due To Relay Of Report Through Several Agencies. Observers Believed Travelling To South Australia And Date Of Return Not Known.

...RAAF Base Laverton...(Unit).....D.T. Maguire.....(Name)

.....30 Jul 70.....(Date).....Flg Off.....(Rank)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING 1JUN70

1. Herewith is a report by Mr A.A. Vigar concerning an unusual aerial object sighted in the vicinity of Zanci Station, located in South-West NSW.

2. Part 2 of the proforma has been raised by C Intell O (HQSC), together with his comments.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer Albert Arthur Cigar Age 20

2. Address of observer Zanci Station NSW C/o Mulawa
Phone Mulawa 32092

3. Occupation of observer Station hand

4. Date and time of start of observation June 1st between 7.30 & 8PM
How certain is the date? positive
How accurate is the time of start? aprox

5. Duration of observation aprox 15 - 20 mins
How accurate is your estimate? aprox

6. Observer's location at time of sighting aprox 3 miles from homestead in easterly direction
How familiar is observer with this locality? very familiar

7. Weather conditions at time of observation clear night no wind

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ~~nil~~
telescopic sight on rifle

9. Where was object first observed? : a west of north of guest 6
a. Relative to your surroundings open plain sand
b. angle of elevation vertical & about 6 ft from ground
c. compass angle bearing —
d. how accurate are these estimates? only guess but fairly accurate

10. What first attracted observer's attention? red light

11. If there was more than one light/object : no
a. how many were there? one
b. in what formation were they? one large glow

12. What was the colour of the light or object? red at first changed to green & then back to red as I approached the object

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). brake lights of car

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?: 30-40 ft high

a. relative to Venus or Moon.. —

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).... —

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? sticking straight up

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.. no

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .high pitched whistle which made ears ring for long time after.

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. —

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances went up.... pretty fast

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.... 15-20 mins

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. went straight up.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... none

23. Where was object last observed : eighty to hundred feet in air

a. relative to your surroundings.... up

b. angle of elevation... vertical

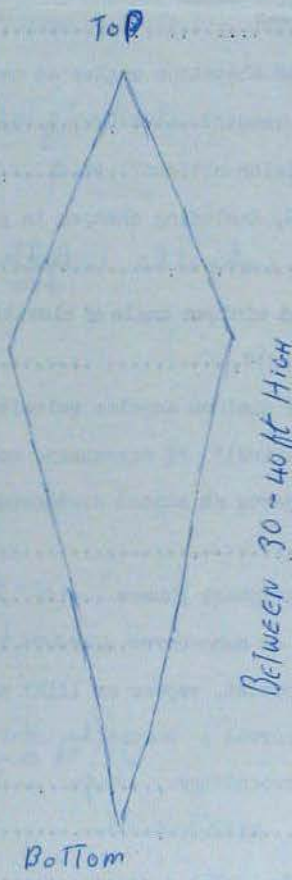
c. compass angle bearing... —

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? straight up... lights out whilst continued

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... no

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.... —

27. How many witness to the sighting?..... none



This is as object appeard to me at an approximate distance of between 50 & 60 yds.
I got a real good look

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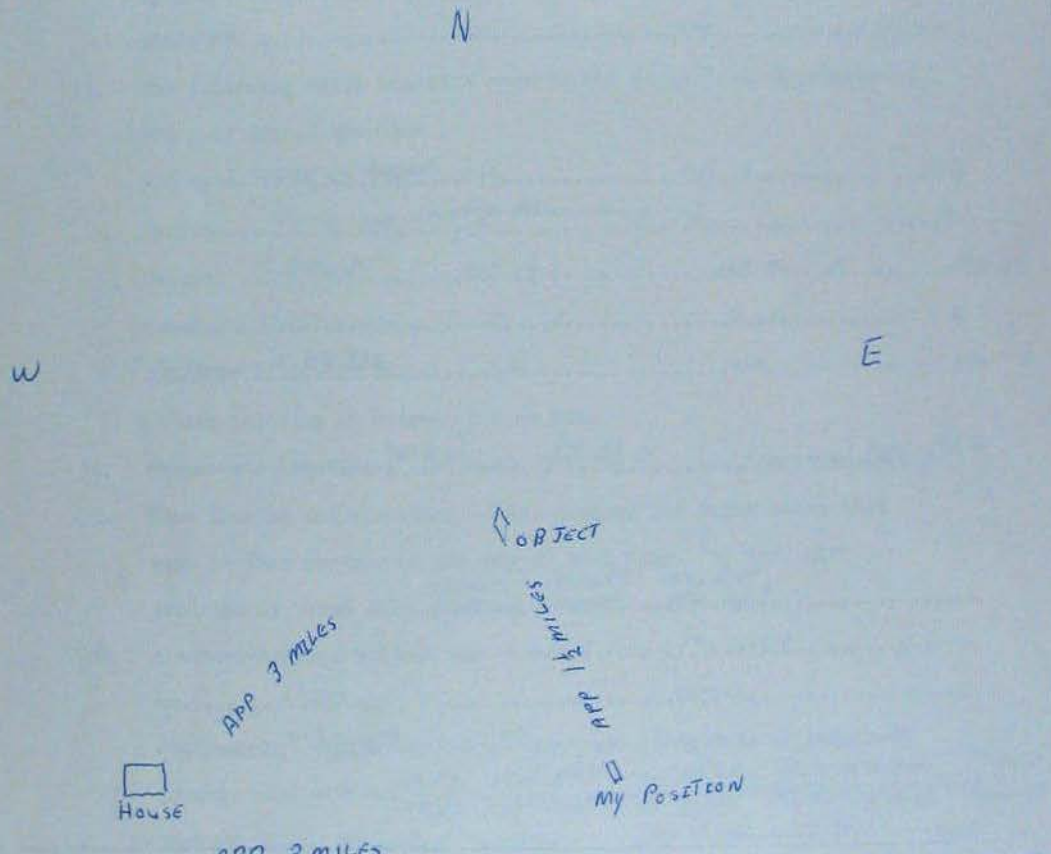
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..I think so.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?...none.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..I know what I saw - it was nothing like I have ever seen before.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature...A.A.Vigan jnr.... Date.10-6-1970.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.....FOKKER FRIENDSHIP.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....N. W. over ULITHA & descending.....T.....T

Height.....16,500 ft+.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....300.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....at 0913Z.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : (approx) Latitude.....33.42 S.....Longitude.....143.02 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. VENUS EL 65° AZ 310° JUPITER EL 39° AZ 32°.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....MILDURA.....

at.....11.00.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**/Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....0900Z 010° 2KTS VIS 20KMS 3/8 CLOUD @ 9,000 Temp 11°
1000Z 020° 2KTS VIS 20KMS 2/8 CLOUD @ 9,000 Temp 12°

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst? N/R

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NO INVERSIONS°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....at 1946K Satellite COSMOS 1965 73E AZ 207 EL 74 HDG 127 No visible projection

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/L .....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

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If this is not a hoax and the object seen has been described correctly, then despite all efforts no explanation can be offered.

ZANCI Homestead and the people living there are well known to the police at Maldura as reasonable and respected citizens and they know of no reason why Mr Vigar should submit an untrue statement. A copy of the original telex report as received through DCA is attached.

From discussions with Sgt KNOWLES of Maldura Police, Mr Vigar was in the "Walls of China" area (east of ZANCI Homestead) at the time of sighting [formerly marked on WAC chart ADELAIDE - 3458]. This particular area has provided a wealth of local legend inspired by previous unexplained sightings. It is thought, however, that the peculiar geological structure of the area has caused the phenomena, but in what respect, has not been adequately explained.

No assessment can be made of this sighting.

1485C .....(Unit)..... Harvey .....(Name)

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UFO SIGHTING REPORT.
THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SGT KNOWLES MILDURA POLICE AT 030310.
QUOTE MR ALBERT VIGAR OF ZANKI STATION APPROX 60NM SE MILDURA
REPORTED SIGHTING UFO BETWEEN 7.30PM AND 8 PM LAST NIGHT 2/6/70
MR VIGAR WAS SPOTLIGHTING. HE SAW TWO SMALL RED LIGHTS
WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS REFLECTION FROM FOXES EYES AND GAVE CHASE.
AS HE GOT CLOSER TO THE SOURCE OF THIS LIGHT. HE NOTICED IT WAS
A BRIGHT DIAMOND OBJECT. BRIGHT ALL OVER AND ABOUT AS LARGE AS A
SEMI-TRAILER STANDING ON END. IT WAS TRANSMITTING A WHISTLING
SOUND. ON GETING WITHING 60 YARDS OF THIS OBJECT. IT ROSE STRAIGHT
INTO THE AIR. ON REACHING APPROX 100FT THE LIGHTS ON THE OBJECT
FADED BUT THE WHISTLING SOUND COULD STILL BE HEARD.
WHEN THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED IT WAS 6 TO 8 FT OFF THE GROUND.
MR VIGAR REVISITED THIS AREA TODAY, BUT RAIN OVERNIGHT HAD WASHED
AWAY ALL TRACKS .
MR VIGAR IS CONSIDERED A VERY RELIABLE PERSON BY SGT KNOWLES
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R E S T R I C T E D A789 REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING PD MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SOUTHPORT POLICE CMM MR M HIBBERT OF 13 OLIANDER ST LABRADOR SOUTHPORT SAW LARGE FIRE IN SKY WHICH APPEARED TO FALL OUT OF SKY TRAILED BY SMOKE AT APPROX 1 90210K PD SIGHTING NORTH OF SOUTHPORT PD OBJECT ALSO SEEN BY PASSENGER TRAVELLING WITH HIBBERT NOWEVER HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT THIS PERSON TO CANFIRM PD REPORT FOLLOWS PD

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TELEPHONE: 690550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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7 JUL 1970

Department of Air (DAFI)
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

REPORTS ON SIGHTING OF UN-IDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

Reference: A. 7SD Signal A 002 29th June 1970

Attached are two reports submitted by R. and A.D. ELLETT of Toowoomba Queensland concerning an unusual aerial sighting on 28th June, previously notified by Ref.A.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: 2 reports

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer Roy ECCH ..... Age 31.....

2. Address of observer 17 Alan St Toowoomba .....

.....Q.Q.....Phone 53305.....

3. Occupation of observer Painter .....

4. Date and time of start of observation 28 6 1970 4.10 p.m

How certain is the date? Positive .....

How accurate is the time of start? Fairly accurate .....

5. Duration of observation few seconds .....

How accurate is your estimate? Fairly accurate .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting 2½ miles from Warwick-Toowoomba Road (Allora Highway) on Pilton Valley Road .....

How familiar is observer with this locality? Fairly familiar .....

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

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

.....

9. Where was object first observed? : Straight ahead

a. Relative to your surroundings .....

.....

b. angle of elevation .....

c. compass angle bearing .....

d. How accurate are these estimates? .....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? The object .....

.....

11. If there was more than one light/object : —

a. how many were there? .....

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Yellow .....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... Bright. Less than full Moon.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... Size about one inch Object [illegible]

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....None.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances ..... [illegible] .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... None.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... Slight vapour

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..... Straight ahead.....

b. angle of elevation..... 70°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... Went above Brent Mountain

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... None.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... None.....

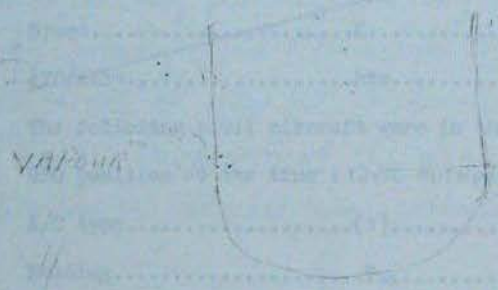
27. How many witness to the sighting?..... Two.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
.....to Scaled Insignificant.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



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X Marks the Spot
Where observation
was made

Signature R. Field Date 29 6 70

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : MILITARY AUTHORITIES STATE 'NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY'

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : CIVIL AUTHORITIES STATE 'NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY'

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude GRID REF ON ATTACHED MAP Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. IN WESTERN SKY DUE TO SET. 1956 HOURS

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....N.A.....

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... ....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A .....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was~~*/may have been* (delete as required)
a glider operating from the Southern Downs Soaring Club. The President of the Club, Dr S.W. BEST stated that he could not say positively that any gliders based at WILLOWVALE were soaring in the Pilton area but that the possibility could not be ruled out. (Willowvale is about nine miles from Pilton). A search of the area indicated by the dotted line on the attached map produced negative results.

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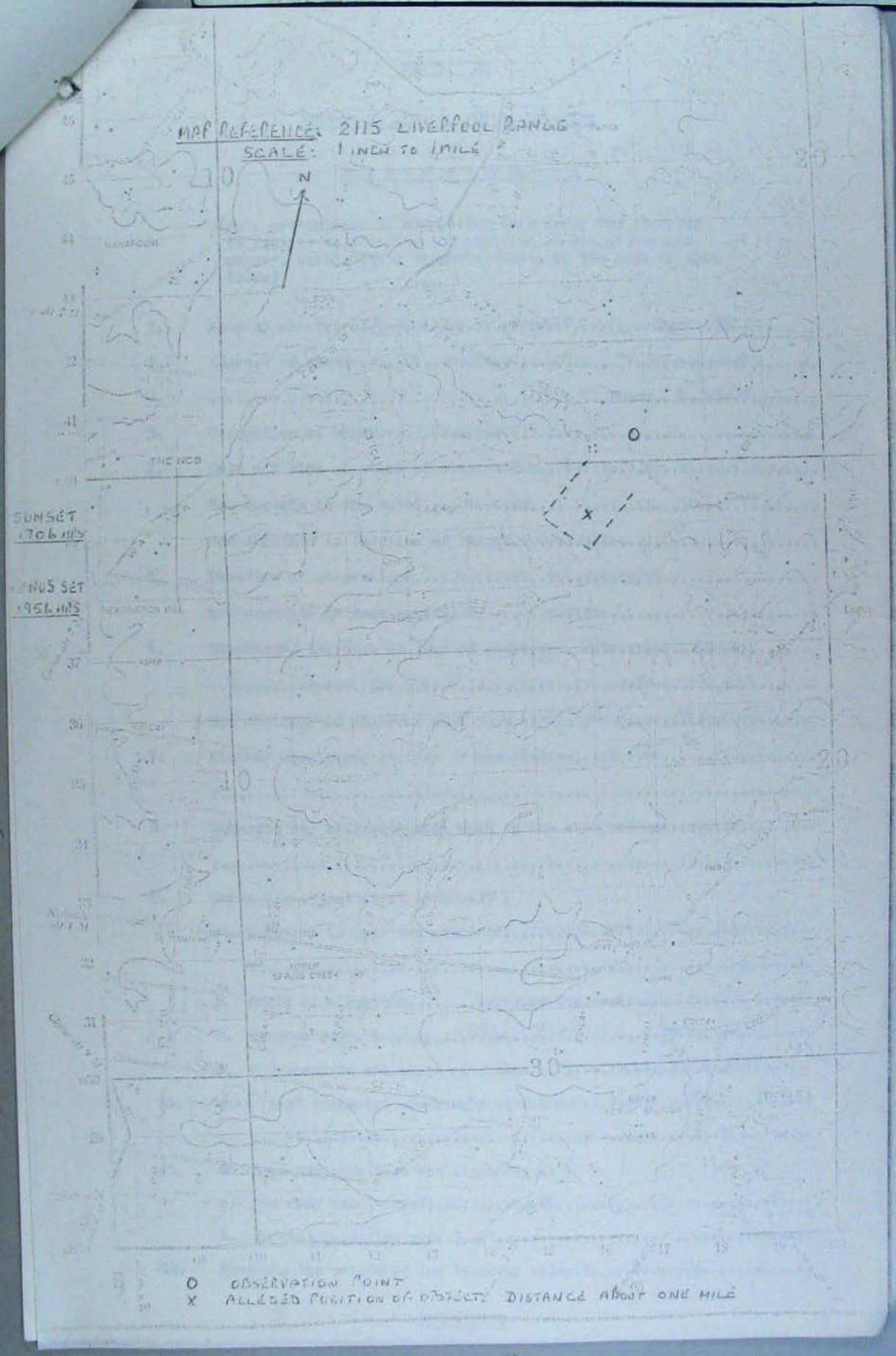

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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1. Name of observer [illegible] Age [illegible]

2. Address of observer [illegible]

[illegible] Phone [illegible]

3. Occupation of observer [illegible]

4. Date and time of start of observation [illegible]

How certain is the date? [illegible]

How accurate is the time of start? [illegible]

5. Duration of observation [illegible]

How accurate is your estimate? [illegible]

6. Observer's location at time of sighting [illegible]

[illegible]

How familiar is observer with this locality? [illegible]

7. Weather conditions at time of observation [illegible]

[illegible]

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation [illegible]

[illegible]

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings [illegible]

[illegible]

b. angle of elevation [illegible]

c. compass angle bearing SSW - 210°

d. How accurate are these estimates? [illegible]

10. What first attracted observer's attention? [illegible]

[illegible]

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. how many were there? [illegible]

b. in what formation were they? [illegible]

12. What was the colour of the light or object? [illegible]

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards).....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances .....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....

