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(G.A. PERSKE)
GPCAPT
DAFIS

7 May 82

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4th January, 1963

Dear Mr Kendorski

From time to time reports of unidentified flying objects are received and investigated by the Royal Australian Air Force, but details of individual investigations have not been made public.

On October 20th, 1960, the Minister for Air, the Honourable F.M. Osborne, made a statement in the Australian National Parliament at Canberra, summarising the position, and his comments may be pertinent to your request.

In the course of his remarks Mr Osborne said, "The Department of Air does obtain information about all well reported cases of unidentified flying objects. Although reports of this sort have been investigated very carefully for years, nearly all of them are explainable on a perfectly normal basis. Sometimes they are found to be weather balloons, high-flying aircraft, or even stars. On one occasion, it was established that a reported spaceship was the moon. Of all these reports, only three or four per cent cannot be explained on the basis of some natural phenomenon, and nothing that has arisen from that three or four per cent of unexplained cases gives any firm support for the belief that interlopers from other places in this world or outside it have been visiting us".

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Mr Francis S. Kendorski III
5212 Marlowe Street
Philadelphia 24
PENNSYLVANIA USA

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5212 Marlowe Street
Philadelphia 24,
Pennsylvania,
U. S. A.

10 DEC. 1962

Dear Sirs:

Please send me any information that you have available on unidentified flying objects (UFO's)(flying saucers) in Australia. I would greatly appreciate any additional information.

Thank you,

Francis S. Kendorski III

Francis S. Kendorski III
5212 Marlowe St.
Phila. 24, Pa.

DAFI dlcf.

JPR We spoke re the above and you were kind enough to volunteer to reply to this gentleman in a non-committal style.

2. May a copy of the reply be placed on this file please.

3 Jan 63

W/Cdr
D/DAFI (Ops)

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2 JAN 1963
C.A.S.

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AIR MAIL-POSTAL CARD

Information Service
Royal Australian Air Force
Melbourne
Victoria
Australia

DAFI

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3 Jan 63

Wg Cdr
D/DAFI (OM)

A.C.D. RECD 2 JAN 1963 C.A.S.

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TELEPHONE: Penrith 2331

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 5/2/1/Air (13)

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

21 DEC 1962

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded herewith, for information, is a copy of a message received from ACC Sydney by the Duty Operations Officer at this Headquarters at 192207Z DEC:-

"Report received from AERADIO NORFOLK ISLAND as follows:-

QUOTE: Reports received from many sources of unidentified objects over Norfolk Island at 172240Z DEC. Objects appeared cylindrical in shape with two vertical projections above travelling very high in a NNE/SSW direction. In sight approximately 3 minutes, can you identify? UNQUOTE"

2. DCA ATC authority has enquired into all possible sources and have confirmed that no civil or military aircraft were in the area at time of sighting.

for (R.J. RANKIN)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

DAFI

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REC'D.
27 DEC 1962
SECRET REGISTRY
CANBERRA

TELEPHONE :

Melb 69-0550

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1

PA 13/12

5/6/Air(14)

18 DEC 1962

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Attached is a report on the sighting of an unusual aerial object seen at CRESSY Tasmania on the 8th December 1962. The report was forwarded through the Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne.

(D.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

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REC'D.
19 DEC 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of observer..... Mr. T.A. Gatenby.
2. Address of Observer..... Creekden, Cressy, Tasmania.
3. Occupation of Observer..... Farmer.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   2215 8/12/62.
5. Period of Observation (s)..... Approximately 2 minutes.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   Visual sighting from property at Cressy. (10 n.m. south-west of Launceston Airport).
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   Almost directly overhead.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Light.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   As a star moving fast and high up.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    One object.
11. What was the colour of the light or object.... yellow.
12. What was its apparent shape..... Star shaped.
13. Was any detail of structure observable..... No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... No.
15. Was there any sound..... No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation..... Very high up directly overhead.
17. Speed, or angular velocity ..... Indeterminate could have been a satellite.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    Has seen satellites before.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

South to North, slightly to the west of observer.

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

Straight path.

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

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

Behind cloud.

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

No.

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

Weather at Launceston airport - 7/8 Stratus 1600 ft.

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

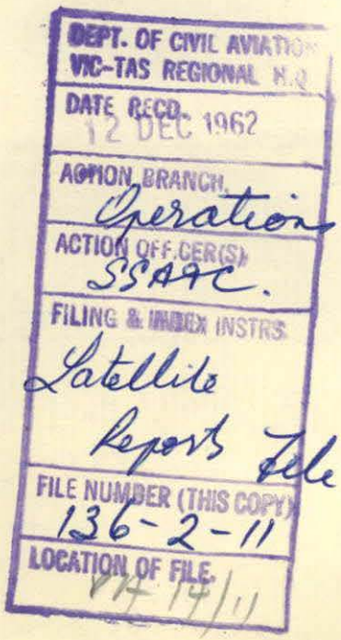
None.

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

Launceston Airport.

27. Any additional information. Mr. Gatenby fairly certain that object was a satellite.

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



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IN REPLY QUOTE 128.1.21

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

... Further to our memorandum on this subject dated 21th November attached is a copy of another letter from Mr. Wells dated 18th November.

As it does not appear to affect the views expressed in your memo of 20th November we are replying to Mr. Wells in the sense suggested.

Secretary


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CANBERRA

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"Hilford"
Goulburn
18th November 1962

The Department of Defence
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Re your memo of 12th inst
Reference 128.-1-21
I wrote to Government
astronomer Sydney same day
& wrote to you
regarding some strange
large object I see in evening
sky a couple of weeks ago
on a Tuesday.
The astronomer thinks
the object must have been
a meteor — I am unable
to Believe that, from
the Rate of speed it seemed
to be Travelling about same
speed as aircraft if it
was a large meteor it would
have needed to be about
fifty thousand miles high
for meteors travel fast
and I understand that
they don't brighten until
they enter the earths

Atmosphere. The Government
Astronomer probably knows
more of astronomy than
I do though I learnt to
understand the Stars
with my Grand fathers
large Telescope before I learned
to read and write
The Colour of the Strange
eschaust Could have
been Caused by the Rays
of the setting Sun
I was most interested
in Calmly trying to ascertain
the shape of the front
Portion of the object
whether it was Globe Shaped
like an orange or flatter
but the angle of it and
the obscuring eschaust Prevented
me doing this
I am known to be very
observant People say I
do not miss much
no matter where it is
also I heard no engine Sound

F. A. Wells

TELEPHONE: 69-0550

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
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5/6/Air(12)

15 NOV 1962

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Attached is a report on the sighting of an unusual aerial object seen at CRESSY Tasmania on the 3rd November 1962. The report was forwarded through the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

Read S/O OM
22 Nov 62

DAFI

REC'D
16 NOV 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. Mrs Bosworth

2. Address of Observer ..... Liffey

3. Occupation of Observer ..... Housewife

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
1115K-1130

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 2 seconds approximately

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Position of observer Liffey (9 m. west of Cressy) Visual sighting due east of observer

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

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definite object

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object Bright glinting metallic

12. What was its apparent shape Needle shaped

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .. No

15. Was there any sound No

16. ⁂Height, or angle of elevation ..... Very High

17. ⁂Speed, or angular velocity ..... Very fast, thought it was a "jet"

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

Appeared to be coming "straight down"

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

Straight vertical path

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

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

Behind cloud

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

No

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

Light SW breeze. Cloud approx. 4/8 cu. Base 3500 Ft

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

No air traffic operating in area which is 9 m. west of Launceston Control Zone Boundary.

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

Launceston Airport

27. Any additional information Sighting confirmed by observer's brother-in-law who was working in the garden at the time and also sighted object.

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

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20 NOV 1962

Secretary
Department of Defence
Administrative Offices
CANBERRA ACT

REPORTED SIGHTING OF
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Please refer to your letter 128/1/21 dated 12th November, 1962, forwarding a copy of a letter dated 1st November from Mr. F.S. Wells of "Hillford", Goulburn, concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. It will be appreciated that the details forwarded by Mr. Wells are very sketchy and it is therefore very difficult to make any assessment of the nature of the object sighted. Your letter was received in this Department on 13th November, 14 days after the sighting; it is therefore, considered that further investigation by interview with Mr. Wells would be of very doubtful value.

3. Inquiries into the movement of RAAF and civil aircraft at dusk on the date of sighting have revealed that there were no RAAF movements, but that civil aircraft could have been in the vicinity though it is impossible to be certain of this owing to the absence of a specific time of sighting.

4. Based on the information given by Mr. Wells, this Department considers that the most probable explanation of the object sighted is that it was a meteor.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

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19/11/62

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IN REPLY QUOTE

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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

12 NOV 1962

Recd. D/DAFI (Ops) 1100 hrs 16 Nov.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Attached is a copy of a letter dated 1st November, 1962, from Mr. F.S. Wells of "Hillford" Goulburn in which he reports the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. We have informed Mr. Wells that we are making inquiries and would be grateful if you would look into the matter and advise us.

Secretary

DAFI
BAO/CAS

COPY

"Hilford"
Goulburn

1st November, 1962

To Department of Defence,
Melbourne.

Can you inform me anything about a large object I see in the sky last Tuesday 30th near dusk in evening. It appeared to be sending out an orange coloured exhaust thick and wide at the front end of which was something bright like a very hot bright light.

The angle it was from prevented me from knowing whether the bright part was round or disc shaped.

My observation point was about five miles south of Bungonia - I could not estimate how high the object was. I live by myself my reading matter has been good books of educational value not fiction. I do not have a wireless. The object was travelling towards Canberra or Melbourne.

Sgd. F.S. Wells.

Air Traffic Canberra airport state could have been civil/but in absence of specific time unable to be certain.
RAAF Fairburn nothing.

COPY

"Milford"
Toulburn

1st November, 1952

To Department of Defence,
Melbourne.

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Sgd. J.B. Wells.

13 NOV 1952
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

Quarterly publication of N.Z. Antarctic Society.
A highly reliable publication.

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Seven Men Will Never Scoff Again

Claude Taylor sent the following message on July 9 after the men at Hallett Station had heard a radio news report from New Zealand of a "strange sky phenomenon" seen there.

"Following observations recorded here by several observers and on all sky camera colour photo may be of help to interested parties in New Zealand.