23. Where was object last observed :

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b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?.....

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....

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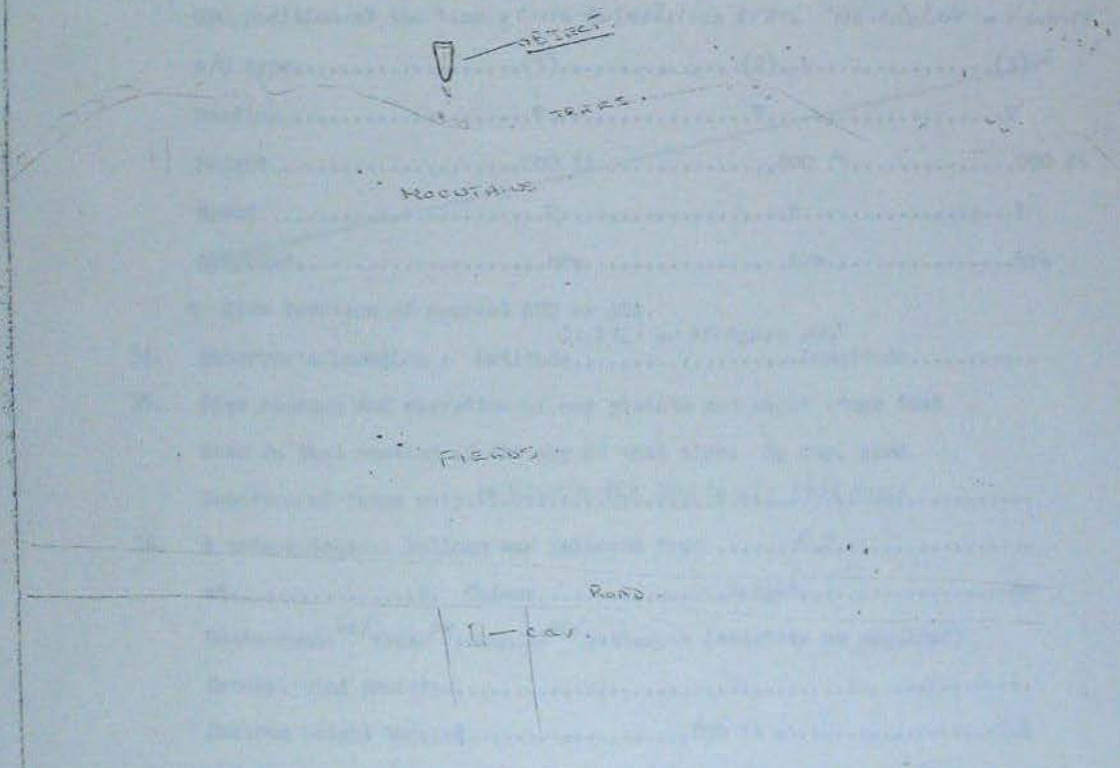

Signature.....C. [illegible]..... Date.....29.10.70.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : MILITARY AUTHORITIES STATE: 'NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY'

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : CIVIL AUTHORITIES STATE: "NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY"

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude GRID REF ON ATTACHED MAP .....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. IN WESTERN SKY DUE TO SET 1956 HOURS.....

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at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A .....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was~~*/may have been* (delete as required) a glider operating from the Southern Downs Soaring Club. The President of the Club, Dr E.W. BEST stated that he could not say positively that any gliders based at WILLOWVALE were soaring in the Pilton area but that the possibility could not be ruled out. (Willowvale is about nine miles from Pilton). A search of the area indicated by the dotted line on the attached map produced negative results.

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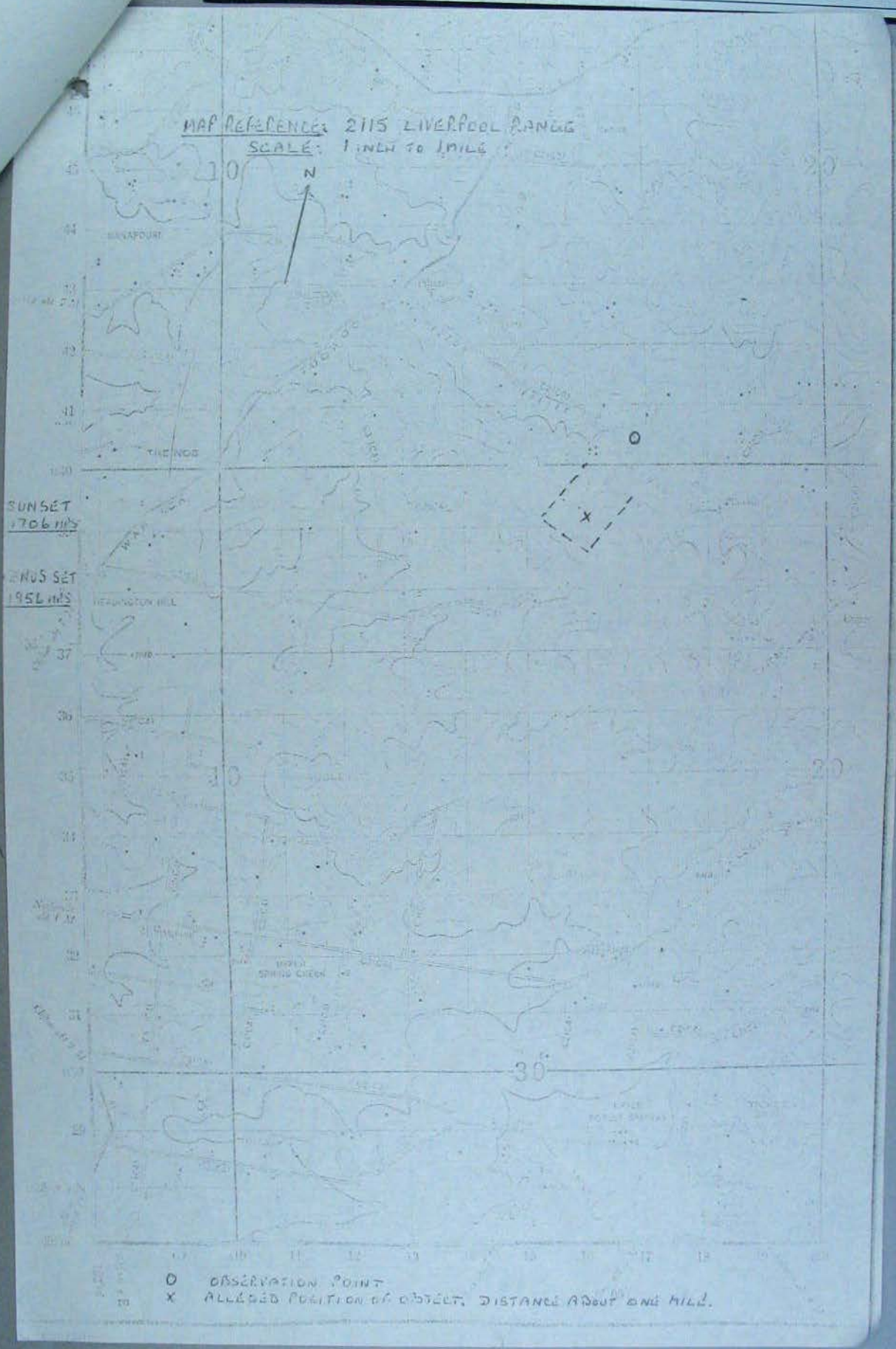

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FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING PD (A) OBSERVER STEPHEN HOLTHOUSE (B) ADDRESS 16 MOLLISON STREET SCULLIN ACT (C) TELEPHONE 541258 (D) OCCUPATION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT (E) DETAILS AS FOLLOWS PD WHILST OBSERVING PLANET VENUS WITH NAKED EYE AT 1702K ON 29JUN SAW BLACK CYLINDRICAL OBJECT BELOW PLANET MOVING IN STRAIGHT NORTHERLY DIRECTION PD DURATION OF SIGHTING ABOUT FIFTEEN SECONDS PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN MID-AIR PD ANGLE OF ELEVATION 40 DEGREES PD ANGULAR VELOCITY 20 DEGREES OF SKY IN FIFTEEN SECONDS PD HOLTHOUSE IS MEMBER OF UFO AND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETIES CANBERRA PD FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW ASAP

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R E S T R I C T E D A002 FOR DAFI AND C INTELLO PD ALLEGED SIGHTING OF UFO OCCURRED TOOWOOMBA DISTRICT ABOUT 1600 HOURS 26JUN70 PD OBJECT DESCRIBED AS LARGE SILVER AND BULLET SHAPED PD SEEN DESCENDING AT HIGH SPEED IN VERTICAL DIRECTION PD INITIAL INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT FLYING IN VICINITY AT THAT TIME PD ENQUIRIES CONTINUING

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Mr. C.J. Allen.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report

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TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR ALLEN - 1950 K 15 JUN 70.
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... ~~A. Gibson~~ CECIL JOHN ALLEN ..... Age.....

2. Address of observer.. 26 TIDSWELL ST. MT DRUIT .....

..... Phone. 625 0360 ...

3. Occupation of observer.. GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVER .....

4. Date and time of start of observation. 15 JUN 70 .. 1750 - 1917 hrs K

How certain is the date?... ACCURATE .....

How accurate is the time of start.. ACCURATE .....

5. Duration of observation..... 1 HR 27 MINS .....

How accurate is your estimate?.. ACCURATE .....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.. BACK YARD AT HOME ...

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How familiar is observer with this locality?. RESIDENT FOR .

. ONE YEAR .....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation.. CLEAR NIGHT SKY ..

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8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. USED TOPS

. OF NEARBY TREES FOR SIGHTING AND FOLLOWING MOVEMENT OF OBJECT

9. Where was object first observed: - See also para 10 below

(a) Relative to your surroundings.. WELL ABOVE TREE TOPS ... IN

.. FRONT OF OBSERVER .....

(b) angle of elevation... NOT KNOWN .....

(c) compass angle bearing... NOT TAKEN - ESTIMATED N.W. ...

(d) how accurate are these estimates. F. AS PERSONAL OBJECTIVE.

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.. THREE TIMES LAST WEEK SAME OBJECT SEEN WHILST DRIVING BACK FROM WORK AT WARENOVE. LAST NIGHT SAME OBJECT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY NEIGHBOUR (AGED 12). WHO ADVISED IT WAS CONTACT RANGE.

11. If there was more than one light/object:

(a) how many were there?. ONE .....

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

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? VERY BRIGHT AND WHITE BRIGHTER THAN A STAR.

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)..."TERRIFICALLY" BRIGHT.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon..."BIGGER THAN THE BIGGEST STAR I'VE EVER SEEN. THERE WERE NO OTHER STARS AROUND IT."

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?...SEE PARA 8.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....NO SOUND.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..DESCENDED FROM WELL ABOVE THE TREES TO BELOW THE LEVEL OF THEIR TOPS

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..MOVED..

.FROM..RIGHT..TO..LEFT..OF..OBSERVER.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. TOWARDS END OF OBSERVATION OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY FOR APPROX. 5 MINS. THEN DISAPPEARED LIKE A LIGHT GOING OUT TWICE. WHEN IT WENT OUT THE SIZE AND BRIGHTNESS APPARENTLY AND IT HAD TURNED AN ORANGE/RED COLOUR.

21. NIL ← Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..NIL.....

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23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings...

(b) angle of elevation.....SEE PARA 12 & 13 ABOVE...

(c) compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..SEE PARA 20 ABOVE...

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)...NO.....

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity....NONE.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?..MYSELF, HUSBAND, MRS. PETER CROSSLEY'S WIFE. THIS REFERRED THE NIGHT BEFORE.

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..No.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..A VERY BIG STAR.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... INTERESTED IN WATCHING THE SKIES SINCE MOON LANDING. WONDERED IF SOME NEW COMPLEX GOV. TESTS. MIGHT EXPLAIN PRESENCE OF OBJECT.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature..... Date.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. 303°T — 4°

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from. None

at.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....

7. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....
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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)
.....VENUS.....

.....HQ. RICHMOND.....(Unit).....D.W. Neumann.....(Name)
.....16 JUN 70.....(Date).....FLT. LT.....(Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(31)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Reference: A. HQTVL Message AI7 3 Jun 70 (28)

1. The red glow reported by Mr Jenkinson appears to be the planet Venus; which at the time of sighting was on a bearing of approximately 300° and elevation of 6° - 14°.

2. The planet Venus was sighted by RAAF aircrew who were night flying at the time and who commented that it appeared unusually large. The suburb of West End is situated east of RAAF base Townsville.

John C Luker.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Mr. Gaist.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report by Observer

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... MR. GAIST ... Age.....
2. Address of observer... FLAT 4 ... 138 ... THE BOULEVARD. ... DULWYCH HILL ... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 1850 ... 06 JUN 70.
   How certain is the date?... CONFIRMED .....
   How accurate is the time of start... CONFIRMED .....
5. Duration of observation... 10. MINUTES .....
   How accurate is your estimate?... UNK .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... INTERSECTION ... OF LEWISHAM ST & NEW CANTERBURY ROAD .....
   How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
   UNK .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... cloudy .....
   ~~HAR~~ .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
   BINOCULARS .....
9. Where was object first observed:
   (a) Relative to your surroundings.....
   SIGHTED WEST ALONG LEWISHAM ST .....
   (b) ~~angle of elevation~~.. ESTIMATES 4 MILES RANGE .....
   (c) ~~compass angle~~ bearing.. ALTITUDE 3000 FT .....
   (d) how accurate are these estimates.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....
    ..... UNK .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
    (a) how many were there?... ONE .....
    (b) in what formation were they?... — .....

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? BRIGHT LIGHT. WITH RED DISC AT REAR

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... UNK

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon..... UNK

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... UNK

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... UNK

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? UNK

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... UNK

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.... UNK

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... UNK

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... UNK

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... ROTATED SLOWLY

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... UNK

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings..... SAME PLACE

(b) angle of elevation..... SAME

(c) compass angle bearing..... SAME

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... RAPID

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... UNK

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... UNK .....

27. How many witness to the sighting?..... UNK .....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..... UNK .....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..... UNK .....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... UNK .....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature..... Date.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: None Reported -

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*. .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: Large number of aircraft arriving and departing at this time.

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs. .....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only..4½° ELEVATION. 303° TRUE.....

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36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....None.....

at.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....South Easterly - 15-20 K.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....None Known.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required)

Aircraft approaching Mascot. Instrument Letdown

General Wx 6/8 Cloud 3000' base occasional drizzle.

This appears to be consistant with an aircraft approaching to join the ILS/VAR letdown north of Mascot. Considering the weather conditions, the aircraft would let down through clouds under radar control & turn landing lights for visual identification on becoming V.F.R.

It is also consistant with a sighting of VENUS, but this is not considered probable due to cloud coverage at the time.

HEADQUARTERS, RAAF BASE, RICHMOND, N.S.W., 2755 AIR 4

.....(Unit) D W Neumann (Name)

8 JUN '70

.....(Date) Flt. Lt. (Rank)

[illegible] reached by telephone at 1853 hrs Saturday 6 June 70

Caller's Name MR CHRIST.
Address Flat 2 138 The Boulevarde
Dulwich Hill 2203.

At 1800 hrs tonight he saw an extremely bright light with what appeared to be a red disc at the rear and which moved slowly around to the right hand side of the light. The light remained stationary for up to 10 minutes - long enough for Mr Christ to return to his home to get his binoculars & return to have a closer look at the object. He was unable to make out any further detail & the light disappeared very rapidly.

At the time of sighting the light Mr Christ was at the intersection of Lewisham St & New Canterbury Road - looking west along Lewisham St. The light appeared to be about 4 miles from him and about 3000 feet high.

This was all the information I was able to obtain.

[signature] Duthridge Flt. Lt.

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. An umusual object sighted near RAAF Base Laverton by G.C. Thorpe and S.A. Wildey is the subject of the accompanying report, investigated by Flg Off J.L. Goldsworthy of RAAF Laverton.

2. The report is forwarded for information.

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

Encl: A. UFO Report

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer Glen Campbell THORPE Simon Anthony WILDEY Age 19/8

2. Address of observer RAAF Base Laverton (RADS)

..... Phone .....

3. Occupation of observer Trainee AIRDT

4. Date and time of start of observation 1940 hours 17 MAY 70

How certain is the date? Positive

How accurate is the time of start? Very Accurate

5. Duration of observation 4 minutes

How accurate is your estimate? ± 30 seconds

6. Observer's location at time of sighting Landing Block 422, and immediate vicinity, RAAF Base LAVERTON.

How familiar is observer with this locality? extremely

7. Weather conditions at time of observation overcast with breaks (the moon was visible)

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation 10 X 50 prismatic binoculars

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings above the ASCO building

b. Angle of elevation 30°

c. Compass angle bearing 0° (north)

d. How accurate are these estimates? reasonably accurate

10. What first attracted observer's attention? moving light blinking at irregular intervals unlike aircraft lights, was not off for more than a half second.

11. If there was more than one light/object : N/A

a. How many were there? one

b. In what formation were they? N/A

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Silvery white later became red.

What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..twice.... as bright as Venus on a clear night .....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. Relative to Venus or Moon ..slightly larger than Venus.....

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ..approximately 1/8 inches.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? bearing 0° elevation 30° by dividing the sky in thirds from vertical to horizonxx

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity No noise audible .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? .....Max 60° Min 20°.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances .....Moved 30° in approx 20 seconds (Max) 30° in 2 minutes (Min) (estimated speed that of sabre aircraft).....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .....none observed.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres .....bobbed up and down before climbing out of sight.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen .....silvery white later a red was observed as well.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. Relative to your surroundings .....above the king strand buildings adjacent to ASCO building.

b. Angle of elevation .....60°.....

c. Compass angle bearing .....40° E of N.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? .....last seen moving upward through the clouds.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground identations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc) .....NO.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....Queensland matric in science subjects plus three years with ATC. 2nd observer AC Wildey - CMF 9LAA (light Anti-aircraft) recruit course.

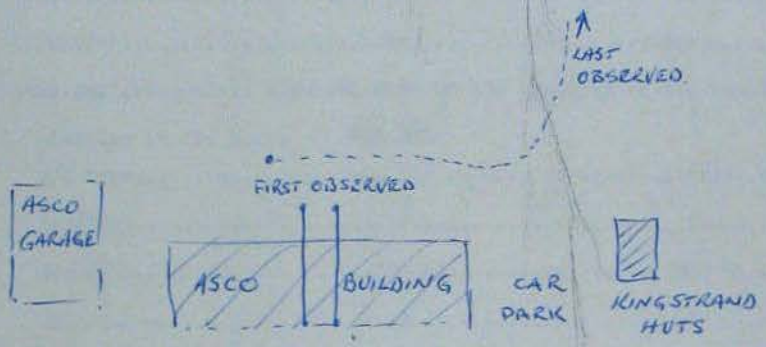
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....FOUR.....
Namely AC WILDEY SA AC THURBCHT R. AC TROSZCZYI T.

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? YES

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? NONE KNOWN

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? N/A

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature: G Thorpe A Wibley Date: 18 MAY 70

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type .....(1) .....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type..... (1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*..... hrs..... hrs..... hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 3751503 Longitude 1444452E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only..... see page 5

36. A meteorological balloon was released from LAVERTON MET

at 0935 Z. Colour White Weight 350 gm

Radio-sonde **/radar**: Candle **/battery** (** delete as required)

General wind profile SSW Strength 5000'/23K, 10000'/34K, 15000'/66K.

Maximum height tracked 45,000 ft at 1100 Z

Was is known to have burst? yes

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 5 °C at 12500 ft, measured at 0942 Z hrs from LAVERTON MET station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting..... N/A

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....N/A.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required) the MET balloon released from Laverton at about 0935

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Location of Heavenly bodies at time of sighting

	BRG	ELEV
MOON	020	50°
JUPITER	065	35°
DENEBOLA	015	35°
REGULUS	350	40°
GIENAH	050	65°
SPICA	065	40°

.....BSLAV.....(Unit).....J.L. GOLDSHORTHY.....(Name)

.....1 JUN 70.....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Captain Knott.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report by Observer

REC'D. 5 JUN 1970 C.A.S.

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... Captain KNOTT ..... Age... 52 .....

2. Address of observer... 8 CAMBRAI AVENUE, ENGADINE NSW .....
.....Phone... 52 08705

3. Occupation of observer... Captain of AAA DCG .....

4. Date and time of observation... 231810 local (first sighting) .....

5. Duration of observation... approximately 1 hr .....

6. Observers location at time of sighting... Approx 200 NM SE of .....
TOWNSVILLE HEIGHT .....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE, MIDDLE LEVEL CLOUD .....
.....

8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation... NIL .....
1.....
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9. Where was object first observed? (eg overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon)
... IN DIRECTION OF ALICE SPRINGS .....

10. What first attracted observers attention (eg light or noise)
... BEAM OF LIGHT .....
.....

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

12. If there was more than one object:-
(a) how many were there?..... n/a .....
(b) in what formation were they?.....

13. What was the colour of the light or object?... PALE YELLOW .....

14. What was its apparent shape... SIMILAR TO SEARCHLIGHT BEAM .....

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

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Was there any sound? NO

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

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

20. Was the object stationary? YES

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

IN DIRECTION OF ALICE SPRINGS (a slightly south of WEST)

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

STATIONARY

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour orlight seen? NO

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

DISAPPEARED WHEN AIRCRAFT DESCENDED TO TOWNSVILLE

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

NO

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? NO

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

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

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

NO

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

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.....

Phenomenum first sighted by crew of TAA DC9 on flight 5 mins ahead of AAA Flight

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PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....~/a.....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type.....~/a.....

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

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

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

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

.....~/a.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....~/a.....

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

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

.....~/a.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc)

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

.....~/a.....

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

.....

39. The object reported could have been...Sun pillar and arc of colour at sunset produced by reflection and refraction in hexagonal ice prisms with horizontal axes. (see a Colour Guide to Clouds", Scorer + Wexler.)

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

.....HQ TVL.....Unit .....R. J. Salmond.....Name

.....27 MAY 70.....Date .....FLT LT.....Rank

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R E S T R I C T E D AI7 REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTED BY A MR G JENKINSON OF 21 HUMPHREYS STREET WEST END TOWNSVILLE PD HE REPORTED THAT A RED GLOW SIMILAR TO A LIGHT APPEARED ABOVE THE AIRFIELD AT APPROXIMATELY 031905K AND REMAINED UNTIL

031925K PD THE GLOW APPEARED HIGHT IN THE SKY AND REMAINED STATIONARY

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2 THE LIGHTS WERE NOT OBSERVED DURING NIGHT 14 MAY AND HAVE
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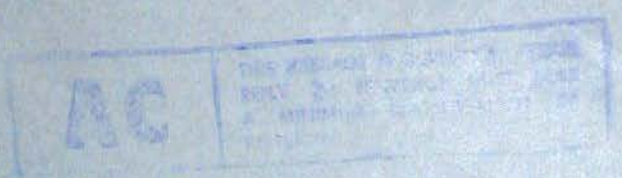

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(20)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

References: A. HQOC AI 965 11 May 70
B. HQDAR AI 209 11 May 70
C. HQOC 5/15/1/Air(17) 18 May 70

1. Attached is a further report received from Captain A. Gibson's BOAC in reference to the above subject.

2. His letter has been acknowledged.

(J.C. LUKER)
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Wambrough House.
Wambrough Lane,
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ENGLAND
18th May 1970.

Attention:-
Operational Command
Intelligence Officer,
R.A.A.F. Operational
Command,
Penrith. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Further to my B.O.R. report of 11th May the following further observation which was made on 12th May during our return journey between Darwin & Singapore may be of interest to you.-

Date 12th May 1970, Time:- 1138 GMT. Posn 01°S 108°15E

NORMAL SATELLITE OBSERVATION MADE TRACKING RAPIDLY W→E BETWEEN THE TWO STARS BELOW SOUTHERN CROSS TRACK 296°M

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NORMAL SATELLITE OBSERVATION
← I.E. SATELLITE CONTINUOUSLY IN SIGHT. IN CONTRAST WITH PREVIOUS EVENING'S SIGHTING WHEN ONLY BRIEF PERIODIC FLASHES SEEN.

A/C TRACK 296°M

The above observed by my First Officer as well

as myself. I have observed satellites many times during North Atlantic crossings at night from both America & they have always traversed the sky at a more leisurely rate than the two observations I have made on 11th & 12th May & the brief single stars like exposures of the 11th May was unique in my experience.

The subsequent sighting on 12th along a similar trajectory would suggest that for some reason they could have been the same satellite but for some reason the normally observable trajectory was blocked out except for very brief & reasonably equally spaced intervals in the case of the 11th May observation.

I will be alert for future observation should I pay further visits to Australia in the next few months.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Gibson

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Attached is a copy of Captain A. Gibsons report on the sighting referred to in the above messages.

(J.C. LUKER)
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Enclosure. 1. Report by Captain A. Gibson

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Copy for R.A.A.F On Arrival Sydney

SATELLITE RE-ENTRY OR BRIGHT FIREBALL REPORT **BOAC**

Form No. 1.3.46.

Flight 722/371 Date 11th/May 1970 Time 0923 - 0926

Crew Witnesses Capt. Alan Gibson F/O P.L. Power

Location (Dme and radial reading from a VOR or latitude and longitude) 350 Miles Doppler Ex - Darwin To Sydney

Aircraft heading magnetic 132°M. Altitude/Flight Level FL 370

Estimate degrees right or left of Aircraft heading and elevation (in degrees) above horizon of object when FIRST sighted 30° Above Horizon 20° Stbd

LAST sighted 20° Above Horizon 30° Port.

* Apparent brightness: A. ~~Too bright to look at~~
B. ~~As bright as full moon~~
C. As bright as venus

Compared In Brilliance With The "Peacock" — Series Of Single Bright Flashes Over Period Of About 3 Minutes At About 30 Second Intervals. About 6 Single Flashes Observed.

Duration of Sighting Over About 3 Minutes About 6 Single Flashes

Break up noted and/or colour noted No Obvious Break Up Colour White As Momentary Appearance Of Bright Star

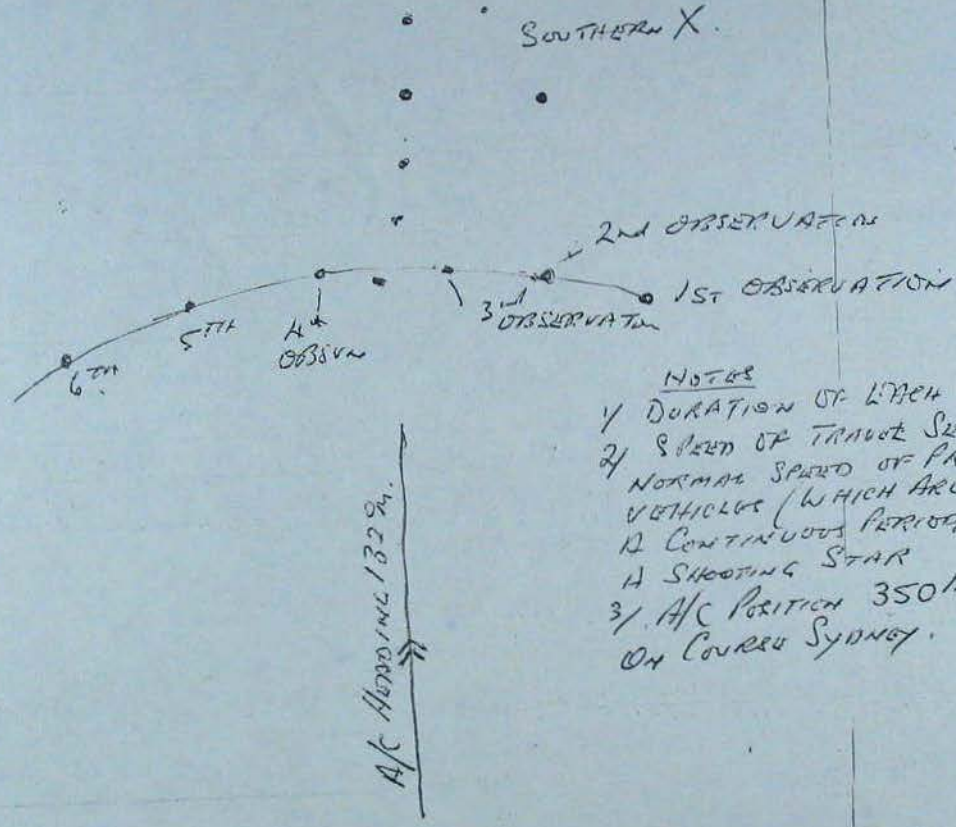
Was this a predicted re-entry? * YES/NO Not Known

List any additional information on the reverse side.

Signature Alan Gibson

P.T.O.

* Delete where NOT applicable.



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1/ DURATION OF LITECH FLASH ½ SEC APPROX.

2/ SPEED OF TRACK SEVERAL TIMES FASTER THAN NORMAL SPEED OF PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED SPACE VEHICLES (WHICH ARE OF COURSE IN SIGHT OVER A CONTINUOUS PERIOD) BUT NOT AS FAST AS A SHOOTING STAR

3/ A/C POSITION 350 NAUTICAL MILES FROM DARWIN ON COURSE SYDNEY.

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E D A1965 UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT PD

FURTHER HQDAR MESSAGE AI209 PD HQRIC ADVISE THAT CAPT GIBSON HAS FORWARDED FULL WRITTEN REPORT TO THIS HQ CMM WILL FORWARD ON RECEIPT

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FOLLOWING REPORTED BY CAPT A GIBSON BOAC FLT BA722 VIA DCA TO BORDAR PD AT 110935Z WHEN 350NM SOUTH OF DARWIN AT LEVEL 370 SIGHTED A LIGHT TRAVELLING WEST TO EAST CMM ARCING TOWARDS HORIZON CMM PASSING HALFWAY BETWEEN SOUTHERN CROSS AND HORIZON AND FLASHING APPROX ~~EVE~~ EVERY 40 SECS PD BRILLIANT WHITE AND BRIGHTER THAN STARS OF SOUTHERN CROSS PD TRAVELLING 5 TO 10 DEGRESS AZIMUTH BETWEEN FLASHES PD

2 CAPT GIBSON ON MINIMUM TURNROUND SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE DIRECT THENCE UK PD THEREFORE REQUESTED DUTY OFFICER AT RICHMOND TO CONTACT GIBSON

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

Commencing 13th Nov 1968

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
13 Nov 68	Time 1220 hrs. Duration 53 minutes. Radar contact tracked by automatic radar. Travelled towards RAAF Darwin, NT and then veered S.W. at 17-25 kts. No visual sighting.	Flock of birds
25 Nov 68	Object embedded in ground at Normanton, Qld.	Part of Satellite
26 Nov 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes. Luminous pink sphere moving east then S.E. Surrounded by aura of red and green at Coburg, Vic.	Met balloon
30 Nov 68	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 4-5 minutes. Large deep yellow light moved slowly and intermittently towards observer then veered south at Evandale, Tas.	Mat balloon
About 11 Aug 68	Time about 1415 hrs. Duration unknown. Silver object, photographed, but very indistinct blur only at Taree, NSW.	Falsified photograph
4 Nov 68 to 30 Dec 68	Noises at verying times but in defined patterns, travelling 140°/320° & reverse at Telefomen at Balmain, TPNG	Aircraft
6 Dec 68	Time Approx. 2000 hrs. Duration 8-10 minutes. Bright yellow light with tail, W to E, speed similar to jet aircraft at Swansea, NSW.	Space debris
7 Dec 68	Time approx. 1940 hrs. Duration approx 3-4 minutes Bright light with V tail Azimuth 70° in 3 to 4 minutes, W to E in straight path at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Satellite or rocket case on re-entry
7 Dec 68	Time 1940 hrs. Duration unknown. Bright dot with long tail travelling W to E, no sound at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Meteorite
11 Dec 68	Two reports - one at 1945 for one second and one at 2004 for 15 seconds. Both bright-ball explosions similar to flare, leaving persistant smoke trail at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite shower
11 Dec 68	Time 2015 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Weather clear moonless, large orange round light 200-300 ft above ground, E to W, silent, slow speed at Newcastle, NSW.	Balloon
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds 4/8 low cloud. Two bright circular lights on parallel course. 70° elevation above horizon at 2000' - 4000'. NE to SW at Manly Vale, NSW.	Aircraft
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds. Two bright circular lights approaching from NE at 70° elevation. Appeared faster than commercial jet at Manly, NSW.	Aircraft
27 Dec 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 1hr, 20 minutes, weather clear, dark cloud to S. Spherical brilliant-lit object moving slowly N to S.	Comet