1. Object appeared at about 11.10 hours Greenwich on July 7. Took about three to four minutes to cross from south horizon to north horizon.

2. At northern horizon bearing from Hallet was 51 degrees east from true north. Closest approach to zenith was 36 degrees when bearing was 39 degrees west from true north.

3. Object appeared as three with resolved spots of light, one much brighter than other two. Greyish form around them was possible vapour trail. Overall impression was that object orbited well within atmosphere. Certainly it was below normal auroral heights as it passed below auroral.

4. When bearing was approximately true north a flash of light occurred which did not alter orbit or form at all. No noise heard.

5. Revolution of three spots of light at great height indicated large spread. Relative position of spots did not seem to change. Camera photo did not revolve spots.

6. No resemblance to satellite or any sky phenomenon seen by any of seven observers who are unlikely to again scoff at reports of flying saucers."

Taylor, Hallet Station.

CONFIRMATION?

A luminous object similar to that described by Taylor as seen at Hallett Station was observed by personnel at the South African SANAE Station, on the other side of the Antarctic, on March 18.

HALLETT STATION

NEW ZEALAND TRIO FOR 1963

As usual, the scientific staff to winter over at Hallett Station will include three New Zealanders. They will be:

D. M. SUTER (39), of Christchurch, Senior Technician. Doug Suter was born in Wellington and educated at Christchurch B.H.S. and Mt. Albert Grammar School. A radar technician he served in the R.N.Z.A.F. from 1941 to 1945, and later was in the Army (R.N.Z.E.M.E.). He was senior Ionospheric Observer at Campbell Island 1959-60. He is married and has three children.

B. J. L. MAIN (22), Waiouru, Technician. Brian Main is a Radio Technician in the New Zealand Army School of Signals, Waiouru. He was born at Christchurch and went to St. Bedes' College. He has served for 11 years in the Scout Movement, being a Queen's Scout and a Scoutmaster. He has represented Central Military District at Soccer.

L. J. WYLDE (22), of Hamilton, Technician. Len Wylde is Tauranga-born and was a pupil of Hamilton B.H.S. 1952-56. He obtained his B.E. (civil), at Auckland University College, and worked in Wellington and Hamilton.

Two men will be carrying out biological investigations, chiefly at Cape Hallett, during the summer months. They are B. E. Reid, who has had considerable previous Antarctic experience, including a winter at Cape Hallett, 1959, and H. J. Cranfield, M.Sc., whose two brothers, Bill and Bob, have both wintered at Scott Base in earlier years.

from J. S. Cumpston
Dept. of External Affairs
Canberra

23.10.62.


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PA
KING GEORGE V. LAND
(Discovered by A.A.E. 1912)
VICTORIA LAND
(Discovered by Ross 1841)
Prince Albert Mountains
Franklin I.
Ross Sea 1841
HALLETT
480 miles
100 miles
N
34°
51°
MANGAREVA
DEPENDENCY
KING EDWARD VII. LD.
Horizon at 6000' = 100 miles
580/1/1

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of Observer ..... DR. J.S. CUMPSTON .....

2. Address of Observer ..... 24 HOLMES CRESCENT CAMPBELL ACT .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..... HISTORIAN DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS .....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 13 OCTOBER 1969 2300 HOURS LOCAL .....

5. Period of observation(S) ..... 10 SECONDS .....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..... SEE SKETCH MAP ATTACHED .....
.....
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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
..... COMING FROM BEHIND TREES .....

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
..... OBSERVER HAS HABIT OF GLANCING AT OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS WHILST DOING THIS SIGHTED OBJECT

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
..... AS A DEFINITE OBJECT .....

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... WHITISH-YELLOW .....

12. What was its apparent shape ..... OBSERVER HAD IMPRESSION OF AN AIRCRAFT WITH A MOTOR ON EITHER SIDE OF FUSELAGE .....

13. Was any detail of structure observable ..... APPEARED MORE OR LESS THE CONVENTIONAL SHAPE OF AIRCRAFT NO TAIL PLANE OR FIN VISABLE .....

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious : ..... WHITISH-YELLOW EXHAUST .....

15. Was there any sound ..... NO .....

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation } ..... SEE PARAGRAPH 3 OF .....

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity ..... ATTACHED REPORT. .....

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
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xx Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Seen MBK

Reports on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

FROM DIRECTION OF QUEANBEYAN TO MT AINSLIE SEE SKETCH ATTACHED.

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

STRAIGHT PATH NO DEVIATION

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen WHITISH-YELLOW EXHAUST

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

BEHIND HOUSE OBSTRUCTING VIEW

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

NIL

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

SKY CLOUDLESS IN AREA OF OBSERVATION.

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

NO MOVEMENTS FROM FAIRBAIRN

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

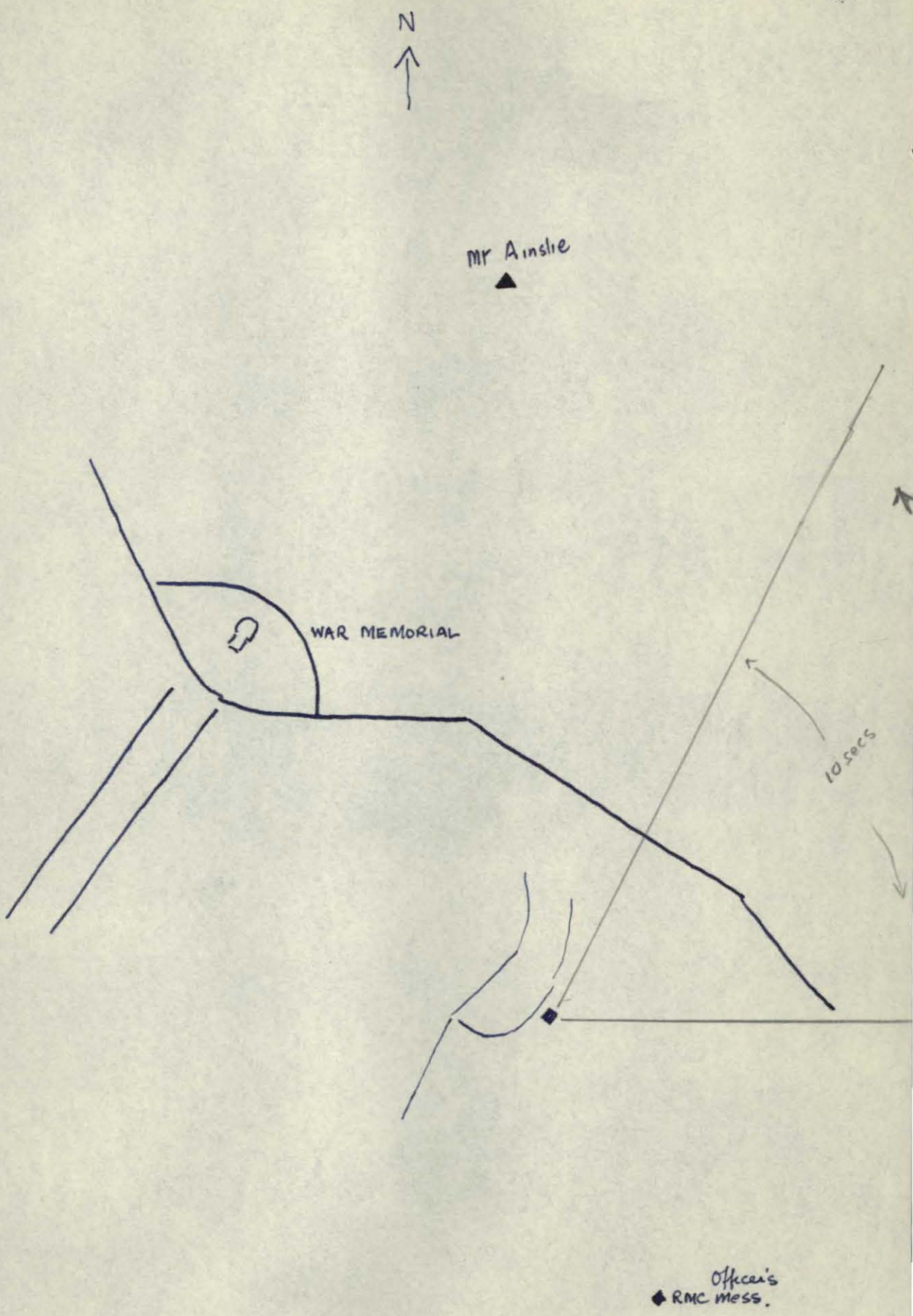
27. Any additional information OBSERVER STATES THAT HE HAS MADE PREVIOUS REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT)

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

15 OCT 62.

[signature] FLTLT

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N
Mr Ainslie
WAR MEMORIAL
10 secs
Officers
RMC Mess.

I live at 24 Holmes Crescent, Campbell, A.C.T.

At 11.00pm on Saturday 13 October 1962 I walked out of the back door of my house and, as a matter of habit, glanced at the two red lights on the pole on the crest of the ridge above the house.

Although it had been raining earlier the sky in that quarter was cloudless. It clouded again a few minutes later.

As I glanced at the lights I saw, about 5° above them and just above the trees what I thought was a very bright meteor with a short tail. It was travelling at a high speed reminiscent of a meteor, but without the characteristic drop in elevation. I waited expecting to see it burn out but it continued on a straight and what appeared to be a level course. I could not see the horizon. While I watched it travelled through 50° of arc and then disappeared past the corner of the house. Its apparent course was from Queanbeyan in the general direction of Mt Ainslie. It was in sight for a matter of 10 seconds only. A second or two after it had disappeared I decided to see if I could follow its course further, but, by the time I had rounded the corner of the house it had disappeared into a clear sky.

It must have been at a considerable distance from me and at a considerable elevation. I heard no noise but there was a wind.

The object appeared comparable in size to a Melbourne-Sydney airliner flying over Canberra. It was side on and above me flying a course which seemd to bring it closer and clearer in outline. I had the impression of an aircraft of more or less conventional shape and colour with a motor on either side of the fuselage, each emitting a long whitish-yellow exhaust flame, which made it very obvious. It seemed to be carrying lights in front (NOT coloured). It was not lit as by a searchlight but apparently by the light of its own motors as the outline was not sharp.