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27 Dec 68	Time 0603 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes. Weather fine. Star-like light moving slowly in curved path at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
29 Dec 68	14 reports 0008 to 0020 hrs. Duration varying. Lights in formation. Very high, travelling NE at Melbourne/Tasmania area.	Meteorite shower
29 Dec 68	Time midnight to 0015 hrs. Three reported sightings. Group of yellowish objects with bright tails travelling in N to NE direction. No sound or means of propulsion at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite shower
2 Jan 69	Time 2145-2200 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, weather fine. Light object moving to S at Mildura, SA	Pageos I Satellite
18 Jan 69	U.F.O. sighting by crew of commercial airliner between Singapore & Darwin.	Being investigated
18 Jan 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, sky clear. Commercial airline pilots at 35,000' saw slowly decending light, changing white to yellow from level to 2° below aircraft 260° to 265° Between Singapore and Darwin.	Saturn
20 Jan 69	Time about 2020 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, weather clear. Cigar-shaped object separating from circular silver object. Flashing red light at Artarmon, NSW.	Aircraft
31 Jan 69 to 8 Feb 69	Times 0300 hrs 31 Jan, 1300 hrs 8 Feb. Noise heard by natives at West Sepik TPNG.	Aircraft
1 Feb 69	Time 2245 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather clear. Star-like object, stationary, then moved very high, very fast to S at Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and star
3 Feb 69	Time 2145 hrs. Duration 10 seconds, weather clear. Roaring wing shaped object, S to N at Marion, SA	Aircraft
4 Feb 69	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 5-7 minutes, weather clear Noise from cigar shaped object with lights at Mitchell Park, SA.	Aircraft
5 Feb 69	Time 2350 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, weather clear. Like satellite at Melbourne, Vic.	Echo II
5 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration 1 hr, bright light size of medium star, moving about. Observer, a member of U.F.O. organisation then went to sleep. At 40 miles NE of Hawker, SA.	Insufficient evidence
6 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 seconds, weather clear. Solid object, cigar shaped with red and white lights travelling SW to NE at Forrestville, SA.	Aircraft
9 Feb 69	Time 1500 hrs. Duration 3 hrs plus. White spherical object 45° above horizon moving very slowly N to S then W at Wulkaraka, Qld.	Venus

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12 Feb 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather cloudy. Two objects, one bright green and one flashing. At Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
15 Feb 69	Time 2045 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather fine. Big bright star, moving NW to SE at Bondi, NSW.	Echo II Satellite
17 Feb 69	Time 0250 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear moonless. Observer attracted by noise then saw solid object and humanoid form walking around and heard morse code, at Flinders Park, SA.	Investigation has found no supporting evidence.
18 Feb 69	Time 2005 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear. An object with changing red to white light occasionally stopped, moved S to N. Viewed from moving car at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
21 Feb 69	Time 2125/2130 hrs. Duration 1½ seconds, weather slight overcast. Ligh moving quickly at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite
23 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather becoming cloudy. Three objects, one brilliant white. At Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and aircraft.
23 Feb 69	Circle of "scorched" grass, burnt and squashed toadstools, at Kyogle, NSW.	Toadstool "Ring Phenomenona"
23 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration a matter of seconds. Very bright star moving E then SE at Wallsend, NSW.	Insufficient evidence, probable satellite
27 Feb 69	Time 0350 hrs. Duration 10 minutes, ministy rain. Noise similar to aircraft, moving W at Aitape, TPNG.	Aircraft
5 Mar 69	Time about 0915 hrs. Duration 15 seconds, cloudy. Burning object, red/orange, moving N to W with trail of smoke at Maryville, NSW.	Meteor
7 Mar 69	Time 2046 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, cloudy but clear. Brilliant yellow light, appeared like aircraft landing light, at Darwin, NT.	Moon "halo" phenomenon, reflected on low cloud.
11 Mar 69	Time 2100 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, cloudy but clear. Yellow lights in formation, quite high at Darwin, NT.	Moon "halo" effect
16 Mar 69	Unidentified aircraft heard by natives at 1030 hrs on 9th & 16th Mar., at Gansopa, TPNG.	RAAF aircraft
17 Mar 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, weather fine. Moving light, changing red to orange and moving W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite

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24 Mar 69	Time 0920 hrs. Duration approx 3 seconds, clear sky. Very bright light with tail, altitude 35°-40° at Mount Hutton, NSW.	Insufficient evidence
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration unknown, weather unknown. Red light accompanied by clicking sound circuiting Eagle Farm at Hendra, Qld.	Aircraft
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, $\frac{3}{8}$ cloud. Red light on oval shaped object sighted from Eagle Farm, Qld.	Aircraft
28 Mar 69	Time 0505 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, clear sky. Moving lights, 25°-30° altitude, speed of 45° in 3 minutes, at Anna Bay, NSW.	Satellite
4 Apr 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 4 minutes, green ball moving quickly, viewed through car window at Southport, Qld.	Re-entry of space debris

FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

31 Jan 69	Time 0300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo N.G.	Aircraft
8 Feb 69	Time 1300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo N.G.	Aircraft
12 Mar 69	Time 2010 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Patchy rain. A red ball twice the size of a star moving slowly at Townsville, Qld.	Venus setting
21 Mar (Approx.)	Time Evening. Duration 7-8 minutes. Strange object moving in sky. Photographed at Kalgoorlie, WA.	Lens Flare in Camera
28 Mar 69	Time 2041 hrs. Duration 25 minutes. Broken cloud, moving flashing lights at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite viewed thru atmospheric haze
31 Mar 69	Time 0415 hrs. Duration 1-2 secs. Bright flash and car stopped.	Electrical short in car ignition system
13 Apr 69	Time 2115 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Fine clear night. Two observers. One states light moving from S.E., other states light moving from N.E. at Melbourne, Vic.	Incomplete data
21 Apr 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 seconds. Clear sky. Light "dropping" in sky at Hobart, Tas.	Meteorite or space junk re-entry
22 Apr 69	Time 1919 hrs. Duration 4 seconds. Patchy cloud. Moving light seen by two pilots in same aircraft, but descriptions vary in colour and direction over Bass Strait.	Re-entry of meteorite or space junk

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24 Apr 69	Time about 2130 hrs. Duration unknown. Repeated pattern of red and green lights at Richmond, NSW	Aircraft
5 May 69	Time 2000 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light oscillating in sky.	Star Antares
6 May 69	Time 0515 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light stationary overhead, at Brisbane, Qld.	Venus
10 May 69	Time 0025/30 hrs. Duration 6 seconds. Lights moving very fast at 30° altitude at Hazlewood Park, SA.	Meteorite shower
10 May 69	Time 1735 hrs. Duration 10-12 seconds. Bright light like aircraft landing light at Gold Coast, Qld.	Saturn
10 May 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Windy & overcast. Slow moving light descending vertically at Melbourne, Vic.	Fireworks
13 May 69	Time approx 1000 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Vapour trail and dull silver object manoeuvering in sky, at Freemantle, WA.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. Two very bright discs, blue white, moving E at Brisbane, Qld.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Dull shadow like Japanese lantern against shreet lights. Viewed through closed car window at Greenacre, NSW.	Optical illusion
15 May 69	Time 1900 hrs. Duration 8 minutes. Clear night. Red lights changing to white every 5 seconds, one moving south, one rising "vertically" at Clackline, WA.	Aircraft
16 May 69	Time 0430 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Bright white light rising over horizon at Surfers Paradise, Qld.	Venus rising
17 & 18 May 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration 4 hours. Bright light, crescent shaped when viewed through telescope at Deniliquin, NSW.	Venus
20 May 69	Time 0910 hrs. Duration less than 5 minutes. Clear sky. Brilliant white object moving slowly, high in the sky at Perth, WA.	Venus
23 May 69	Time 0100 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Light frost. Object lifted off lawn. Seen through frosted glass window and burn marks on lawn.	Practical joke
23 May 69	Time 0745 hrs. Duration approx 1 minute. Scattered clouds. Bright white light moving in sky at Perth WA.	Sunlight reflected off aircraft

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23 May 69	Time about 1835 hrs. Duration 15-20 minutes. Clear night. Light moving from SE, stopped and started. Confirmed by radar at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
24 May 69	Time 1830 hrs, approx. Duration about 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 1915 hrs approx. Duration 18 minutes. Cloudless sky. Two lights moving SW to NE and a dull aircraft shape at Launceston, Tas.	Aircraft
24 May 69	Time 1845 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Light moving W to E at Hobart, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 0900 hrs. Duration 2 hours. Clear sky. Light like metal object reflecting suns rays moving slowly at Koulama, Qld.	Venus
25 May 69	Time 1953 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. 4/8 cloud. Light moving from NNW at Launceston Tas.	Space junk re-entry or meteorite
26 May 69	Time about 1800 hrs. Duration 3-4 minutes. Moving light in sky at Brisbane, Qld.	Satellite
28 May 69	Time 1830 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright orange light moving S to SE at Perth WA.	Sun reflecting off aircraft
29 May 69	Time 1300 hrs. Duration 6 minutes. Clear sky. Sun glinting on object and vapour trail at Perth, WA.	Aircraft formation
1 Jun 69	Time 1835 hrs. Duration approx. 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
2 Jun 69	Time 0640 hrs. Duration approx 5 minutes. Patchy cloud. Fast moving white light from NW to SW at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
5 Jun 69	Time 0637 hrs. Duration 3-4 seconds. Clear sky. Similar to falling star at Launceston, Tas.	Meteor
6 Jun 69	Time 1755 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Clear sky. Large round star-like light moving SW to NE at Mt Eliza, VIC.	Aircraft
12 Jun 69	Time 2006 hrs. Duration 15 seconds. Clear sky. Very bright red object/light moving slowly at Melbourne, Vic.	Signal Flare

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

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
16 Jun 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Bright white light moving slowly at Wagga Wagga, NSW.	Venus
16 Jun 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-8 minutes. Clear sky. Moving amber light. Photographed. Negative examined and found blank (spot marked washed off when finger prints cleaned off film) at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft & immagination
16 Jun 69	Time 1926 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Clear sky. White light flashing red and green every 4 seconds moving slowly E to W at Mt. Eliza, Vic.	Satellite
17 Jun 69	Time 2300 hrs. Duration 40 minutes. Clear sky. White light following car, viewed through window of car at Bairnsdale, Vic.	Jupiter
20 Jun 69	Time 1935 hrs. Duration 20-25 minutes. Fine but slight fog. Pale green light which flashed red and white moving shlowly in western sky at Melbourne, Vic.	Satellite
5 Jul 69	Time approx 1700 hrs. Duration momentary. Clear sky. Object the size of the moon, moving over tree tops. Photographed at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
20 Jul 69	Time approx 1730 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Clear sky. Yellow light moving "down" then "across" sky at Kempsey, NSW.	Balloon (from Moree)
27 Jul 69	Time 1915 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Windy, cloudy and rain. Red flashing lights & yellow light moving in sky at Panmure, Vic.	Aircraft
5 Aug 69	Time 0907 hrs. Duration approx 15 minutes. Clear sky. Light gradually fading 8,000' over Melbourne, Vic.	W.R.E. Rocket

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23rd March, 1970.

The Secretary,
Departmnet of Air,
Russell Offices,
RUSSELL. A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Sir,

May we take this opportunity to forward you a copy of February 8, 1970 issue of Awake. Please note the article "What happened to the Flying Saucers?" presents a most informative discussion on the subject.

We appreciate your department may have investigated these reports in the past and it is hoped this article can supplement your findings, proving beneficial should there occur yet another "U.F.O." wave.

Yours faithfully,
CANBERRA NORTH UNIT OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,

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Awake!

"It is already the hour for you to awake."
—Romans 13:11

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "Flying Saucers"?

IT ALL began in the summer of 1947 when the pilot of a private plane flying near Mt. Rainier in Washington saw several disk-shaped things moving through the air one after another in an undulating path, "like pie plates skipping over the water."

This report was printed in many newspapers, and was followed quickly by a flurry of similar reports from other parts of the country. Lights in the sky were said to hover, then to dart away at high speed, making zigzag turns impossible for any known aircraft. A flotilla of oval lights was seen and photographed at Lubbock, Texas. Radar operators in airports and on planes aloft began to notice blips on their screens that did not fit any planes known to be present. They traced out weird courses, and sometimes abruptly disappeared.

Numerous photographs were publicized, mostly of fuzzy lights in the dark, but a few showed sharply defined outlines of saucerlike objects in a daytime sky. A cross-country motorist took a moving picture of a mysterious group of white spots milling about over the desert near Tremonton, Utah.

The first news reports used the term "flying saucers," and this name has come to be popularly applied to all strange objects seen in the sky. But many of the things seen do not have the form of a saucer; hence, they are more accurately called "unidentified flying objects," or UFO's for short.

At times the UFO's became so numerous that thousands of people were seeing them, almost in a mass hysteria. Newspapers filled their columns with interviews, official reports, rumors and opinions. In July 1952, an avalanche of reports of radar sightings and strange lights around the airport at Washington, D.C., touched off such a scare. In Mexico City in September 1965, rush-hour traffic was jammed for several evenings in a row, and people passed the nights on rooftops to watch moving lights in the sky.

Many of the descriptions of UFO's implied that they were under intelligent control and moving in response to observers who tried to approach to get a closer look. Sometimes police in patrol cars undertook to track down low-hovering UFO's. They found their cars unable to keep pace, and returned terrified with tales of having

been chased by their intended quarry. Military pursuit planes went up to attempt contact with visible or radar targets. One 1948 afternoon in Kentucky, an unfortunate pilot tried to catch a UFO. It rose ahead of him, and he reported that he was climbing to 20,000 feet. That was the last word from him. He was found dead in the wreckage of his plane.

Speculation

Speculation abounded as to the origin of the mysterious "flying saucers." Was the United States secretly testing a new type of vehicle, powered by atomic or magnetic or even gravitational energy? Or perhaps some foreign power had mastered such a motive force and was flaunting its newfound prowess in United States skies. Most widely propagated, though, was the theory that visitors from outer space had arrived to survey the earth and study its inhabitants. There is no doubt that this idea is what endowed the "flying saucers" with their chief fascination. The fact that man was just preparing to venture off his earthly home to explore other worlds gave him cause to wonder if intelligent creatures elsewhere had done it before him. On the other hand, the idea was disturbing to those who believed that man is unique in the universe as an intelligent, fleshly creation of God.

Some persons claimed that the flying saucers had indeed landed in out-of-the-way places, and pointed to flattened vegetation or scorched earth at the site of the landing as proof. It was claimed that close encounters with the interplanetary vehicles had put out lights and stopped clocks and even motors of automobiles, leaving the metal magnetic and the surroundings radioactive. A few people testified that they had been taken aboard the "saucers," one in a California desert, another on a Brazilian farm, and met the Venusian voyagers. Although their testimony was uncorroborated, there were the gullible, ready to believe. A religious aspect was introduced with the springing up of a new cult centered on the godlike supermen from Venus.

Most scientists tended to pooh-pooh the excitement. Astronomers were particularly unimpressed. They pointed out that it was their business to watch the skies, but they had not seen any "flying saucers." Besides, they asked, where would they come from? Mars? Venus? From what we already knew of these planets it would be quite impossible for any humanlike creature to live there, since there was no air or water. And interplanetary probes, testing the atmosphere of Venus and taking closeup pictures of Mars, reinforced this opinion. Venus was found hot enough to melt zinc, Mars cold and dead as the moon. Few scientists considered the subject of UFO's interesting enough to devote any research time to it, or even to talk about it in public. It was rarely mentioned in their journals. One astronomer took the trouble to write a book showing how mirages could produce effects like the bobbing "saucers" seen at Mt. Rainier, or the lights at Lubbock.