My immediate reaction was that this was some kind of very high speed aircraft travelling at high speed at possibly 15000 feet over Canberra airport in a northerly direction. There was no change of course.

I rang Mt Stromlo 512 but the telephone was not answered. I then rang the RAAF Duty Officer.

I have seen many things in the sky but never anything similar to this. It was either a satellite, a meteor, or an aircraft. It seemed too low and too fast for a satellite. As I did not see the end of the flight I cannot be absolutely certain that it was not a meteorite. I have never seen a meteorite in the sky at close range. It was very much brighter than the usual meteorite. If it was an aircraft it would seem that some form of rocket propulsion was being used. The general appearance was that of an aircraft flying at 10,000 feet at ten miles distance. I would have expected a supersonic bang, but this would have taken a minute to reach me from ten miles. I did not hear any obvious loud noise. By that time I would probably have been inside the house.

After verifying the time(± 5 minutes), I wrote the above.

On Sunday I watched a Melbourne-Sydney airliner and decided that the/distance would probably have been nearer five miles apparent
The angle above the horizon was approximately 20°.

A Vampire flew over the house on Sunday.

On Monday W/Comdr Gray, at Fairbairn informed me that no service aircraft answering to this description had landed at Canberra at that time.

I am Historian of the Department of External Affairs, having been with the Department for 27 years. I have lived in Canberra since 1928 and am very familiar with its skies. My age is 53. I am a Barrister and Solicitor and a Doctor of Letters(Melbourne) ~~AIF Service 4~~ AIF Service 4½ years(Middle East, Tobruk). For the last two years I was a Captain in the Australian Intelligence Corps serving with Allied Geographical Section, GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area. E.D., Mentioned in Despatches. I am very familiar with aircraft and their appearance and with aerial photography.

On 5 October my eyesight was tested by C.Werner of Collins St, Melbourne on 5 October 1962. He said that my distant vision was exceptionally good.

Everything I saw was in keeping with a man made machine behaving within the limits of modern scientific knowledge. The outline suggested a high wing monoplane of normal size with rocket(?) motors under the wings.

I was left with the thought that this might be a night photographic reconnaissance of Fairbairn Station.

About 1952 I reported from New Zealand a series of similar reportings and, about 4 years later, some from New Caledonia The New Zealand sightings again suggested reconnaissance.

J A Thompson
15 October 1962

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FOR DNI. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM BLADEN MV HUON BEGINS.
TWO SURVEYORS AND I SIGHTED ONE SATELLITE 1915 28TH TRAVELLING
FROM SSW TO NNE OUR POSITION AT SIGHTING 20 MILES NW LOLOBAU
ISLAND AND ITS COURSE NEARLY PARALLEL WITH OURS ENDS

HNB

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pass. to D.A.F.I.

TELEPHONE: 69-0550

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Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached are two reports, from DENMARK West Australia and CRESSY Tasmania, concerning the above subject.

2. The object seen at DENMARK WA would appear to have been the MMA DC-3 to ALBANY from PERTH, and a letter has been sent to Mr BARNES informing him of this.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

DAFI

REC'D.
2 OCT 1962
AIR REGIS
CANADA

COPY

Harewood Road
DENMARK WA

1-9-62

The Commanding Officer
RAAF
PEARCE WA

Dear Sir,

May I enquire whether an aircraft from your Station was in the vicinity of Denmark at about 7 p.m., yesterday 31st of August.

My reason for the enquiry is that at that time I saw a bright star like object moving rapidly across the sky on a horizontal path travelling, so it seemed from about the north west. Its elevation from my position (15 miles North West of Denmark) would have been, I guess, about 30 degrees. At the time I was milking my dairy herd, and the noise of my milking plant prevented me from being able to ascertain whether any noise came from the object I saw. The object was visible for no more than two minutes.

Trusting I am placing you to no inconvenience, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) N.W. BARNES

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.....MR.N.W. BARNES.....

2. Address of Observer..HAREWOOD ROAD, DENMARK WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

3. Occupation of Observer.....DAIRY FARMER.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time).....31st AUGUST 1962 1900 HOURS.....

5. Period of Observation.....TWO MINUTES.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.....15 MILES NW OF DENMARK. VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM MILKING SHED.....

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

.....NOT KNOWN.....

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

.....LIGHT.....

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

.....BRIGHT STAR-LIKE OBJECT.....

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

.....ONE ONLY.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object..NOT STATED - PRESUMABLY WHITE....

12. What was its apparent shape.....SEE PARA 9.....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable.....NO.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....NO.....

15. Was there any sound.....NOT HEARD IF ANY, DUE TO NOISE OF MILKING PLANT.

16. Height, or angle of elevation.....ELEVATION ABOUT 30 DEGREES.....

17 Speed, or angular velocity.....MOVING RAPIDLY.....

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

.....NONE STATED.....

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

TRAVELLING FROM ABOUT THE NW.

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

TRAVELLING ON A HORIZONTAL PATH

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

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

NOT STATED

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

NONE

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

NOT STATED

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

NO SERVICE AIRCRAFT. MMA SCHEDULED SERVICE PERTH TO ALBANY LEAVES PERTH 1800 ARRIVES ALBANY 1920 AND WOULD PASS TO THE NORTH OF DENMARK FROM THE NW.

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

ALBANY POSTMASTER CONDUCTS METEOROLOGICAL BALLOON FLIGHTS.

27. Any additional information.....

WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MMA AIRCRAFT.

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ...MRS. G.L. BAYLES.....

2. Address of Observer "LITTLE FOREST" CRESSY, TASMANIA.....

3. Occupation of Observer ...HOME DUTIES.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

...22/1200E.....

5. Period of Observation(s) ...CONTINUOUS FROM 1200E TO TIME OF REPORT (1210E).....

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

....NAKED EYE FROM HOME SEVEN MILES SOUTH CRESSY.....

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

....OVERHEAD.....

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

....LIGHT.....

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

....GLITTERY OBJECT.....

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

....ONE.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object .APPEARED SILVER.....

12. What was its apparent shape ..ROUND (?).....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable .NO.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious . .NO.....

15. Was there any sound ...NO.....

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation .HEIGHT UNKNOWN - WELL ABOVE CLOUD.....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .STILL.....

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

.....SIGHTED AS STILL BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF FAMILY.....

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

STILL

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

STILL

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

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

STILL IN SIGHT AT TIME OF REPORT

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

NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE... NO CAMERA AVAILABLE

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

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

NIL

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

WEATHER OFFICE - WESTERN JUNCTION AIRPORT

27. Any additional information CHILDREN FIRST SAW THE OBJECT - SIGHTED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY - DEFINITELY STANDING STILL AND SHAPE NOT REALLY OBSERVABLE... MET THINK IT TO BE EITHER JUPITER OR VENUS

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

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PENRITH 1W NSW

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26 SEP 1962

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded herewith, for information, is a copy of a telephone report from ACC Sydney to the Duty Operations Officer at this Headquarters.

2. An investigation has not been conducted by this Headquarters.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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27 SEP 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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Subject: SIGHTING REPORT

S.O. Intelligence

1. The following sighting report was received by the Duty Operations Officer from ACC Sydney at 231130Z September 1962.

2. Aircraft ZKTEC enroute Christchurch to Sydney at 1017Z position 140NM ESE of Sydney saw an object pass from south to north over Sydney area at several thousand M.P.H. Slower than meteor. In view for 6 seconds. Showed first as 1 bright light, then when in front of aircraft, as a large cluster of lights. Rapidly faded just north of Sydney.

Meteorite?

3. The pilot Captain White of TEAL airlines and First Officer Dalziell will be in Sydney until 1300K Tuesday 25th September.

4. ACC Sydney also had a call from the Press (paper not known) reference a sighting report over Ryde.

(A.E. CHURCHES)
Flight Lieutenant
Duty Operations Officer

24th September 1962

TELEPHONE:
Melb 69-0550 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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17 SEP 1962

Secretary
Department of Air
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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

1. Attached are two reports concerning sighting of unusual aerial phenomena as follows:

(a) At Giles Weather Station.
This report was received from the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology Department of Interior, and the phenomena is thought to have been due to a fast-moving meteor.

(b) At Launceston, Tasmania.
This report received from Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne.

2. Forwarded for information.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl
2 reports

DAFI

REC'D.
18 SEP 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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COPY

GILES WTHR STN.

7th August, 1962.

To - Director of Meteorology,
MELBOURNE.

(Copy to - Deputy Director,
ADELAIDE)

SIGHTING OF PHENOMENA

While on night duty, early this morning at about 3.45 a.m. Local Standard Time, I was walking outside the office block, when I sighted what appeared to be a flashlight flash in the sky. It lasted for a bried second or two and was in the west north west sky at an angle of about 60 degrees. It was most nearly similar to a flash gun on a camera, in it's action. A split second of white light. It was so sudden and so short in it's action that I can give no further information. I had my back to the West and had just turned round to walk toward the North, to the gas brewing shed, when, as I turned the flash lit up the sky. It was fine and cloudless and had been so all day.

I trust this information may be of assistance. I would appreciate any information.

(sgd) (A.H. MURPHY)
OBSERVER.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: Mrs. D. Campell.
2. Address of Observer: 11 Wellman Street, Launceston.
3. Occupation of Observer: Home duties.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time) 1st sighting 09 0950 GMT. 2nd sighting 1140 GMT.
5. Period of Observation (s): 10 mins. approx. each sighting.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   visual sighting from residence.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behin' a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   From WEST to EAST overhead.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Mrs. Campbells daughter, Girl Guide, practicing star identification.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   Light.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    One only.
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Star colour.
12. What was its apparent shape. Appeared similar to satellites sighted by observer previously. Moving star.
13. Was any detail of structure observable. NO.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. NO.
15. Was there any sound. NO.
16. Height, or angle of elevation. 50.8° moved over from horizon to horizon. AZIM & TH 270.8 TRUE.
17. Speed, or angular velocity. Slow. Slower than previously sighted sattelites.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
WEST & EAST over Launceston.

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

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

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

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
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24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)
Visual conditions - scattered cloud.

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
1st sighting Viscount en route DVN/LT on descent from FL 200.

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

27. Any additional information.
2nd sighting confirmed by weather officer, met. observer and Tower Controller, LT, as sattelite.