It seemed likely that most of the "flying saucers" being seen were merely misconceptions of ordinary things like stars, meteors, airplanes, balloons, and mirages, not to exclude hoaxes and hallucinations. But the nagging question remained: Could all the strange sights reported be attributed to such prosaic causes? Or might there be a few genuine "flying saucers," really beyond the ability of scientists to explain?

WHAT THE "saucers" PROVED TO BE

WITH so much speculation over the "flying saucers," the United States government was pressed into starting an official inquiry. Since the government's concern was to keep unfriendly aircraft out of the country, the task was assigned to the Air Force. A project first called "Sign," then "Grudge," and finally "Blue Book," was headed by an officer whose duty it was to receive the reports and to ask for such investigations as seemed justified.

More than 10,000 cases were filed during eighteen years. Of these, they decided that 94 percent could be explained through natural causes. And in respect to their direct responsibility, they said that the other 6 percent represented no threat to national security.

So the Air Force considered its duty fulfilled. But the 6 percent of cases not explained were understood by some to be unexplainable, and were presented by those who fostered the idea of visitors from other planets as proof of their theories. And it had to be admitted that, logically, 600 people—or even six, for that matter—who might have seen a real "flying saucer" could not be proved wrong because 9,400 other people had seen something else that they mistook for a "flying saucer."

A More Thorough Investigation

This situation continued until 1966, when a research contract was given to the University of Colorado to make a scientific study of the UFO's. This project was headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, a highly respected physicist who was formerly chief of the Bureau of Standards and has served as president of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for Advancement of Science. Enough scientists were persuaded to join a staff of experts to handle the various phases of the study, and half a million dollars was allocated to the project during a two-year period.

The report of the Colorado project was released early in 1969 in a 965-page volume. It is replete with scientific information bearing on every angle of the observations and theories of "flying saucers."

Fifty-nine cases were investigated by staff members, including some of the more sensational cases studied previously under the Blue Book project. This study yielded convincing evidence that the overwhelming majority, if not all, of the "flying saucer" stories were based on mistaken identification of known objects.

Stars and Planets

Many persons, especially among those who have always lived in cities, are unfamiliar with the stars. Some do not realize that the stars rise and set, like the sun and moon. Venus, our nearest planetary neighbor, is alternately an evening star, setting after the sun, and a morning star, rising before dawn. It is so bright that most of the time it can be seen in broad daylight. During a spate of "flying saucer" reports, it has not been uncommon to see groups of people gathered on street cor-

ners to stare at a tiny white spot in the sky. Most of them did not realize that it was the planet Venus they were watching, and that it had been there all their lives.

When Venus is rising or setting during a quiet night, still layers of warm and cool air can cause a mirage, magnifying the image of the bright planet and even diffracting the light into various colors. And with what results?

A Colorado farmer in 1967 reported seeing a "flying saucer" land repeatedly in the early evening a few miles west of his house. Through binoculars he could see the dome-shaped structure, large as a two-story house, with rows of lighted windows.

In a southern town later that year, reports of a UFO taking off early in the morning from beyond the river east of town spurred a cruising police car to investigate. They spotted the mysterious intruder and gave chase, but it reportedly fled and easily outdistanced them. When they gave up and were returning to town, they said, the UFO turned and followed them, finally approaching within 500 feet of the car and lighting it up so bright that they could read their watches. On succeeding mornings, police cars in neighboring towns joined the hunt, and even an airplane pilot tried to catch the elusive visitor, all without success.

And what did the investigation reveal? That all these reports, embellished, to be sure, with exciting details supplied by imagination, were based on seeing the planet Venus, keeping steadfastly in its orbit more than 30 million miles away. Jupiter, Saturn, and some of the brighter fixed stars have also been involved in UFO stories.

Balloons, Airplanes, Birds

The United States Weather Bureau releases about 100,000 neoprene balloons a year to measure wind velocities aloft. Visible to an altitude of 20,000 feet, these are often reported as UFO's. Also, larger polyethylene balloons, called "skyhooks," are used to carry telescopes and cosmic-ray counters to above 100,000 feet. They are 100 to 400 feet in diameter, easily visible from the ground, and they become very prominent in the early twilight, when they reflect the bright sunlight against a darkening sky.

In 1948 the existence and use of these balloons were not widely known, and it is believed that the pilot in Kentucky was following a "skyhook," little realizing the impossibility of reaching the extreme altitude of his target. In the excitement of the chase he evidently went too high, lost consciousness in the rarefied atmosphere, and his plane crashed out of control.

Another kind of UFO sighting is of airplanes following flight patterns that are not familiar to the observer. Especially at night, with their landing lights on, and far enough downwind that the motors are not heard, they may not be identified. If a plane is descending toward the viewer, the light may appear stationary, then suddenly it moves off rapidly as the plane turns toward the airport. Practice operations of refueling at night near an air base in California started persistent rumors of UFO's among nearby residents.

Even birds, if not recognized, can be classed as UFO's, as happened in the movies taken at Tremonton.

Meteors and Satellites

Fireballs are produced when large meteorites in space enter the earth's atmosphere, break apart and burn up. A cluster of such objects passed over Ontario and the eastern United States on February 9, 1913, causing a spectacular display. People within fifty miles of its path saw groups of bright lights pass slowly over-

head. Many thought that the lights were attached to a giant airship. The variance in accounts, the gross underestimates of altitude and speed, and the imaginary structures enclosing the lights were very like many of today's "flying saucer" descriptions.

Man-made fireballs have been produced in recent years when satellites or the rockets used to put them in orbit fall into the atmosphere and burn up. A notable case was the reentry, on March 3, 1968, of a Russian satellite that failed to lift out of its parking orbit. This was witnessed by hundreds of people from Kentucky to Pennsylvania. They saw the pieces of the satellite, following along in the same path, burning as they met the atmosphere eighty miles high. But what they *said* they saw proves how easy it is to imagine a structure connecting or enclosing a string of lights, and how far wrong estimates of distance and speed can be. Of the scores of people who reported it as a UFO, many identified the series of lights as windows in a wingless airplane fuselage or in a saucer-shaped body. Some thought the object was only 3,000 to 5,000 feet high; others said it was just above the treetops. Airplane pilots estimated the altitude as 30,000 to 60,000 feet.

Such reports show the limitations of human perception. When we see in the sky a moving object that we cannot identify, we just cannot tell how large it is, how far away it is, or how fast it is traveling. A six-inch pie plate seen 500 feet away looks the same size as a 100-foot balloon at 100,000 feet. A satellite traveling 18,000 miles per hour at a height of 100 miles across the sky may seem to be going as fast as a 180-mile-per-hour airplane at 5,000 feet. If we have no idea how big the object is, any estimate we make of its distance or speed is worthless.

Radar Reports and Photographs

Many sightings of UFO's have been made by radar operators. But a study of these unexpected echoes shows that blips may be produced on the screen by a great variety of real objects. Besides airplanes, there are balloons, birds and insects, rain and hail, meteor trails and others. Spurious echoes may also be caused by reflections and mirages, for radio waves are bent through layers of heated air just as light waves are. Malfunctions of the equipment can also enter in. Even with all these possible causes of UFO reports, the fact that there are still cases on record that have not been explained suggests that radar sometimes behaves in ways that are not completely understood. But this is not any reason to imagine that a spaceship is behind every false echo.

Some of the most widely publicized stories of "flying saucers" have included photographs as the key evidence. At first thought we might consider a photograph the best possible kind of proof. But in the case of UFO's this has not turned out to be true.

In almost every instance where the photographer has been willing to provide the negatives for study it has turned out that they do not back up the story. In some of the not-too-impressive pictures, blobs of light on the film were caused by reflections in the lens; others resulted from defects in the film or in the developing.

On the other hand, most of the likely looking pictures turned out to be hoaxes. It is simple to hang some kind of disk in front of a camera with a fine thread that does not show in the picture. Or a disk may be thrown in front of the camera just as the shutter is snapped. One clue to such falsification is the sharpness of focus of the disk compared with things at various distances in the picture. Another is the contrast, which is greater for objects close

to the camera than for distant objects. Lighting and shade may not be consistent. For example, in a famous photo from Brazil a "saucer" is seen lighted from the left side, but the trees below are lighted from the right. Often a series of photos is offered to document the rapid passage of a UFO. But when the serial numbers of the frames on the edge of the film are not in the order in which it was said the pictures were taken, or when shifting shadows show that hours elapsed between one picture and another, the authenticity of the pictures must be rejected.

Conclusions

After two years of scientific study of the UFO's by a staff of experts, what conclusions can be drawn? First, the great majority of all the reports have their origin in the same kinds of things that Project Blue Book named: Planets, airplanes, balloons, meteorites, mirages.

The more thorough investigation has clarified the part played by physical and psychological distortions. It has explained how ordinary objects, seen in the sky by persons who do not recognize them under the perhaps unusual circumstances, can be misconstrued in perception, magnified in the telling, further exaggerated in the newspapers, and end up as spaceships landing little green men from Mars. Further, the technical analysis of photographs that were previously considered not explainable has brought some of the most notorious UFO's to earth. Finally, the residue of unexplained reports was shown to consist largely of unconfirmed rumors and vague accounts that were not worth running down.

In summary, probable or certain explanations in natural causes were found for all but a handful of the cases examined. Even those that continue to defy analysis do not offer any basis for the theory that we are being watched by people from other planets. A useful by-product of the study has been to systematize our knowledge of many atmospheric phenomena, common and uncommon, while furnishing a sidelight on the frailties of human perception and reporting.

As for the future, it was not advocated, as scientists often do at the end of a report, that the study be continued. The fact is that the "flying saucer" episode was mainly a psychological affair, which took root and flourished in the soil of man's deep-felt insecurity in these critical days. It offered a temporary diversion and escape from the real problems that overwhelm mankind. But now it is clear that the "flying saucers" present neither a threat of annihilation nor a messianic hope for salvation.

Many persons followed with keen interest the numerous reports about the "flying saucers." Really, though, how much more important it is individually to look into and realize the significance of the events now taking place throughout the earth—the increasing lawlessness, the moral breakdown, the frequency of earthquakes, the general rebelliousness and earth-wide unrest. Why? Because those who have done thorough research into the prophecies of the Holy Bible are convinced of this: That the incredible events that have unfolded in great detail since the outbreak of World War I are a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, indicating we are in the "last days" of this system of things, and that there are tremendous worldwide changes at hand.—Matt. 24:3-21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

This is no figment of human imagination. All creation testifies to the existence of a purposeful Creator. And his Word, the Bible, testifies to his purpose to end wickedness forever, and to bring in a

righteous new order. (2 Pet. 3:13; Jude 14, 15) Bible prophecy is not something to be lightly cast aside as rumor or imagination; it has never failed. Would it not be the course of wisdom to look with interest into this matter that so directly affects your life and hope for eternal happiness? Jehovah's witnesses will be glad to assist you to make this personal investigation.

By "Awake!" correspondent in the British Isles

"SLIM PILLS KILL BABIES."

"BIRTH PILL KILLS MOTHER OF FOUR."

Here in Britain such bold headlines confront us from time to time in our daily newspapers. In a country where we enjoy the benefits of a "free" National Health Service and where many people are living on pills, such tragedies are stark reminders of the dangers of drugs.

A recent survey by the popular motorists' magazine *Drive* revealed that one British motorist in seven drives under the influence of drugs. Data published by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry show that in 1967 family doctors in England and Wales issued a total of 271 million drug prescriptions. And apart from doctors' prescriptions, commonly used medical preparations such as aspirin are readily obtainable by almost everyone.

Reports indicate that not only in Britain but on the European continent, in the United States and in other parts of the world more and more people are resorting to the use of drugs. They are doing so to the extent that drugs have become an accepted part of their daily routine. Commenting on the situation in America, Dr. M. M. Wintrobe, Professor of Medicine, University of Utah College of Medicine, had this to say: "Some members of our modern society behave as if life were a process of existence which can barely be maintained or endured without taking a continuous series of wonder drugs."

Why Increased Pill Consumption?

It is freely admitted that in the United States and in Britain some doctors are prone to over-prescribe. In a lecture on the "Use and Abuse of Drugs" Sir Derrick Dunlop commented on three of the causes for over-prescribing: "There are the *insistent demands of the public* . . . Secondly, there are insufficient doctors for the growing population: it is time-consuming to take a careful clinical history, to carry out a thorough examination, and to give wise advice, but it *takes only a moment* to write a prescription for a symptomatic remedy, and this often satisfies the patient . . . Thirdly, there is the formidable and skilled *promotion of drugs* by the pharmaceutical houses, some of which is subject to justifi-

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REPORT BY MRS R. RANKIN OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

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1. I promised to give you an answer regarding our investigation into the report of an unidentified aerial object made by Mrs Rankin. I regret that we have taken so long to provide an answer.

2. Mrs Rankin was interviewed by an Air Traffic Control officer from Fairbairn on or before 16 Feb 70. His report was forwarded to us by HQOC but since that date I have had a couple of his observations questioned.

3. You will understand that we do not take any steps to carry out a detailed investigation regarding any report that we receive - the interviewing officer simply completes a proforma which asks the observer a lot of questions and we file them for any reference that may be made at a later time. We do not have the staff, nor is it RAAF policy, to investigate the reports in detail. However, many of them can be explained without great difficulty.

4. The report by Mrs Rankin, however, is one of those in the category where we have to make an estimate of the likely solution without having any definite evidence. In this case it is assessed that the object could have been the mirror image of a vessel transiting the naval training area. The moving red light could have been the vessel's steaming lights altering position as the vessel turned.

5. I realise that you may find this assessment somewhat inadequate but it is as far as we can go. We can probably be sure of one thing only - it wasn't an F111.

(R.S. ROYSTON)
Gp Capt
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REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Forwarded are reports of unusual aerial sightings as shown, together with comments added at this Headquarters by C Intell O.

a. Described as a flashing light moving in the sky, sighted at 0130 hours 13 Feb 70 by Mr G. Grice of Mentone VIC.

b. A moving light very fast and high in the sky sighted at Middle Park on 3 Mar 70 by Messrs Robertson, Fry and Waaldyk.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: 4 reports

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer GARTH GRICE Age 23

2. Address of observer. 20 LATROBE ST. MENTONE 3194.
(CNR: BOURKE ST.) Phone. 93 3623

3. Occupation of observer. LINOTYPE OPERATOR

4. Date and time of start of observation. 1:30 A.M. 13/2/70

How certain is the date? NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER

How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN 5 MINUTES

5. Duration of observation. 1 - 1½ MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? VERY CLOSE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. OPEN AREA ALONGSIDE HOUSE (20 LATROBE ST MENTONE) CNR. BOURKE ST.

How familiar is observer with this locality? MY HOME

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. PERFECTLY CLEAR

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. NONE

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings. HIGH IN SKY FROM E.S.E. DIRECTION

b. angle of elevation.

c. compass angle bearing. E.S.E ACROSS TO W.N.W.

d. how accurate are these estimates? QUITE ACCURATE

10. What first attracted observer's attention? WHAT APPEARED TO BE A FLASHING, MOVING STAR

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. how many were there? NO

b. in what formation were they? NO

12. What was the colour of the light or object? RED AND BLUE WITH FLASHING LIGHT

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14/2/70. REPORT OF SIGHTING 13/2/70

At 1.30 a.m I was looking up at the sky when something caught my eye to the ESE direction. It appeared to be a flashing star, then I found it was moving towards me in a WNW direction. It continued on a dead straight bearing with no deviations. When overhead it appeared to have color of blue and/or red tinge underneath. Also throughout siting, a flashing light was apparent; when overhead, it appeared to be going around while flashing.

It was very high, so I would say it was travelling at quite a high speed. It disappeared when still on a high bearing, and I feel it rose slightly and increased speed when it disappeared.

The night was clear and crisp.

A few minutes later a light plane passed over my house on the way to Moorabbin Airport - travelling in the opposite direction to the "craft," and naturally at a very, very much lower height.

I don't know how to estimate elevation and angles so I won't try and estimate same.

The most sure thing is that there was a "force field" or "area" in front of the craft which seemed to be drawing it along.

I will be pleased to answer any further questions that I may have missed.