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

TELEPHONE :

Melb 69-0550

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24 AUG 1962

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

REPORT OF AN UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT
KIMBERLY TASMANIA

1. Attached is a copy of a report of an unusual aerial object seen at KIMBERLEY Tasmania on 16th August 1962.

2. The report was received through the Department of Civil Aviation Victoria-Tasmania Region, and is forwarded for information.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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28 AUG 1962
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REC'D.
27 AUG 1962
AIR REGISTRY

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: Reg Youd and family.
2. Address of Observer: Kimberly, Phone 32, Kimberly.
3. Occupation of Observer: Farmer.
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time): 16/8/62, 2130 - 2230 EST.
5. Period of Observation (s): 1 hour.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation). Kimberly.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc. S.E. Low in sky.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise. Bright light.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object. As a light.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. One only.
11. What was the colour of the light or object. changing red/green/blue.
12. What was its apparent shape. Like a star.
13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.
15. Was there any sound. No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation. Low in sky.
17. Speed, or angular velocity. Moving slowing and changing bearing moved from one tree to another tree 2 chains apart-trees 5 or 6 chains observor.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

...Moving backwards and forwards and up and down.

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

..Manoevred.

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

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

...Still there - went below horizon several times.

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

....Four other witnesses.

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

....Fine and frosty.

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

.....Bristol 170 ML-LT overflying DVN 8000ft, arrived LT. 2250 EST.

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

....At LT.

27. Any additional information.

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

(sgd). J. Thompson.
S.O.O.
D.C.A. LT.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR O.R. Put on file 43

MINUTE PAPER

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Subject: UFO SIGHTING - 23 Aug 62

Wg Cdr Raban

1. You will recall our various phone calls of last week relating to the UFO sighting in the YASS district on 22 and 23 Aug 62.

2. The following information may be of some assistance to you. Venus is quite clearly visible in the sky during daylight hours and the altitudes and azimuths of this body for the afternoon hours, when viewed from the YASS area, would be:-

TIME	ALTITUDE	AZIMUTH	MAGNITUDE
1400K	45 deg.	015(T)	-3.9
1500K	46 "	355(T)	"
1600K	43 "	335(T)	"
1700K	36 "	320(T)	"

3. Hope that this information will assist you.

Wg Cdr
Plans 1

27 Aug 62

U.F.O. Sightings - Yass District
22 and 23 Aug 62

22nd August, 1962

Approx 1640 phone call to advise that workers at the Electricity Commission sub-station at Yass had sighted silver-coloured object in sky approx 4-5 miles N.W. of Yass at approx 4,000 ~~meters~~ ft. Object had been in same position all day and seen by numerous people

Fairburn asked to send Windjeel up to try to spot object.

Mr Rayner (DPR) advised.

Arrangements made for Sqn. Ldr. Waller (AI.2) to interview sighters at Yass tomorrow morning.

23rd August, 1962

Fairburn reported no solid object seen but had noticed that reflection of sun on snow created silver patch in stratus clouds. This seen three or four times by crew of aircraft. Sqn. Ldr. Waller advised of this but stated that as a result of interviews he thought met. balloon to be more likely.

At 1345, Electricity Commission at Yass phoned to say object again in sight on a bearing of 060° at 15° to vertical — no clouds Today. Seen by about 50 workers.

Sqn. Ldr. Waller & Sqn. Ldr. Mc Attee (latter with camera) departed for Yass.

Checked D.C.A. - no sightings by civil pilots and unable to offer any explanation.

Requested Fairburn to divert airborne Windjeel to investigate.

S/L Waller reported object seen appear to be an orb very high in the sky silver on side facing sun, dark on other. Theodolite indicates moving from NE to SW about 20° in 2 or 3 hours. Aircraft from Fairburn did not get anywhere near.

Phoned Stromlo Observatory and spoke to Mr. Danziger. Gave above information and asked if they could offer explanation or put an instrument on it.

W/C Rose phoned stated he had ~~seen~~ not seen anything from aircraft but as amateur astronomer suggested Venus

1555 Stromlo (Mr Danziger) phoned back to say they think almost certainly Venus. Is in approx. right posn., moving at approx right speed and in approx right direction. Would be crescent shaped with light on one side.

1600 Informed DPR.

Case closed.

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23 AUG 1962

22 AUG 1962

The Secretary
Department of Defence
Administrative Building
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Please refer to your letter 128/1/21 dated 12th June, 1962, with which you forwarded a letter received by the Minister of Defence from Senator Henty, regarding sightings of unidentified flying objects by a Launceston resident.

2. On 18th June, 1962, Headquarters Support Command were asked to carry out a further investigation of the reported sightings to obtain details required in the standard pro-forma used in investigating sightings of this nature.

3. We were notified in a letter from Headquarters Support Command dated 26th June, 1962, that an interview had been held with Senator Henty, and the latter had advised that he was not permitted to divulge the name of his informant. However, he had written to his friend assuring him that any Service investigation would be confidential.

4. Headquarters Support Command, in a letter dated 20th August, 1962, have stated that further enquiries have been made and Senator Henty states that he has been unable to obtain the required information from the sighter, and requests that the incident now be considered closed.

5. Owing to the very meagre information given in Senator Henty's letter of 5th June, 1962, it is regretted that no conclusion can be drawn as to the nature of the objects sighted by the Senator's friends.

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

Wg Cdr.
D/DAFI(Ops)
22 Aug 62

TELEPHONE :
Melb 69-0550

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20 AUG 1962

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTINGS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 580/1/1(34) 18th June and 580/1/1(39) 30th July 62

Further enquiries have been made and Senator HENTY states he has been unable to obtain the required information from the sighter and requests that the incident now be considered closed.

for Neil Hudson FLT.LT.
(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

REC'D.
21 AUG 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

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30 JUL 1962

Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Your 5/6/Air(96) dated 26th June, 1962

It is requested that this Department be informed whether any further progress has been made in the investigation of the sighting referred to you in our letter of even reference dated 18th June, 1962.

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

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28 JUN 1962

5/2/1 Air (10)

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded herewith, for information, is a report from Richmond on an unidentified flying object.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
RICHMOND 1W NSW

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25th June 1962

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

Copy Base Squadron Richmond

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. At approximately 2030 hours on 24th June Mr Stephen White of Bells Line of Road, North Richmond (Phone Ric 272) and his uncle Mr. Richard Bowley of Grose Vale (Phone Grose Vale 3N) arrived at the Guard Room to report the sighting of a "flying saucer" to the Duty Officer.

2. Mr. Bowley and elderly man stated he had seen the object on two previous nights and had drawn Mr. White's attention to the object at approximately 7.30 pm. that evening when standing on the back lawn of Mr White's home. The object then being to the West over Mt. Bowen.

3. After a discussion with the men the duty officer, believing the object to be Venus, thanked them and they departed.

4. Two airmen, A43487 LAC Stocker H.N. and A219704 LAC Wrigley R.K.M. both of 2AD RAAF Rcihmond decided to accompany the civilians for "Something to do". They returned to the Base at approximately 2300 hours accompanied by the two civilians and made the following statements.

5. At 2135 hours from Mr. Stephen White's back lawn they saw the object position W.N.W. and decided to drive towards it to have a look. They then drove to Kurrajong via Grose Vale and had apparently passed the object as it was down in a valley below St. Mary's and Penrith's lights. They were now at Cherry Park Kurrajong. The object moved left to right several times and then rose above the skyline in a vertical direction and then moved back towards Kurrajong. The four members then headed back towards base and kept the object in sight until Richmond town. No further sightings were made.

6. Description of Object:

(a) Size: All four said although hard to judge it was very large. i.e. "twice the size of a hangar".

(b) Colour: Firey glow -mostly red.

(c) Speed: The object moved very fast i.e. "tremendous speed".

7. This area is Richmond's local flying area and there were no aircraft in this area.

8. The two airmen showed no signs of having been drinking and were perfectly rational in all statements. They stated they were doubtful when leaving the base but were somewhat frightened by their experience.

9. Mr. White' was in a highly excited state and was sure "something should be done about it as it shouldn't be there".

10. My own opinion is that these four men had definately seen something which had made quite an impression on them.

11. The sketches were made independently without reference to each others work.

ENCL(S)

(E.D.MASON)
Flying Officer
for Officer Commanding

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S4/130(44) May 8

ORIGINAL STATEMENT 3/

AK-487 LAC STOCKER. H.N. 2AD(SCO) RAAF Richmond.

Time of sighting. 2135-[redacted]50 24/3/61.
From Bed. town of. a house at Richmond. proceeded NNW approx. west
stationary sighting was on ~~grass~~ Yab Rd.
then keeping object in sight proceeded
to Bleny Park saw object mass observed
to move first left to right. then
rise above sky line in NE Mary's
Pennill Hill.

Description:
It was a big ~~big~~ object ~~pair of~~ shaped
and glowed bright Red.
about ~~round~~ size of about
twice as big as a Mango.

It [illegible] Yab.
Road area Bleny parts. the object
appeared before the skyline the rocket
object Path it rose well above the
skyline. The object appeared to
have tremendous speed.

The Plane was undoubtedly bright Red
and the shape was glow.

So far as my knowledge of the area goes
I ascertained that there were no roads
in some of the areas the object moved.

[illegible]

This aircraft was described as "a bit of a meat" by the S.P's.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT BY

A2197104
WAC WRIGHLEY RRM
2AD SCO
RAAF
Richmond

4/6 June sighted 2135. from Mr Wrights residence.
between 2135 — 2330 light various positions to Kemargon
via Ipsos Weld. At Ipsos Weld it looked to be
approximately 2 mile away & appeared to look like
a large filament type lamp, at approximately
2245 we sighted the object below St Marys
on Penrith lights it moved several times, &
then appeared to rise above the lights of the
town & then move back towards Kemargon
& kept moving whilst on the return trip to Base.

Size ÷ distance makes it very difficult to estimate.
Description & [redacted] funny glow at times red.

[redacted]

At 2115 on 4th we debarks myself and WAC
Stocker in my room at the Base. when we
heard that a complaint had been lodged by
an civilian so we decided to go to East Richmond
to see if we could sight it.

This aircraft would appear the more stable of the two. He stated "I forgot I had told me I'd seen a flying saucer & would have laughed yesterday but suddenly it's become frightening"

Notes Taken on the 24th June 62 at 2330hrs
by FLG.OFF. D.H. MASON when interviewing two civilians.

Mr Stephen ~~White~~ Wyte
Bells Line of Road
N^th Richmond
Phone RIC 272

only to mile 7.30-10.30

Mr Richard Bowley
Grove Vale
(Phone G V 3N)

Sighted 22nd 23rd + 24th June

Sighted the object from back lawn at home. pointed out by Mr Bowley.

Went to see Mr Thorsby (ARAAF Bod) not home so came to RAA.F.

Object towards mt Bowen ie W'ern

Reported to RAAF – didnt seem interested.
Two RAAF chaps came back with them.

Saw it from back lawn, tried to get closer. To Cherry Park – ~~Kurrajong~~ Could now see it over Mt Rangs – Penrith. Rising, falling glowing.

Estimated 2 mls at this stage rose very fast "Poss at 2000 mph."

Best desc. as a shape of light size of 3 Hares.
(See ~~sketch~~ sketch on reverse.)

No Sound heard

TELEPHONE: Melb 69-0550

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE, SC1

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26 JUN 1962

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25/6/62

Secretary
Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTINGS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your 580/1/1(34) 18th June 1962

1. An interview was conducted in connexion with the above matter and Senator Henty advised that he is not permitted to divulge the name of his informant. However, he has written to his friend assuring him that any Service investigation will be confidential.

2. Advice is now awaited from the Senator as to the outcome, and when known, your Department will be notified.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
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MELBOURNE SC1 VIC

SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Reference is made to our letter 580/1/1(34) dated 18th June, 1962, concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object near Launceston, Tasmania.

2. It is requested that this Department may be informed of the progress made in the investigation of this reported sighting.

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

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TELEPHONE: Penrith 2331

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Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

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(Attention: DAFI)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded herewith, for information, is a report from Townsville on an unidentified flying object.

G.A. Ross.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
TOWNSVILLE QLD

5/40/Air (7)

5th June 1962

Headquarters Operational Command
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

REPORT - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Herewith is a copy of an undated letter received at this Headquarters on 1st June 1962 from Mr E.C. Tarr of Lucinda Point, Queensland concerning a sighting of an unidentified object in the sky at 1830 hours on Friday 25th May 1962.

2. Aircraft movements have been checked and it has been established that no service or civil aircraft were operating in the area in question at that time.

3. Mr Tarrs' letter has been acknowledged and he has been informed that no satisfactory explanation can be offerred by this base and that a copy of his letter has been forwarded to your Headquarters.

Hodge

(A.R. HODGE)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

Encl:

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

E.C. TARR
LUCINDA POINT.

Commanding Officer
RAAF Station
GARBUTT

Dear Sir,

REPORT OF U.F.O.

I am a professional fisherman. I was 1/704 WO2 E.C. TARR with sixteen years service. Also, a Commando WO2 Instructor, Diver, Paratrooper, Fregman Instructor.

At approximately 1835 hours, on Friday 25 May 62, I, in company with a crew member was anchored on the north end of "Britomart" Reef. I noted a light, high in the sky, which I first thought to be a rocket casing, or similar object. However, the light, stopped, then changed course, away from our position, and gradually dissapeared.

The light was sighted onaa bearing 085°M approx 22° above the horizon. It was moving in a southerly direction, and I noted same for a period of 22 seconds. It stopped, or appeared to stop, for 18 seconds, then appeared to turn away and gradually diminished to nothing. This phase took approximately 7 seconds. There was no noise. I later questioned a fishing boat, which was at that time 15 miles east of my position. They saw or heard nothing, which helps to rule out aircraft. The speed was, to me, astonishing. I can add nothing further, except that there was nothing more than a clear, bright light, no tail, trail, noise.

I realise it is not necessary, but I can produce my crew member, who also observed "it".

The RAAF is the only body which would not ridicule such reports, but, you would know if aircraft were operating in that area. If I have allowed my imagination to play tricks, and some of your bright boys were playing around with Neptunes I apologise for taking up your time reading this.

I remain,
Yours faithfully
Signed E.C. Tarr,

P.S. I am known personally to two of your past WO's "Chalky White" and "Doug Holland", having had both of the bastards dispatch me from time to time at various heights, places, and planes.
So, Sir, please do not class me as a complete crackpot. E.C. Tarr

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SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Confirming telephone conversation between Wing Commander Gooch of your Headquarters and Wing Commander Raban (Department of Air, D/DAFI (Ops)), it is requested that further investigation of the reported sightings in the attached letter from Senator Henty be carried out and a "Report" form completed.

2. It is further requested that special attention be paid by the investigating officer to any air activity in the vicinity at the times of the sightings, and to the possibility of meteorological phenomena.

Att:

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

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Wg Cdr Krall

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12th June, 1962

Secd S/DAF1(Ops) 14 Jun

a/c met. phenomena

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA

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Attached is a copy of a letter dated 5th June, which was sent to the Minister for Defence by Senator Henty. The Minister has informed Senator Henty that he will have the report investigated and it would be appreciated if a RAAF commentcould be provided.

J Riordan

Secretary

N. of A. Phoned Wg Cdr Gooch (Support Command) who agreed to ask Wg Cdr Krall (OC Tasmania U.A.S.) to investigate and get report form filled in with special attention to aircraft in area and likelihood of meteorological phenomena.

Wg Cdr. 14 Jun-62

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MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS & EXCISE
LAUNCESTON. Tasmania

5th June, 1962

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My dear Minister,

On Sunday night I received a telephone call from a well known Launceston resident to the effect that at about 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd June, he saw a number of moving objects in the sky. He said they appeared to be at a great height, about 2 feet in length, and moved very sharply away from the earth across the sky and then disappeared.

He rang me at 9.45 p.m. on Monday night to advise that both he and his wife had witnessed a similar event again.

He lives in a house which is called a glass house and this gives him adequate observation of the sky.

I undertook to report this incident to you without name as he preferred to be anonymous. I would appreciate your advice.

Sincerely,

Sgd. Denham Henty

The Hon. A.G. Townley, M.P.,
Minister for Defence,
G.P.O. Box 848H,
HOBART. Tasmania

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SIGHTINGS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded are reports on un-identified flying objects seen in West Australia by Mr P. Hall-Robb of Fremantle and Mr K. Bell of Redcliffe WA.

2. The customary "Report" form has not been forwarded for completion by the reporters of these incidents because of the considerable time lapse.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, W.A.

1. 25-1-62. 9.40 p.m., W.S.Time. Planet-like object, white, similar to earth satellite, 35degrees above horizon in W.N.W. Apparent speed very rapid, not as fast as average meteor, very much faster than Echo 1. Direction of travel due North to South and level with the horizon. Disappeared after about ninety seconds in W.S.W. Not a conventional aircraft which appeared about one hour later with all lights showing.

2. 2-2-62. 8.59 p.m., W.S.Time. Bright white planet-like object, seen first in Orion as then positioned, then moving very quickly overhead in a generally southe ly direction , in a striking "zig-zag" path, not a "wobble". Sharp angular changes of about 20 degs., until near Canopus, when it made a 90 degree change in direction, shooting away due east, lost behind some clouds. Noted particularly, no circling, simply instantaneous change in direction without loss of the astonishing speed. No noise, no red or green signal or navigational type lights. Must have been at or above level of fairly high tenous clouds in the act of dispersion as slight softening effect could be observed when object passed through or above them.

3. 13-2-62. 9.38 p.m., W,S.Time. Brilliant ORANGE planet-likeobject, stronger than the planet Venus at its brightest, having otherwise the behaviour an appearance of an earth satellite. Observed first about 30 degs. above the horizon in the W.S.W. Rose in a great arc to zenith with tremendous speed, passed very close to Canopus as then positioned, continued in arc till it passed into haze 10 degs. above E.N.E. about 9.45 p.m. No sound, sihouette, signalling or other lights or aircraft. Steady course, appeared to be self-luminous like sodium street-lamp seen at some distance. Bright first-quarter moon in Northern sky at same time. Full transit from horizon to horizon and through zenith could have amounted to no more than ten minutes.

4. 1-3-62. 9.30 p.m. W.S.Time. Bright ORANGE planetlike object again, about 30 degs. above horizon in W.N.W. moving speedily southwards level with horizon in a wide circular sweep through south and east, to disappear about 25 degs. above due North in haze about 9.36p.m.

   A second exactly similar light followed two to three minutes later travelling at same great speed along part of the same path as the first, from S.S.W. to East. Visible two minutes. As with previous sightings, no indications of aircraft whatsoever. Just after midnight, conventional Eastern States aircraft circled round East to West by South, much smaller arc, fully lit and with great noise, in strong contrast to the faster, silent, but very obvious orange light objects.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WA
BY MR KEVIN BELL

Date of Sighting: 5th May 1962

Sighting Details:

(a) Time 12.45 to 12.49 5 May 62 (Local)

(b) Height "Vampire Hight)

(c) Colour White

(d) Direction: East to West. Travelled straight until overhead, then stopped, zig zagged on 70° alteration of course before proceeding straight.

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SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Attached is a report of an unusual flying object sighted in the vicinity of Holbrook, NSW, by Mr A.G.Melrose.

2. Mr Melrose has been interviewed by the Command Intelligence Officer and appears to be a normal, rational person holding a responsible position in the Commonwealth Public Service as Chairman, Australian Motor Vehicle Standards Committee.

3. The photograph mentioned in para 23 of the report is also attached. This photo reveals what appears to be condensation trails but is difficult to reconcile with the times of aircraft known to be in the vicinity at the time.

4. Mr Melrose is positive of his time of 0915 hours being correct. He claims that a Shell Oil Company tanker driver would almost certainly have seen this object also. Efforts to trace this driver through the head office of the Shell Company has not been successful. However, the Officer-in-Charge of Transport has stated that he will write to their agents in the area in an effort to ascertain if any of their drivers can give any information on this matter.

5. Should any further report be forthcoming from the Shell Company it will be forwarded to your Department.

6. Any information which is available at Department of Air, which could be made known to this Headquarters in connection with this particular sighting, would be appreciated.