Yours sincerely,

Garth Gore

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) LIKE A SMALL LIGHTHOUSE - HIGH IN SKY WITH SMALL BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHT WHICH REVOLVED

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon ABOUT ¼ SIZE OF MOON

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ABOUT 1½ INCHES

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? ESE to WNW

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? SEEMED TO HAVE FORCE DRAWING IT ALONG

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity NO SOUND WHATSOEVER

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ABOUT AS HIGH AS HIGH FLYING "PASSENGER" JET

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances ABOUT THE SPEED OF A JET WHEN FAR AWAY, VERY SLOW MOVING, OR APPEARING SO.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. ALWAYS MOVING

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. NONE

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. A FORCE FIELD WHICH SEEMED TO DRAW IT ALONG. NOTHING BEHIND

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings VERY HIGH IN WNW SKY

b. angle of elevation

c. compass angle bearing WNW

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? IT JUST DISAPPEARED WHEN STILL WITHIN EYESIGHT. Appeared to slightly rise and speed up when it disappeared.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). NONE

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. NONE

27. How many witness to the sighting? ONLY MYSELF

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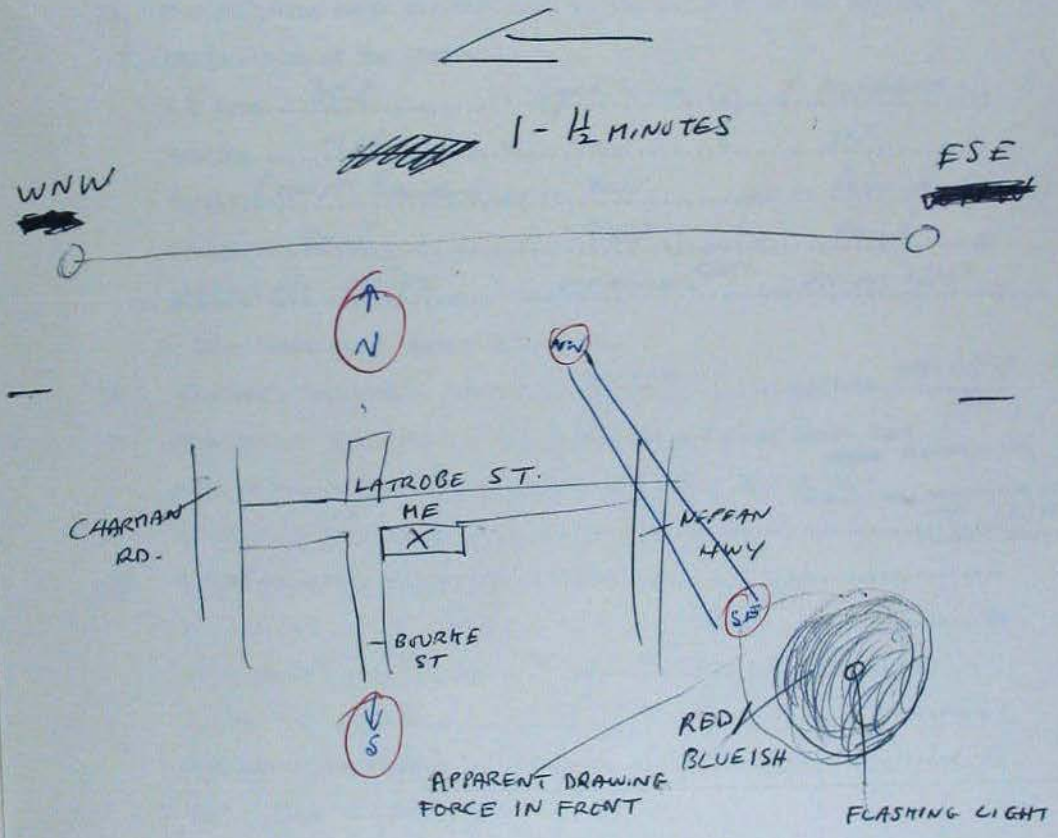
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? HIGH ALTITUDE HELICOPTER WITH LIGHT UNDERNEATH WHICH FLASHED AND REVOLVED AROUND DIAMETER OF CRAFT.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? WHAT MAN-MADE CRAFT MOVES WITHOUT SOUND, HIGH ALTITUDE, APPARENT DRAWING PROPULSION, REVOLVING FLASHING LIGHT, AND THE ABILITY TO DISAPPEAR WHILST STILL WITHIN HUMAN SIGHT ON CLEAR NIGHT.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....N/L.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.....DC3.....(1).....Light Twin.....(2).....F. FRIENDSHIP.....(3)

Heading.....NW.....T.....Var.....T.....SW.....T

Height.....8,000 ft Descending.....,000 ft.....Var.....,000 ft.....Descending.....,000 ft

Speed.....Var.....K.....Var.....K.....Var.....K

ATD/ATA*.....ESS 1557Z.....hrs.....ATA MOORABBIN 1510Z.....hrs.....ATA ESS 1520Z.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude.....37.59 S.....Longitude.....145.03 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....

PLANETS - NIL

MAJOR STARS - RIGEL KENT - BE 48° 12 INT
SIRIUS - EL 49° 92270°
PROCYON - EL 49 92302°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....N/L.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....PAGEOS! @ 0120 EL 33° AZ 246° MAG 4°

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

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if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*~~was not~~ a balloon (delete as required)
a satellite sighting.....

There were no satellites scheduled which fit in with the time/direction of sighting. However, by the straight path of object, sudden disappearance and extreme height, sighting assumed as probable non-scheduled satellite.

J Harvey

14 FSK .....(Unit).....J Harvey.....(Name)

12 MAR 70.....(Date).....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer AUKE WAALDYK Age 21
2. Address of observer 15 LOLLER ST SPRINGVALE
   Phone
3. Occupation of observer Electrician
4. Date and time of start of observation 8PM - 8-30 PM 5
   How certain is the date? TUESDAY 3/3/70
   How accurate is the time of start? 8PM
5. Duration of observation 5-10 MIN'S
   How accurate is your estimate? Accurate
6. Observer's location at time of sighting MIDDLE PARK SOCCER OVAL
   How familiar is observer with this locality? Average
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation OWN VISION
9. Where was object first observed? :
   a. Relative to your surroundings Approx 45° to my Vertical
   b. angle of elevation As Above
   c. compass angle bearing "
   d. how accurate are these estimates? APPROX
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Moving light in the sky
11. If there was more than one light/object :
    a. how many were there? Only One
    b. in what formation were they? "
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Some as STARS

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)... SAME BRIGHTNESS AS STARS.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.. SAME SIZE AS STARS.

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... APPROX SIZE OF STARS.

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... APPROX BY VISION.

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity ... NONE (TOO HIGH).

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?... SAME AS STARS.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances ... VERY FAST AT GREAT HEIGHT

20. Give duration of any stationary phases... NONE

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... AFTER FORWARD MOVEMENT IT THEN RETURNED.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.. BRIGHT LIGHT

23. Where was object last observed ;

a. relative to your surroundings... MIDDLE PARK OVAL.

b. angle of elevation... ~ 30°

c. compass angle bearing... NONE

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?... NOT OBSERVED.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... NONE

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... ELECTRICIAN — HAS DONE MATHS

27. How many witness to the sighting?... 4 OR 5.

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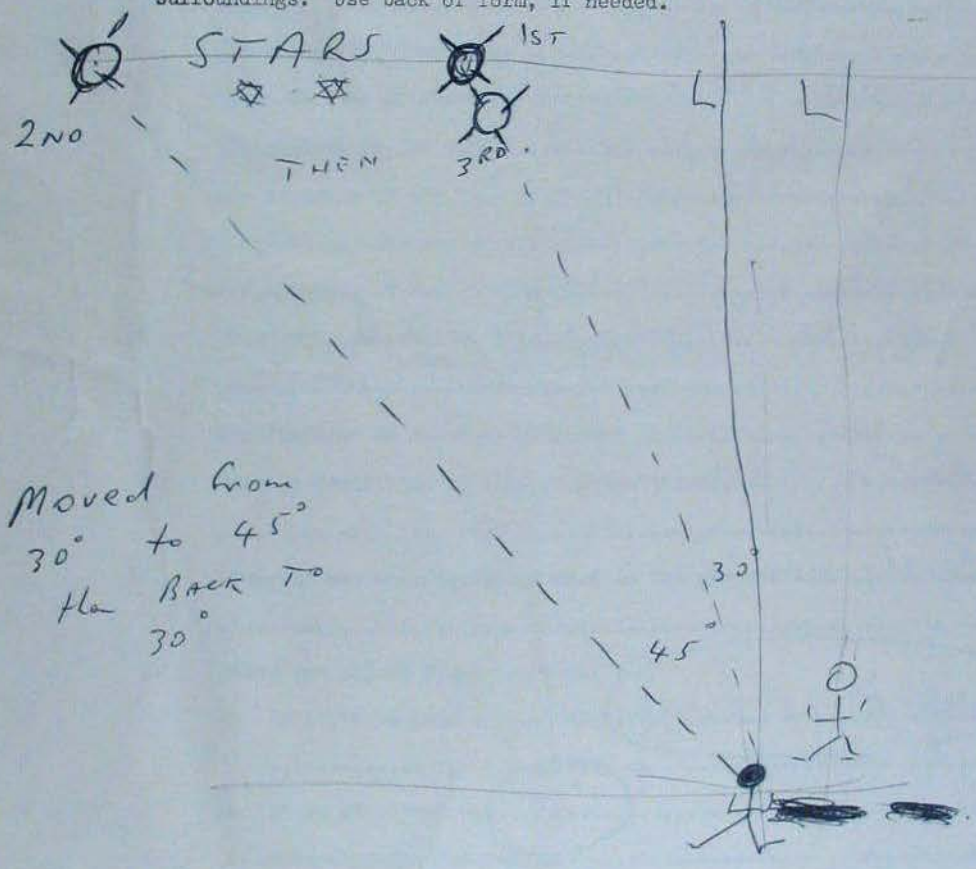
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? NO

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? DON'T KNOW

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? NONE

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer MR ROBERT ROBERTSON ....Age 22.....

2. Address of observer FLAT 4 ... 1207 DANDENONG ROAD.....
EAST MALVERN, MELB. VIC .....Phone.....

3. Occupation of observer.. SERVICE MECHANIC.....

4. Date and time of start of observation 3.3.70 APPROX 8 P.M.
How certain is the date?... POSITIVE.....
How accurate is the time of start? INACCURATE.....

5. Duration of observation... ABOUT 10 MIN.....
How accurate is your estimate?... UNSURE OF DURATION.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.. SOCCER TRAINING..
...MIDDLE PARK.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.... VERY.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation BEAUTIFUL CLEAR NIGHT.
.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE....
.....

9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings... DIRECTLY OVERHEAD
.....
b. angle of elevation 90°
c. compass angle bearing.....
d. how accurate are these estimates? ?

10. What first attracted observer's attention? MOVEMENT.....
.....

11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there?.....
b. in what formation were they?.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? BLUE.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..AS..BRIGHT...AS..A..STAR.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon.LIKE..A...STAR.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances .....
FOR..THE..HEIGHT..IT..WAS,IT..MUST..HAVE..BEEN..VERY FAST

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..MOMENTARY.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres IT RETURNED FROM WHERE IT

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..JUST CAME BLINKING LIGHT ~~BLUE~~ LIKE A STAR.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..DIRECTLY..BEHIND..MY..ORIGINAL..POSITION

b. angle of elevation.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..TOO..BUSY..TRAINING..TO..NOTICE

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....NO.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....
.....NONE.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?..AT..FIRST..I..THOUGHT..IT..WAS..BUT ONLY 6 SAW IT.

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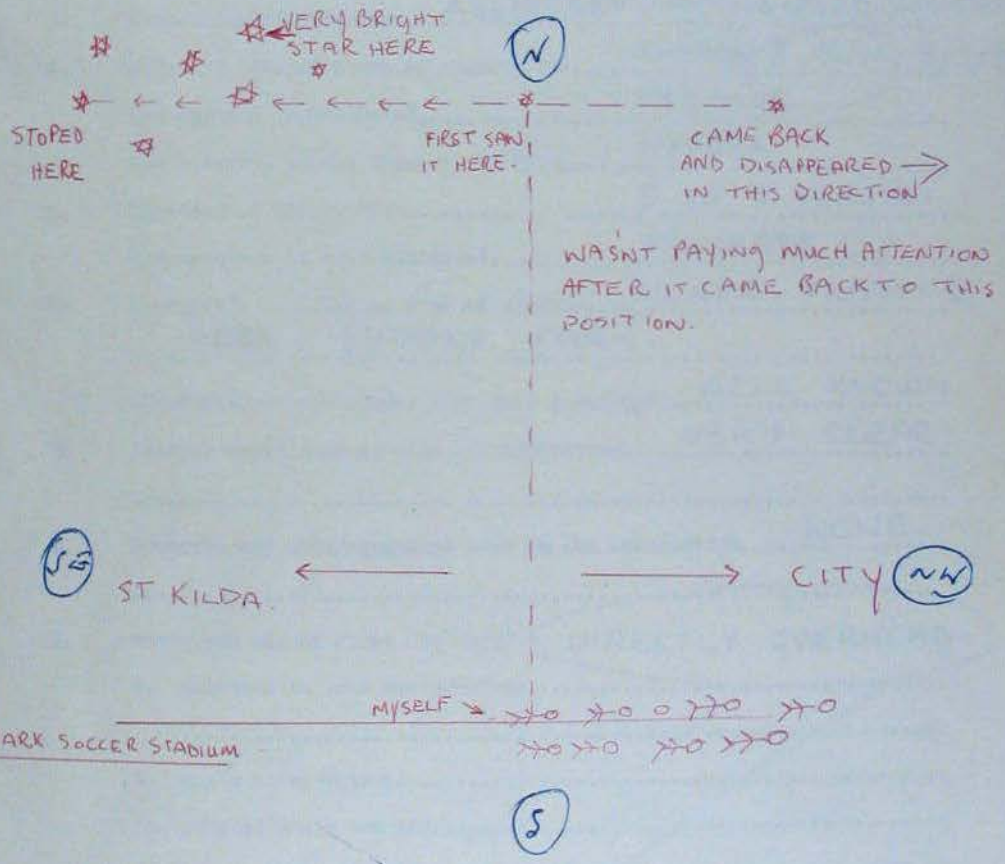
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?...SATALITE.?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..AS..WE.. AGREED, SATALITES DON'T GO..BACKWARDS.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature: Rod Robertson Date: 7:3:70

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer MR. KEITH FRY Age 28

2. Address of observer 2A, HIGH ST, PRAHRAN. VIC. Phone —

3. Occupation of observer ASSISTANT MANANGER (FACTORY)

4. Date and time of start of observation APPROX 7.15 PM 3/3/70

How certain is the date? POSITIVE

How accurate is the time of start? APPROX.

5. Duration of observation 5 TO 7 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting SOCCER TRAINING AREA MIDDLE PARK.

How familiar is observer with this locality? WELL KNOWN

7. Weather conditions at time of observation VERY CLEAR.

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE.

9. Where was object first observed? DIRECTLY OVERHEAD.

a. Relative to your surroundings

b. angle of elevation

c. compass angle bearing

d. how accurate are these estimates?

10. What first attracted observer's attention? MR R. ROBERTSON OBSERVED IT FIRST AND THEN POINTED IT OUT TO ME.

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? AS A STAR

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... AS A STAR.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
    a. relative to Venus or Moon..... LIKE A SMALL STAR.
    b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances ....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... NIL

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... NIL

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... NIL

23. Where was object last observed :
    a. relative to your surroundings.....
    b. angle of elevation.....
    c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... OBJECT SLOWLY WENT OUT OF SIGHT.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... .....