(J.S. GOOCH)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer .. Aubrey George MELROSE

2. Address of Observer Flat 3, 10, Hopetown Road TOORAK SE2 VIC

3. Occupation of Observer PUBLIC SERVANT

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
9.15 AM MONDAY MAY 7 1962

5. Period of Observation(s) THIRTY MINUTES (APPROX)

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
TEN MILES EAST OF HOLBROOK ON THE HUME HIGHWAY

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
OVERHEAD, STATIONARY AT AN ANGLE OF 30°

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
WHAT LOOKED TO BE AN ENORMOUS TRAIL OF WATER. (Not the well known vapour trail). No noise.

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
DEFINITE OBJECT AT THE APEX. VERTICAL IN A BLUE CLEAR SKY.

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object DARK BUT GLINTING IN THE SUN.

12. What was its apparent shape THE SHAPE OF A COAT BUTTON WITH CONVEX SURFACE UPWARDS.

13. Was any detail of structure observable YES, WHEN THE OBJECT SUDDENLY MOVED TO THE WEST.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious FOUR CONDENSATION TRAILS.

15. Was there any sound NONE

16.** Height, or angle of elevation WHEN THE BODY SUDDENLY TOOK OFF FROM ITS VERTICAL, APPARENTLY MOTIONLESS POSITION,

17.** Speed, or angular velocity ITS BODY SHAPE WAS CLEARLY DEFINED.
VERTICAL CLIMB WHEN FIRST SEEN.

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
LAYMANS FLYING EXPERIENCE, MOTOR AND MOTOR-CYCLE RACING EXPERIENCE (40 YEARS)

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

EAST TO WEST

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

APPARENTLY A VERTICAL CLIMB THEN SUDDENLY CHANGED COURSE TO THE WEST.

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

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

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

PHOTOGRAPH FROM CHEAP MODERN CAMERA 127 FILM (KODAK)

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

CLEAR COLD AND CLOUDLESS

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

HOLBROOK 0852 ELECTRA EX SYDNEY AT 25000'

" 0928 FRIENDSHIP EX CANBERRA AT 13000'

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

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27. Any additional information THE DCA MET OFFICE AT ESSENDON HAVE ADVISED THAT THERE WAS 5% PROBABILITY OF CONDENSATION TRAILS AT 30,000' AND 90% PROBABILITY OF CONTRAILS AT 40,000'.

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

Not signed

TELEPHONE: Penrith 2331

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Our 5/2/1/Air (2) 17th May 1962

1. Further to the above referenced letter, additional information has been supplied from this Headquarters by the Senior Officer in charge of the Headquarters Operations Room. This member observed an unusual meteorological phenomena whilst outside the Operations Room on the 5th May 1962 at 1100 hours.

2. He is of the opinion that the incident contained in RAAF Richmonds' report was entirely caused by a natural meteorological phenomena.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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24 MAY 1962

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Forwarded herewith is a report on an unidentified flying object sighted in the Tennant Creek area.

G.A. Ross.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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25 MAY 1962
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

PO Box 22
Tennant Creek

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Officer in Charge
DCA
TENNANT CREEK

REF: UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS OVER TENNANT CREEK

Dear Sir,

I wish to report that on the night of April 13th 1962, I was present at the local movie show which is shown in an open theatre, in company with Const Bart MOUTHARN.

At about 9 pm I observed three objects moving across the sky at an unknown altitude from the North Westerly direction. On first sighting these objects I noticed that the two largest ones had a firey trail and the smaller one left no trail.

The objects appeared to me to be similar to meteorite or shooting stars as is the common expression used. They were each glowing orange, one large one, one small one, and one large one with the same spacing between each one and in a direct line with each other.

The difference between these objects and shooting stars I have seen before is the fact that they were moving much slower (I would say I observed the objects for about six second during which time I had sufficient time to draw Const MOUTHAAN's attention to them and he also observed them), and also they appeared to me to be travelling in a horizontal plane with the earth, and did not appear to lose height.

About three seconds after the initial observance the smaller centre object disappeared and the firey trail left by the two larger objects ceased. They continued on in a South Easterly direction from where I was sitting still not appearing to lose any height, until the two larger objects also faded.

I have observed satellites on prior occasions and these objects were definitely not sattelites being different in colour and at a much lower altitude. They were also moving far too fast for any airplane that I have observed before, and also too slow for the usual meteorite.

Whatever the objects were they appeared to be burning up in the atmosphere, and fell that I should report the ma tter to you.

Yours sincerely,

A. METCALFE
Sgt of Police

TELEPHONE: Penrith 2331

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RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Forwarded herewith is a report on an unidentified flying object sighted in the Richmond Control Zone, on 5th May 1962.

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(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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Flt Lt A.D. Smith (033299)
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
RICHMOND 1W NSW

7th May 1962

Senior Air Traffic Control Officer
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
RICHMOND NSW

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. At 0030Z on Saturday, 5th May 1962, the Tower Controller, Sgt LAWLESS, drew my attention to a contrail which had formed to the Northwest. Together with the Duty Meteorological Observer, Mr W. LOEVEN, I went outside to observe the contrail. Mr LOEVEN stated that it was definitely a contrail and in the Cirrus level.

2. I checked with Fly Off LLOYD, the Duty Controller at RAAF ACC Sydney and as far as he could find out, the only jet aircraft airborne was a Comet proceeding Dubbo to Katoomba at approximately 2300Z. I then rang Sqn Ldr CROOKE, at COR Headquarters Operational Command at approximately 0100Z, the delay being due to the fact that I had to ring an Operational Immediate signal to Telegrams, and queried whether any Canberra aircraft were airborne using Area Guard. He stated that none were airborne and I then gave him all details available.

Sgd: (A.D. SMITH)
Flight Lieutenant

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Sgd: (A.D. SMITH)
Flight Lieutenant



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SGT LAWLESS B.G.
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
RICHMOND NSW

5th May 1962

Commanding Officer
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
RICHMOND NSW

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

I herewith submit this report on an unidentified flying object sighted in Richmond CTA on Saturday 5th May 1962.

1. I was on duty in the Control Tower on 5 May, when A17120 LAC LEVIEN C.J. who was also in the tower cupola at the time, brought my attention to what he thought was an aircraft contrail in the sky to the North West of Richmond. The time then being 0025Z.

2. This apparent contrail commenced on an approximate bearing of 315 deg., from the tower, and at the time of sighting, extended on a climbing path of 25 deg., approx., to a bearing of 290 deg., travelling from North to South.

3. The contrail was then observed by myself and LAC LEVIEN, through binoculars, to continue to climb at a steady rate until at an estimated height of between 15000 to 20,000 ft., it levelled off and shortly afterward ceased to form, on an approx., bearing of 260 deg. The time then being 0029Z.

4. Whilst watching through the binoculars I saw a gling that I took to be an aircraft, preceeding the contrail at a constant distance.

5. Mascot ACC were notified and they reported that no civil aircraft were flying in that particular area, and had no knowledge of any Military aircraft that could be the cause of the contrail. The only known Jet traffic in that area was a COMET which proceeded from Dubbo to Sydney via Katoomba at 2300Z.

6. The Operations Officer was advised and with the Meteorological Officer made a visual examination of the contrail formation.

7. The Met., observation at 0030Z was:-

Wing 050/5, Visibility 15 miles, Wx. Hazy Cloud, 1/8 Cirrus, 25,000 ft QNH 1022Mbs.

The Cirrus cloud observed was of the whispy "Mares Tail" type, and quite unlike the observed contrail which was quite definite in composition and continued in an unbroken line which gradually dispersed over the next 40 minutes.

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Sgt Lawless B.G.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Attached is a report of the sighting of an unusual aerial object at Memana, Flinders Island, Tasmania on Sunday 11th March 1962.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of observer: L.Dalgleish
2. Address of Observer: Memana Flinders Is.
3. Occupation of Observer: Farmer
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
   11/3/62 2143 - 2153 K.
5. Period of Observation (s): 10 minutes.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   Eye observation.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   75 Elevation to S.S.W.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Light very bright star in appearance.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   Light.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    Only one
11. What was the colour of the light or object. white
12. What was its apparent shape. Like a star
13. Was any detail of structure observable. No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No
15. Was there any sound. No
16. Height, or angle of elevation. 75 to S.S.W. at first to 20' E.S.E. when it disappeared.
17. Speed, or angular velocity -
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    Former navigation officer in Navy.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

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

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

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
20' Elevation to SE.

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

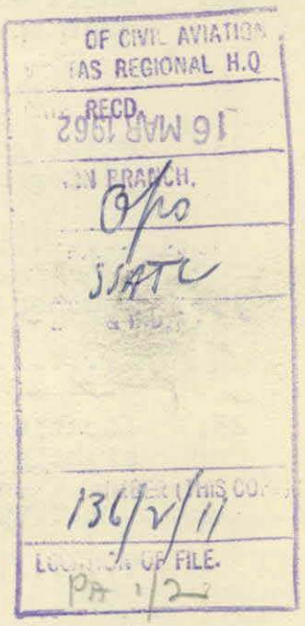
24. Weather conditions experienced at time (s) or observation (s)
Cloudless.

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

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
Flinders Island Airfield 8 miles distant. Not continuous observing station.

27. Any additional information. Nil.

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


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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer...Mr. David Osborne MOORE.....

2. Address of Observer...15 Nargong Rd., North Manly.....

3. Occupation of Observer...Instrument Maker.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....2.17PM to 2.23PM ..3.3.62.....

5. Period of observation(s).....6 minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.....20x50 Binoculars.....

.....See sketch.....

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

.....About 45° above horizon in Southern Sky.....

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

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

.....Definite object.....

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

.....Single object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object.White with metallic lustre

12. What was its apparent shape....Spherical.....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable..None.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16.xx Height, or angle of elevation.About 45° in southern sky travelling NW.....

17.xx Speed, or angular velocity..Rapid. Large area of sky traversed...

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

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

(See sketch) from South following North West course.

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

Slight arc from where first observed.

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

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

In glare of sun

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

Nil.

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

Clear sky visibility unlimited.

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

Not noticed.