27. How many witness to the sighting?..... APPROX 6

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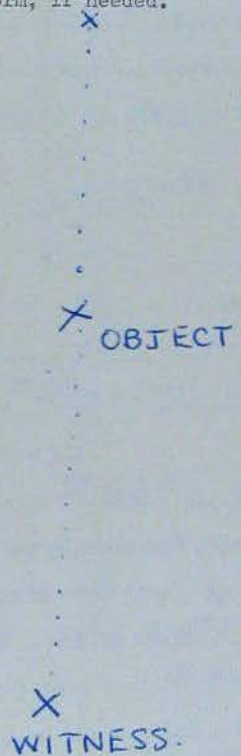
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?...NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....A PLANE AT A GREAT HEIGHT.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....IT SEEMED TOO HIGH AND IT WAS A SINGLE FLASHING LIGHT.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature...D.Keith Fry.... Date....7/6/70.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type CANBERRA (1) ..... (2) ..... (3)

Heading LAN/ESS/LAN T ..... T ..... T

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

Speed VAR K ..... K ..... K

ATD/ATA* ON ILS ESSENDON AROUND 1015Z hrs ..... hrs ..... hrs

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

A/C type DC9 (2) (1) BOEING 727 (2) (2) BOEING 727 (2) (3)

Heading TO ESSENDON T TO SYDNEY T TO ADEL T

Height VAR ,000 ft VAR ,000 ft VAR ,000 ft

Speed VAR K VAR K VAR K

ATD/ATA* 1000Z & 1003Z hrs ATD 1007Z & 1010Z hrs ATD 1035Z & 1045Z hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude 38.02 S Longitude 144.58E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only SIRIUS AZ 260° EL 72° VIS MAG -2

36. A meteorological balloon was released from NO balloon releases until 1100Z at ..... Z. Colour ..... Weight ..... gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile .....

Maximum height tracked ..... ,000 ft at ..... Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ..... °C at ..... ft, measured at ..... Z hrs from ..... station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting..... Satellite: 1965 73E 201SK AZ 193° EL 28° MAG 100° ROCKET 2 2000K AZ 18° EL 38° MAG 92°

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

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if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....

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

41. The object reported ~~was~~/may have been* (delete as required) or double sighting - ie. the Canberra from Laverton was almost certainly over the Albert Park area shortly after 1000z. proceeding towards ESSENDON/on ILS in a NW direction. Shortly after this the satellites noted in Para 38 would have been visible travelling in an Easterly direction.

It should be noted that there are considerable discrepancies in the reports from the observers and an accurate assessment is not possible.

HQSC (Unit) [signature] (Name)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Marie Skinner of 8 Machin Parade Wingham.

Brian Hayes

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

Encl Report of aerial object observed.

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer....Marie Skinner.....Age..60...
2. Address of observer...8 Machin Pde.....
.....WINGHAM.....Phone...303...
3. Occupation of observer..HD.....
4. Date and time of start of observation.....7-2-70.....2am.....
How certain is the date?..Positive.....
How accurate is the time of start?..Positive.....
5. Duration of observation....10 to 15 minutes.....
How accurate is your estimate?..Fairly.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..At above address.....
..?.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?..Very.....
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....Clear.....
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..Nil.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings....Coming from eastly.....
direction.....
b. Angle of elevation.....25/30°.....
c. Compass angle bearing.....
d. How accurate are these estimates?...Fairly.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..Bright Red Light.....
flickering at intervals.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
a. How many were there?.....
b. In what formation were they?.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?...Vivid Red.....
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
..Brighter than full moon.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon..About size full moon.....
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?. .....
.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..No.....

/17. Describe

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
No sound

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Same elevation

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Travelled from East to South West in approximately 15 minutes

20. Give duration of any stationary phases... None

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... None

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... Nil

23. Where was the object last observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... South West
b. Angle of elevation.. 25/30°
c. Compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Went out of sight

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... No

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity...
Nil

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Two

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Sun setting through smoke on summers day...

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form.

Signature M. SKINNER Date 13FEB70

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: No military aircraft in vicinity

A/C type...NA.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading....NA.....T.....T.....T
Height.....NA.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
Speed.....NA.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*...NA.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: No civil aircraft in vicinity

A/C type...NA.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading....NA.....T.....T.....T
Height.....NA.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
Speed.....NA.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*...NA.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..3148.S.....Longitude..15220.E....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus only. Sydney Observatory advises no major stellar or planetary activity at that time.....

36 A meteorological balloon was released from...Williamtown.....
at.061700.....Z...Colour....White.....Weight...350.....gm
~~Radio-sonde**~~/radar**; ~~Candle**~~/battery** (**delete as required)
General wind profile.....Calm.....
Maximum height tracked.....Not tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z
Was it known to have burst?..NA.....

37. The first significant surface temperature inversion was of .22...°C at ...2500.....ft, measured at....06110....Z hrs from...RAAF..... ...WILLIAMTOWN...station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, ~~comets~~, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating
.....NA.....
.....

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

41. The object reported probably ~~xxxx~~may have been* (delete as required).
.....Satellite.....

.Headquarters RAAF WILLIAMTOWN....(Unit).....(Name)
.....20 Feb 70.....(Date).....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Mrs R. Rankin.

2. The report was raised at the recent verbal request of the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who received the initial report from the observer.

John C Luker

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer....MRS R. RANKIN.....AGE..51...

2. Address of observer. 7. GOLDEN GROVE. RED HILL. CANBERRA. ACT.....

.....PHONE 956904.....

3. Occupation of observer....HOUSEWIFE.....

4. Date and time of observation..22 JAN 70.....8.10 PM.....

5. Duration of observation...5 MINUTES.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting. ROSEDALE HEADLAND (SOUTH).....

5 MILES SOUTH OF MALUA BAY 60 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. FINE. CLEAR. BRIGHT MOON...

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

...VISUAL SIGHTINGS.....

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

TO SEAWARDS PROCEEDING SLOWLY DOWN COAST 1 MILE TO SEA.....

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

. FLASHING RED LIGHTS.....

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

. DEFINITE OBJECT BEHIND FLASHING LIGHTS.....

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12. If there was more than one object:

a. How many were there?.....ONE ONLY.....

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

13. What was the colour of the light or object? RED/WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS

14. What was its apparent shape?. SEE ATTACHED.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable? DISH LIKE - ONE LIKENING IT TO AN AIRBORNE CORVETTE

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

17. Was there any sound?....NO NOISE.....

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation).200.-.300.FEET.....

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity).VERY SLOW ALMOST HOVERING THEN ACCELERATING VERY FAST

20. Was the object stationary?...ALMOST.....

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

..FOLLOWING COASTLINE THEN SE TO SEAWARDS.....

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

..ON A STRAIGHT COURSE PARALLEL TO COAST FOR APPROX 1 MILE THEN TO SEAWARDS

23. Was any trail of echaust, vapour, or light seen?.LIGHTS ONLY.....

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

TO SEAWARDS ACCELERATING VERY FAST AS IF DISAPPEARING INTO FOG - THERE WAS NO FOG

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

.NO.....

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

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

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

.WATCHING FISH SPOTTING AIRCRAFT IN SAME AREA.....

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

.NO.....

30. Name and address of organisation...-.....

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31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

TWO CHILDREN PLAYING ON BEACH WERE SAID THEY SAW SOMETHING (COULD NOT DESCRIBE). SPLASH IN SEA ABOUT 8.30 PM - THEY WERE TERRIFIED.....

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PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type. NOWRA TRAINING AREA - NO NIGHT FLYING .....

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

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

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

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

Aircraft type...NIL.....

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:. MOON APPROX 10 DEG ALPHARD 8 DEG REGULUS 20 DEG .....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from. NIL FROM 3PM - 9PM .....

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

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

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

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

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

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39. ⊗ The object reported could have been A MIRROR IMAGE OF A NAVY VESSEL WHO USE BARS OF RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS IN TRAINING AREA - THE MOVING RED LIGHT COULD BE STEAMING LIGHT ALTERING POSITION AS THE VESSLE TURNED - THE FLASHING EFFECT COULD BE CAUSED BY HAZE

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

Thorne

.....BSTBN.....(Unit) .....R.G. THORNE.....(Name)

.....16 Feb 70.....(Date) .....FLT LT.....(Rank)

⊗ NoA

1. Dept of the Navy has advised that no naval vessels were in the area at the time
2. I have discussed this with Flt Lt Thorne who revised his entry at para 39 above to read "... a mirror image of a vessel using bars of red obstruction lights which is operating the naval training

Flt Lt Thorne 16 Feb 70

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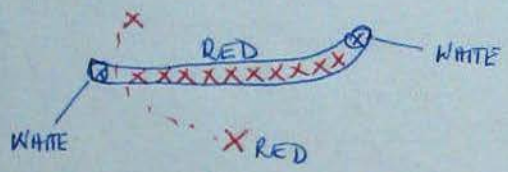
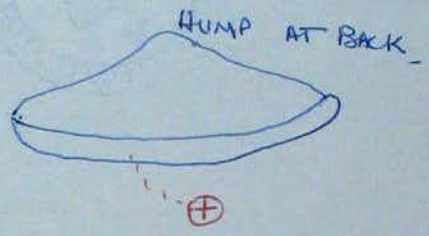
OTHER OBSERVERS.

	MRS NICHOLAS	17 GAWLER CR. DEAKIN.
	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	17 GAWLER CR. DEAKIN
(X)	MR. R. RANKIN	7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL PHONE 956904
(X)	PETER RANKIN	7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL

(X) NOT INTERVIEWED

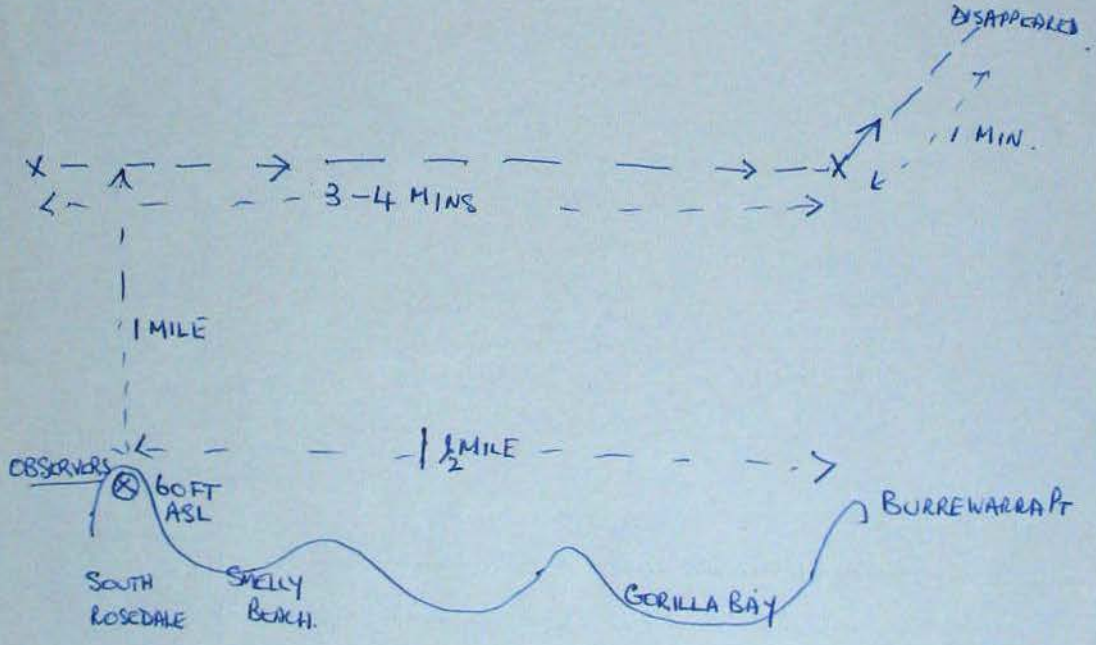
SHAPE OF OBJECT





THE RED LIGHT BELOW OBJECT SEEMED TO MOVE INTO OBJECT

ROUTE OF OBJECT



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report by Mr & Mrs T.W. Arblaster of East Bentleigh VIC concerning the sighting of an aerial object on Sunday 8th February 1970.

2. The report has been investigated by C Intell O and his comments appear at Part 2 of the pro-forma.

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

Encl:

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observers MRS. VALERIE Y. ARBLASTER ~~36 years~~ MR. THOMAS W. ARBLASTER Age ~~41 years~~

2. Address of observers ~~362~~ CHESTERVILLE ROAD EAST BENTLEIGH 3165 Phone 57 1028

3. Occupation of observers SECRETARY (Mrs) TOOLMAKER (Mr.)

4. Date and time of start of observation SUNDAY 8th Feb '70 - 11.12 pm

How certain is the date? Accurate

How accurate is the time of start? Within 2-3 minutes

5. Duration of observation ~~LESS~~ LESS THAN 1 MINUTE

How accurate is your estimate? CLOSE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting WELLINGTON ROAD BETWEEN ROWVILLE & MULGRAVE

How familiar is observer with this locality? TRAVEL THROUGH AREA WEEKLY.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation EXTREMELY CLEAR CLOUDLESS SKY NO BREEZE PERFECT CONDITIONS

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE

9. Where was object first observed :

a. Relative to your surroundings LOW IN SKY ABOVE OPEN PADDOCK

b. angle of elevation Approx 35°

c. compass angle bearing ?

d. how accurate are these estimates? Approximate only

10. What first attracted observer's attention? LARGE GLOWING OBJECT, STRANGE COLOUR - LUMINOUS PINK

11. If there was more than one light/object :

a. how many were there? SEE PAGE 3

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? LUMINOUS PINK

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)....MUCH..BRIGHTER..-..GLOWING.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon..LARGER..THAN..FULL..MOON.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)....HARD...TO..JUDGE.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....

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

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....NO...SOUND.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?APPROX..50'..ABOVE..GROUND.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances .ALMOST.....
...STATIONARY.-EXTREMELY..SLOW..+..BRIEF..DESCENT.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.APPROX....10..SECONDS.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..VERY..SLOW..DESCENT.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..SEE..PAGE..3..

23. Where was object last observed : AS STATED ON PAGE 1.

a. relative to your surroundings...JUST...DISAPPEARED..BEFORE REACHING GROUND.

b. angle of elevation.....APPROX...30°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..INSTANT.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....NO.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity...NOTHING...
...SPECIAL.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?....OTHER..THAN..ABOVE..NAMED, DO NOT KNOW.

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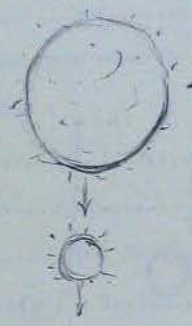
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....NO.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....NOTHING SIMILAR.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..STRANGE. PINK COLOUR AND OBJECTS THAT DROPPED FROM MAIN UNIT.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



First noticed a large glowing pink light in the sky, much lower than a star, or even a plane, constant light, not flashing. Object began very slow descent, then stopped. Small glowing pink circular object descended from lower portion of larger object; about 2-3 seconds later, another small object descended. Both the small objects disappeared before reaching ground. Larger object then descended a little further, then it, too, vanished.

Signature...V. G. Arblaster... Date...11.2.70.....
V. G. Arblaster

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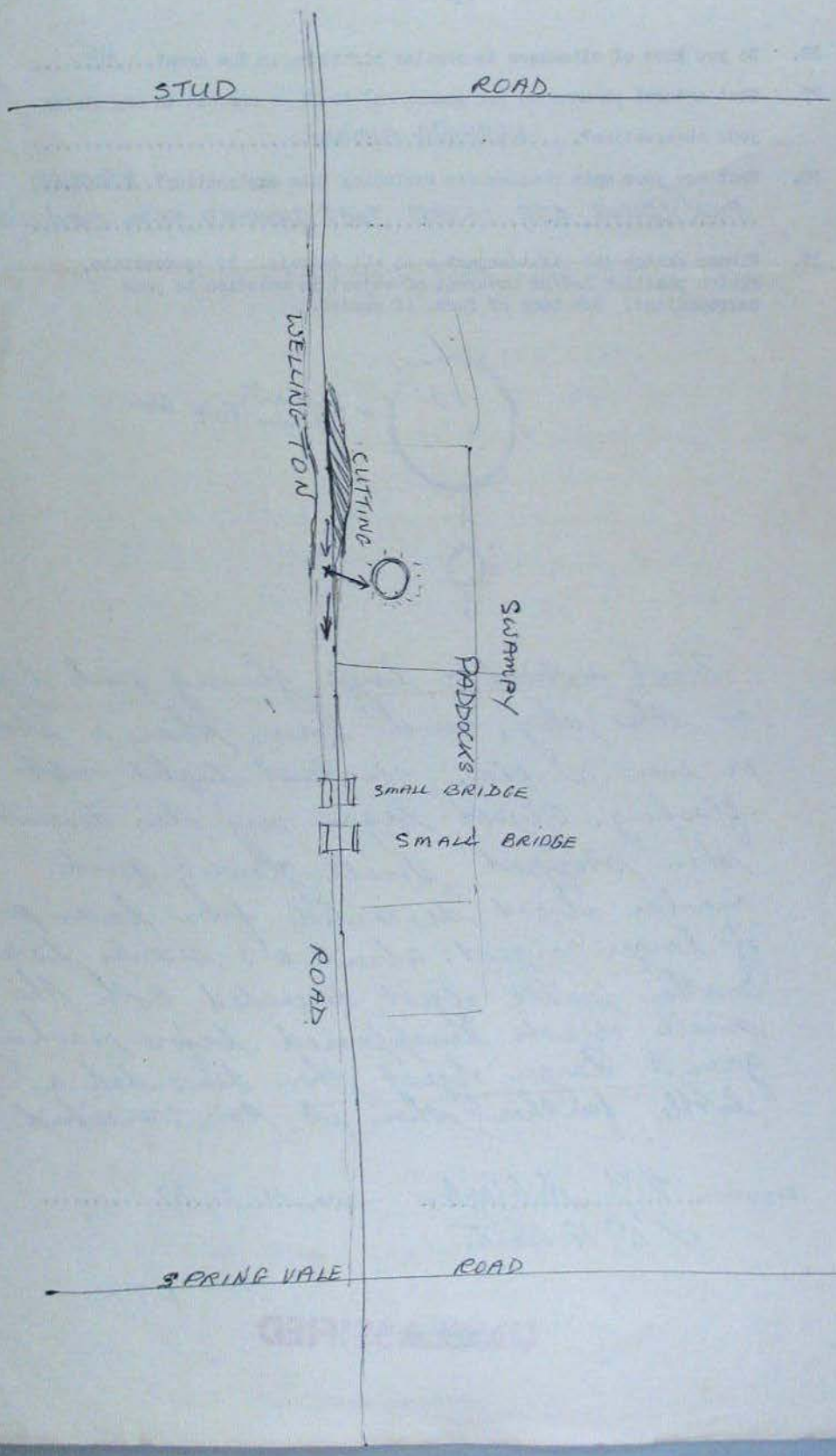

F 1268 TO 2312K 1312Z.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude..37.52 S.....Longitude..145.12 E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....