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

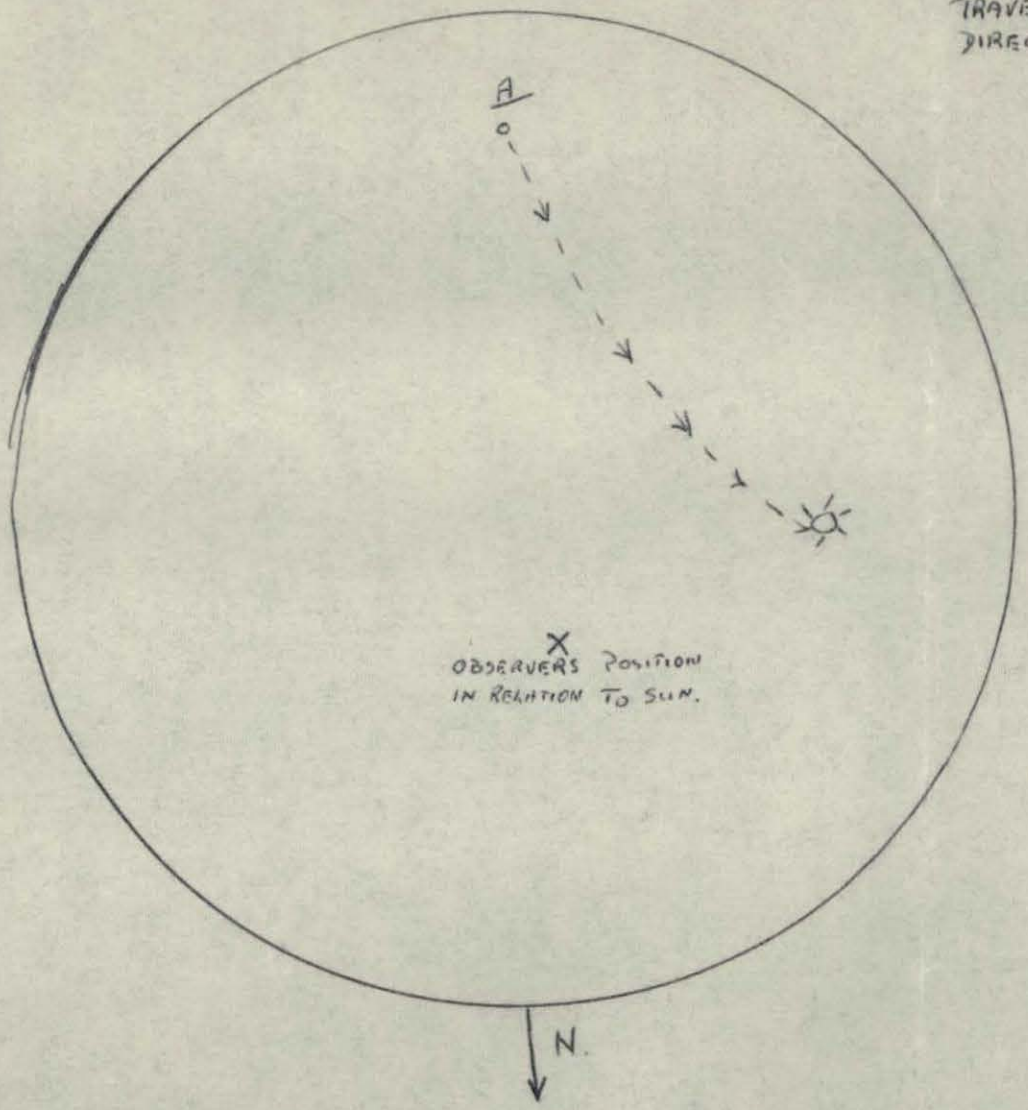
27. Any additional information.....

Witnessed by Mr HOWE local resident

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

POINT -A- ABOUT 45° IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF SKY.

TRAVELLING IN A NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION + LOST IN GLARE OF SUN.



REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....Mr. David Osborne MOORE.....

2. Address of Observer...15.Norgong.Rd.,.North Manly.....

3. Occupation of Observer...Instrument.Maker.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....2.17PM.to.2.23PM..1.3.62.....

5. Period of observation(s).....6.minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.....20x50.Binoculars.....

.....See.sketch.....

.....

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

.....About.45°.above.horizon.in.Southern.Sky.....

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

.....

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

.....Definite.object.....

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

.....Single.object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object.....White with metallic lustre

12. What was its apparent shape....Spherical.....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable.....None.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16.** Height, or angle of elevation..About 45° in southern sky travelling NW.....

17.** Speed, or angular velocity.....Rapid. Large area of sky traversed...

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (cont.)

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

(See sketch) from South following North West course.

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

Slight arc from where first observed.

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

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

In glare of sun.

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

Nil.

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

Clear sky visibility unlimited.

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

Not noticed.

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

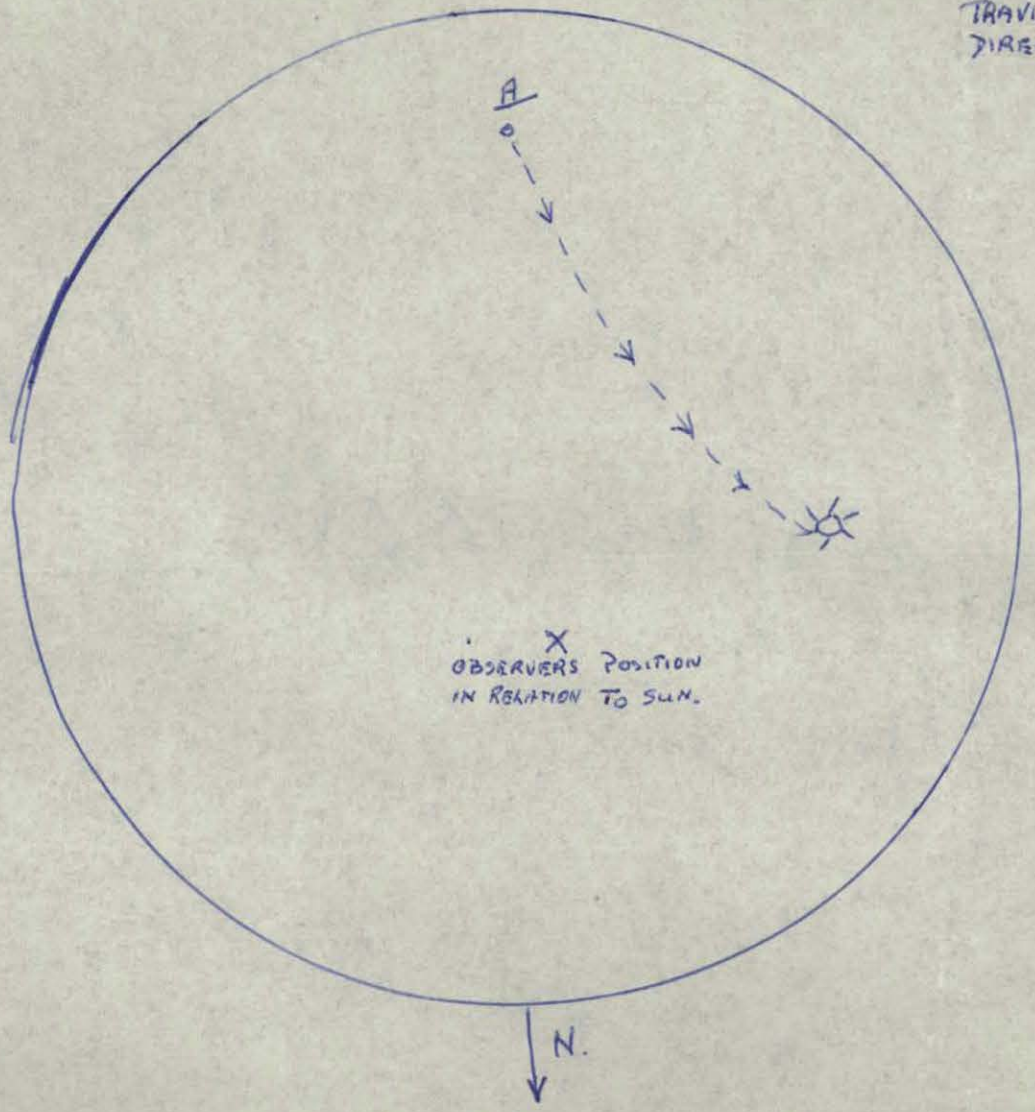
27. Any additional information.

Witnessed by Mr. W.O.E. local resident.

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

POINT -A- ABOUT 45° IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF SKY.

TRAVELLING IN A NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION + LOST IN GLARE OF SUN.



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POSSIBLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY

1. Attached hereto is a report by Col W M ALGIE, Australian Staff Corps (Retired) on the possible sighting of an unidentified object in the sky on the night 16 Jan 62.

2. It is understood through RAAF channels in Melbourne that all such reports are collated by a section within Department of Air in Canberra. It would be appreciated if this report could be passed on to that section.

Maj
GS (Int) S Comd

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Wing Commander J Ingleson, DAFI
Please lodge this with the appropriate authority.

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Col DMI

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"Ribemont"
5 Rosehill Ave.,
CAULFIELD.

24/1/62

To:
GOC Southern Command

Dear General,

In confirmation of verbal report made to Major Lazarus when he called at above address on Monday last:-

- Report on Strange Object in Sky -

On 16th Jan at approx 8.45 pm I was standing on my verandah looking towards Mt Dandenong to see if the fire glow over the mountain had diminished following the rain which had fallen a little earlier, at least in Caulfield. A faint fire reflection was visible over Mt Dandenong, but much less vivid than on the previous night. The sky was still overcast but I have no idea of the height of the cloud cover.

Suddenly a very bright flash appeared in the sky directly above Mt Dandenong which I took to be a signal flare fired from the summit. Immediately, however I knew it was something else, as it was moving rapidly towards me travelling south-westerly in a straight line at great speed and definitely not losing height. If it continued on its course I estimate it would have crossed the coast between Sandringham and Black Rock, but it passed from my sight behind a tall shrub on the southern boundary of my garden. When nearest to my point of observation I estimate it was about 5 miles to the south east at an elevation of about 35°. As I observed it for approx 6 seconds it travelled about 25 miles and I roughly estimate its speed at 250 miles per minute. I heard no sound, but noted it was below the cloud cover as a reflected glow from the clouds appeared to move with and above it. The object was cigar-shaped and appeared to be about 15 ft. long excluding a nebulous reddish tail that trailed behind it of about the same length. This appeared to be composed of small red spots of light which I took to be small fragments of glowing material. The rear third of the solid body seemed to be cut away leaving a definite step in the under surface and from this on two occasions at about two seconds interval, there dropped in rapid succession two balls of fire about the size of a cricket ball. When they had fallen over what appeared to be about 3 feet they lengthened and then went out. When it was nearest my point of observation I fixed my attention on the nose of the object. Around the ciruumference of what I can best describe as some sort of cowling, about six or eight flames - broad at the base abd giving off a very bright light, such as might be expected from acetylene gas flares were emitted. These were bent sharply backwards over the circumference of the object and extended back for about two feet where they tapered to points. These points were of greenish hue and danced and twisted to form what I can best describe as a fiery tossing mane around the front portion of the object. That, Sir, is the best description I can give of what I saw.