PLANETS - NIL. MAJOR STARS - CANOPUS EL 26° AZ 215° - RIGEL KENT EL 6° AZ 245°

N/A

36. A meteorological balloon was released from NIL IN AREA AT 1312Z.....

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of N/A.....°C at .....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from..... .....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting..... COSMOS 1965 73F @ 2315K AZ 214° EL 71°

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

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if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... NA.

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

41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

See below.

1. Wellington Road, from where Rep observer saw the lights, runs approx East - West. The lights were noted on the left hand side of road, whilst travelling West, thus the Az would be around 180°.

2. From observations of the area made in daylight from approx location of sighting (as per diagram on back of page 3) the land on the left of Wellington Road is fairly flat for about 400-500 yards, then rises sharply to form a range of hills running not quite parallel with the road. Along the crest of these hills are high voltage SEC transmission lines suspended from steel towers. There are very few houses in the area, the land being used for grazing purposes.

3. The likely cause of this sighting cannot be determined with any degree of certainty, but the following theories are postulated -

a. Satellite COSMOS 1965 73F would have been visible in the general area at the time, but no report of this satellite breaking up has been received, this theory is unlikely.

b. The objects sighted were light reflections on the SEC cables from motor vehicles travelling on roads on the other side of the hill - i.e. on Police Road which runs parallel to Wellington Rd or Jackson Road which runs at 90° to Wellington Rd. Possible, and the most likely, or

c. The lights were caused by the ionization of the atmosphere surrounding the H.T. lines.

HQSC (Unit) [signature] (Name)

23 FEB 70. (Date) FLT LT (Rank)

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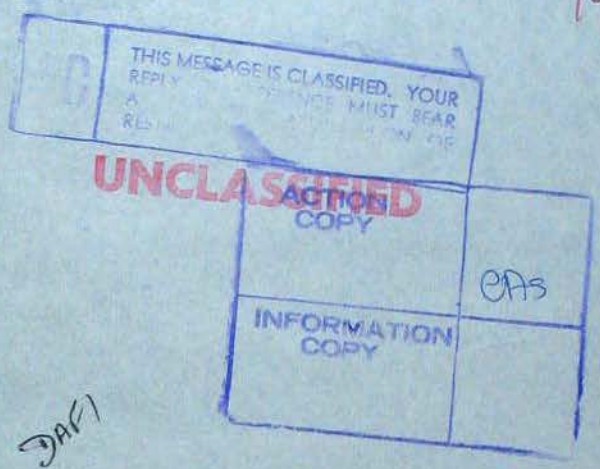

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2 INVESTIGATION TURNED UP REPORT THAT MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CONDUCTED NATURAL GAS BURN-OFF AT PALMER VALLEY 60-65NM FROM ALICE SPRINGS BEARING 215-220 DEGREES AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD

3 INFORMATION FORWARDED IN CASE THERE WERE OTHER SIGHTINGS PD NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a report on an unusual aeial sighting by Mr Neil Rudd.

(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer...MR. NEIL RUPP.....Age.39...
2. Address of observer..11..ALICIA...ST.....
   .....TOOMBUL..... Phone..66.96.01....
3. Occupation of observer.NEWS EDITOR...BCD RADIO NEWS SERVICE...
4. Date and time of start of observation....1130EST..Feb.70..
   How certain is the date?...positive.....
   How accurate is the time of start..±.5 MINS.....
5. Duration of observation....15 MINS.....
   How accurate is your estimate?..±.2 MINS.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting...ABOVE address.....
   .....
   How familiar is observer with this locality?..lived in.....
   .area for..8 years.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation...overcast.....
   ..broken cloud overhead.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..Nil....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed:
   (a) Relative to your surroundings...East North East.....
   .....
   (b) angle of elevation....30°..above horizon.....
   (c) compass angle bearing.....060°T.....
   (d) how accurate are these estimates..±.10°.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..small "Z".....
    ..light moving.....
11. If there was more than one light/object: N/A
    (a) how many were there?.....
    (b) in what formation were they?.....

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12. What was the colour of the light or object?...white.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).....dim. white star.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon....approx. = Venus.....

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)....¼".....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..90°..above horizon..estimat.
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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....Nil.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..30°..to..90°.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....
.1st..15°..travelled in 4 to 5 minutes, remaining 45°..in 10 mins. ± 2 mins.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..Most overhead. Visible..

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres...circled overhead.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..About....
..trail light..briefly.....

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings..still almost overhead but fading SW

(b) angle of elevation...90°.....

(c) compass angle bearing...225°.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..light disappeared...

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....No.....
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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..Junior hist. geometry. and. ground. knowledge.....

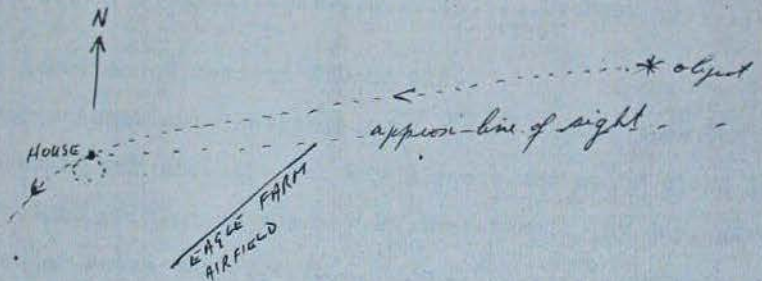
27. How many witness to the sighting?..5. adults. + 4. children.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....
.....No.....

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?...Apollo. flight.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
.observed. Apollo. flight. and. a/c. not. quite. the. same.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.
Brilliant white flashes increasing size of object by 10 to 12 times normal when in almost overhead position.



Signature....Hill..... Date..13..Feb.70.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type. CANBERRA .....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading. FURCHTS..BN.....T.....T.....T

Height.....10,000.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....150.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA* FROM 1840KTS 2230K .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

7 canberras in area only 4 or 5 a/c at one time.

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

A/C type.....N.I.L.....(1).....(2).....(3)

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

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

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

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..27°24'S.....Longitude.153°04'....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....NIL.....
.....REGULUS IN NE SKY 22° Elevation 060 T.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..EAGLE FARM.....
at..1100.....Z Colour...WHITE.....Weight..350.....gm
Radio-Sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery**(**delete as required)
General wind profile...2,000FT 130/16...5,000FT 120/25...18,000FT 200/12
Maximum height tracked.....54.....,000 ft at..1154.....Z
Was it known to have burst?...No.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....6.....°C at .....6700.....ft, measured at..1104.....Z hrs from..EAGLE.....
.....FARM.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... All navigation lights operating.....

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

41. The object reported probably was*/~~may have been~~* (delete as required)

Canberra TBX completing circuits of high Town then departing for Amberley at approx. time of sighting

.....No. 82 WING.....(Unit).....FLT LT D.W. CHESHER.....(Name)

.....12 FEB 70.....(Date).....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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Headquarters Operational Command
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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Reference: A. HQOC ASI No 3/A/5

1. Attached are two copies of a report on an unidentified flying object which was sighted at Rosedale Headland NSW on 22nd January 1970.

2. The report was raised at the recent verbal request of the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who received the initial report from the observer.

K.R. McMartin

(K.R. McMARTIN)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

For Information

Department of Air (DAFI)

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECTS OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer....MRS R. PARKIN.....AGE..51...

2. Address of observer.7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL CANBERRA ACT.....

.....PHONE 956904.....

3. Occupation of observer....HOUSEWIFE.....

4. Date and time of observation..22 JAN 70 8.10 PM.....

5. Duration of observation...5 MINUTES.....

6. Observers location at time of sighting....MOSEDALE HEADLAND (SOUTH).....

5 MILES SOUTH OF MALUA BAY 60 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation....FINE CLEAR BRIGHT MOON...

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

...VISUAL SIGHTINGS.....

.....

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

TO SEAWARDS PROCEEDING SLOWLY DOWN COAST 1 MILE TO SEA

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

.FLASHING RED LIGHTS.....

.....

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

.DEFINITE OBJECT BEHIND FLASHING LIGHTS.....

.....

12. If there was more than one object:

a. How many were there?.....ONE ONLY.....

b. In what formation were they?....*.....

13. What was the colour of the light or object?....RED/WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS

14. What was its apparent shape?....SEE ATTACHED.....

15. Was any detail of structure observable?....DISH LIKE - ONE LIKENING IT TO AN AIRBORNE GONDOLA

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Was there any sound? NO NOISE

18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) 200 - 300 FEET

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) VERY SLOW ALMOST HOVERING THEN ACCELERATING VERY FAST

20. Was the object stationary? ALMOST

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

FOLLOWING COASTLINE THEN SE TO SEAWARDS

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

ON A STRAIGHT COURSE PARALLEL TO COAST FOR APPROX 1 MILE THEN TO SEAWARDS

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

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

TO SEAWARDS ACCELERATING VERY FAST AS IF DISAPPEARING INTO FOG - THERE WAS NO FOG

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

NO

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? NO

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

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

WATCHING FISH SPOTTING AIRCRAFT IN SAME AREA

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

NO

30. Name and address of organisation. -

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

TWO CHILDREN PLAYING ON BEACH WERE SAID THEY SAW SOMETHING (COULD NOT DESCRIBE) SPLASH IN SEA ABOUT 8.30 PM - THEY WERE TERRIFIED

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

Aircraft type.....NOWRA TRAINING AREA - NO NIGHT FLYING.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:.....MOON APPROX 10 DEG ALPHARD

.....8 DEG REGULUS 20 DEG.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....NIL FROM 3PM - 9PM.....

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

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

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

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

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

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39. The object reported could have been A MIRROR IMAGE OF A NAVY VESSEL WHO USE BARS OF RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS IN TRAINING AREA - THE MOVING RED .....LIGHT COULD BE STREAKING LIGHT ALTERING POSITION AS THE VESSLE TURNED - THE FLASHING EFFECT COULD BE CAUSED BY WAVE.....

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

.....BSFAW.....(Unit) .....R.G. THORNE.....(Name)

.....16 Feb 70.....(Date) .....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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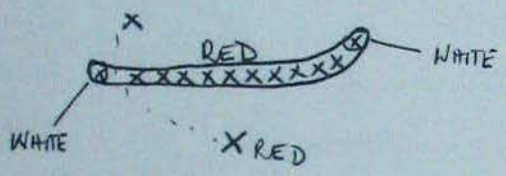
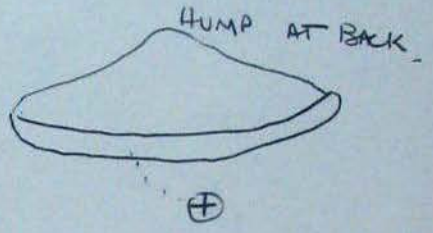
OTHER OBSERVERS.

MRS NICHOLAS — 17 GAWLER CR. DEAKIN
MICHAEL NICHOLAS — 17 CAWLER CR. DEAKIN
(X) MR R. RANKIN — 7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL PHONE 956904
(X) PETER RANKIN — 7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL

(X) NOT INTERVIEWED

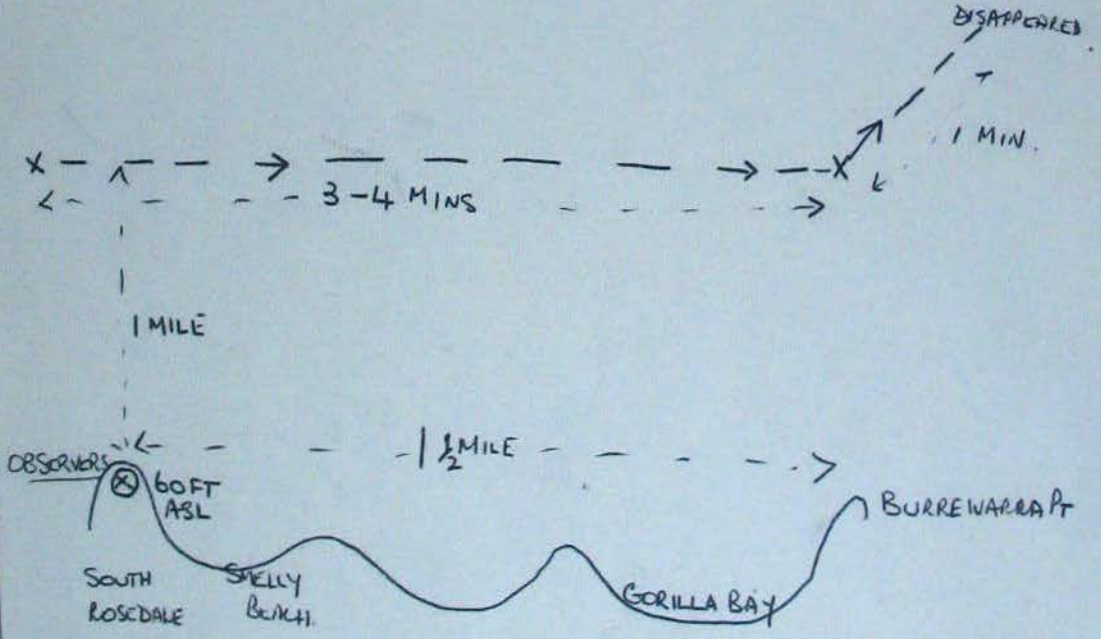
SHAPE OF OBJECT





THE RED LIGHT BELOW OBJECT SEEMED TO MOVE INTO OBJECT

ROUTE OF OBJECT



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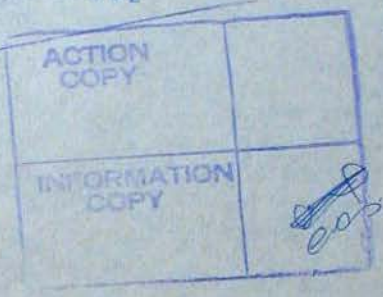

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R E S T R I C T E D A197 INTELLIGENCE PD UFO SIGHTING PD MR NEIL RUDD OF 11 ALICIA ST TOOMBUL REPORTED SIGHTING OCCURING AT 111055Z PD WHITE CIRCULAR LIGHT TRAVELLING FROM EAST TO OVERHEAD BRISBANE THEN SOUTH WEST PD REPORT FOLLOWS

BT

A + B

58/1/1

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MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

Subject: UFOLOGY

Roy

Yes & Fairbairn should see. pls advise use of any results. G.

The people to Contact are MR + Mrs R Rankin
7 Golden Grove
Red Hill

Phone 95 6904

I would be interested in any results

6 Feb 70. Ern Carnes
DEPA

NOA have contacted Fairbairn. (BS Admin O - Keith McMartin 273) who will handle and let me know. t. 9 Feb.

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