You will, of course have seen the newspaper report of very numerous sightings of some such object. I have seen those in the Herald & Sun of 17th Jan and most published descriptions tally substantially with what I have endeavoured to describe. Both accounts state that Mr W.G.A.Tregear of Pascoe Vale of the Victorian Astronomical Society (who did not himself, observe it) states that it was most probably a meteor. It is as well that the public should believe this explanation, but I know it was not a meteor, as, at no

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point during its illuminated flight, was it affected by gravity, but was resisting gravity by some force giving it rapid forward flight. This must have been generated within the object or applied at its point of origin. My only explanation is that it was a guided missile of rocket type with a head designed to burst into flame at a given point in flight, and burn itself out after about six seconds, after which the rocket probably would continue unsighted on the same course until its propulsive power was expended; when it would fall to earth or sea.

At the time, there were few people about in Rosehill Ave. which is a very quiet street. Neighbours opposite were in their garden and on verandah and naturally saw nothing, as their backs were turned to the line of flight of the missile. My house is on a corner, and is bounded by three streets - "Rosehill" to the east, "Dunbar" to the south and "Mitchell Rd" on the west. The only adjoining house is on my northern boundary and consists of two flats - one fronting "Rosehill" and on "Mitchell Rd". The latter is occupied by an elderly widow whom I know well and who is most reliable. On the morning of 17th Jan I met her passing my front gate and this conversation followed:- "Did you see anything remarkable in the sky last night?" I asked. "Yes" - (She then described what she had seen and it agreed with my obversation. "Where were you?" "Just going in my front gate" - "Well, it disappeared from my view behind this tree - I was watching it from the verandah, I wish I had seen where it went". "You would not have seen anything - from my viewpoint it went out before it had passed beyond Dunbar Ave". "Just went out?" "Yes, disappeared as if you had blown out a candle". "Did you see anything fall from it?". "No, not a trace - it just disappeared".

She then added, very significantly, I think - "Colonel, I saw exactly the same thing in exactly the same place early last November. It was not quite so bright, probably because it was not so dark. I had a very good view of it, as I had just turned the corner from Mitchell Rd. into Dunbar Ave., when it flashed across". "Did you see any report in the papers the next day?" "No, but it was near Guy Fawkes Day and the kids were already sending up rockets. I think it was on theevening of the 4th Nov. I thought at first it was a big rocket but then realised it could not have been a rocket, as it was neither going up or down, but travelling straight across the sky - just like the one last night - you wouldn't call that a rocket would you?". "Well, certainly not a toy one", I replied.

(Sgd) W.M.ALGIE Colonel (Retired)

Late Aust Staff Corps

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Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that this Department can find no trace of the film or the report referred to in your letter dated 15th February, 1962.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P.E. Norris, LL.B.,
Hon. President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

VICTORIAN FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC

PHONE XY 1283

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100 Collins Street,
Melbourne.

15th February, 1962.

The Director,
R.A.A.F. Intelligence,
CANBERRA.

Refer Encl 9A para 2 file 554/1/30.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the film of an unidentified flying object taken by Mr. T.P. Drury of the Department of Civil Aviation in New Guinea on August 23rd 1953.

Mr. Drury recently informed a representative of this Society that he handed the film to the Air Department, but has not as yet received it back. — what, after 9 years?

Would you be so kind as to inform me whether the film would be available for inspection by representatives of this Society. Furthermore, what is the Department's evaluation of the Drury sighting?

Yours faithfully,

P.E. NORRIS, LL.B.,
Hon. President.

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REPORT ON AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Forwarded herewith is a report on an aerial object observed by Mr D. Moore of 15 Nargong Road, Manly, NSW.

2. Mr Moore has been informed that Department of Air has no objection to his sending reports on the subject of UFO's, overseas.

G.A. Ross.

(G.A. ROSS)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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64g BELGRAVE STREET
MANLY

15 Nargong Road,
North Manly.
2.2.62.

Secretary for Air,
Department of Air,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

Please find herewith copy of report of sighting made by my wife and self on 30.1.62 at the above address.

Regarding photos no prints were made from negatives. I am holding camera and films as perhaps with an Epidiascope some detail may show up. My camera could be checked for parallax error mainly to prove a point to the satisfaction of all. After this result I have decided to purchase a new Hanimex Camera for this purpose.

It may be mentioned in passing however that if the plane, that crossed our area at 2.45 p.m. on the 1st February, 1962 was intended to assist us in forming a comparison its arrival and departure was duly noted. It, I regret to say did not even remotely resemble the object observed by us on the 30th.

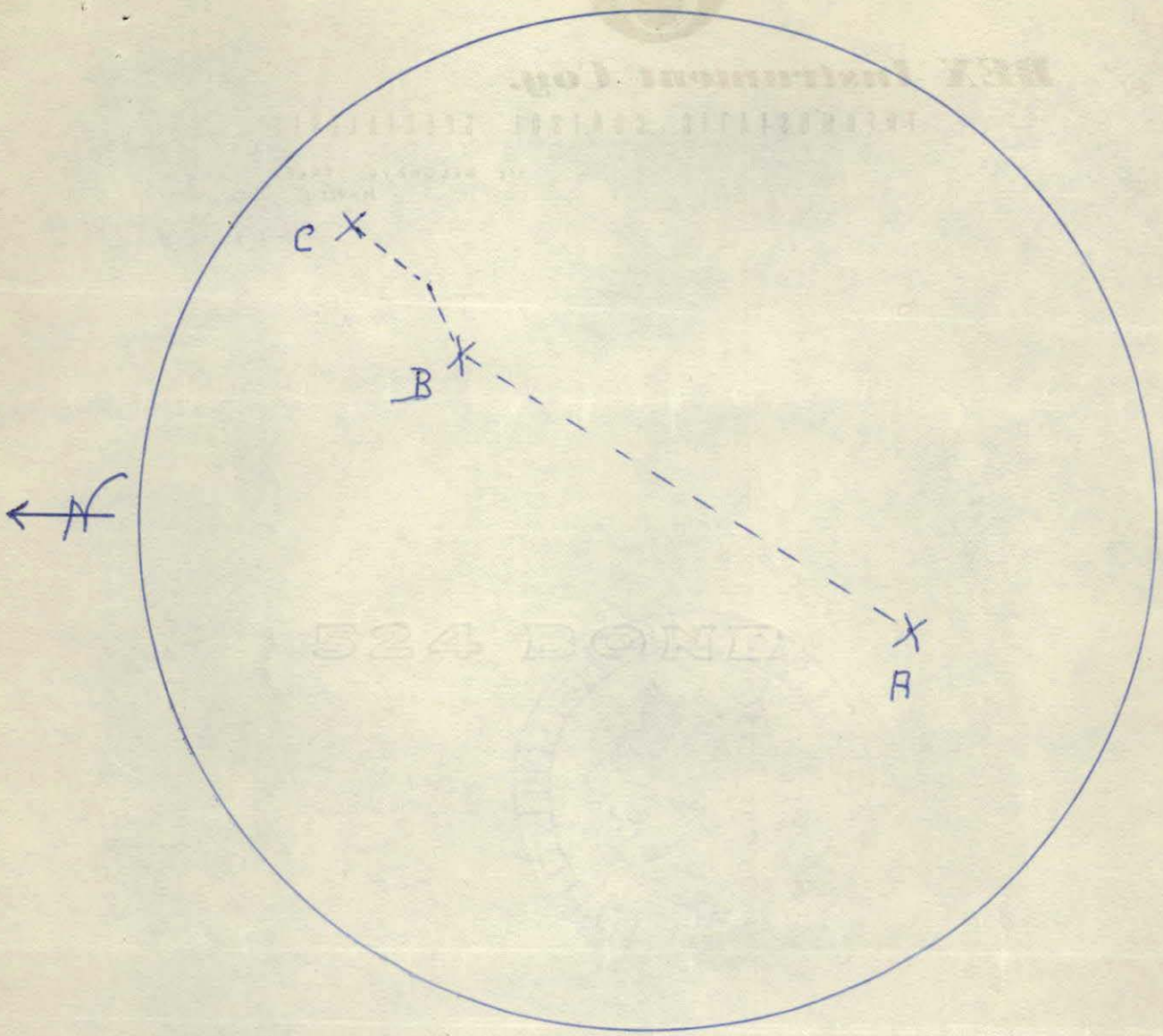
It is desired to send reports of our sightings and information overseas dealing with the subject of U.F.O'S in Australia, does your Department offer any objections?

Yours faithfully.

DAVID O.MOORE."


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Approx angles of elevation above our apparent horizon

Point A. 54°

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..... MOORE - DAVID OSBORNE and MARIE ELSPETH

2. Address of Observer..15 NARGONG ROAD, NORTH MANLY.....

3. Occupation of Observer... INSTRUMENT MAKER.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.30th JANUARY, 1962 ..... 2.45 p.m. .....

5. Period of observation (s) ..2.45 p.m. to 3.9 p.m. .....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.FIRST OBSERVED BY UNAIDED VISION.....
OBJECT THEN CHECKED THROUGH 20x50 BINOCULARS
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7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.

.....SEE SKETCH.....

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

....Light.....

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

....LIGHT.....

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

.....No.....

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

12. What was its apparent shape....SPHERICAL.....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable...NO.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....NO.....

15. Was there any sound.....NO.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation.....SEE SKETCH.....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity.....

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

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

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

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

SEE SKETCH

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

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

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

NIL Note Remarks in Letter to S.of A.

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

SUN STRONG = SKY CLOUDLESS = VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

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

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

27. Any additional information.....

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

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Enclosed are reports received from Department of Civil Aviation on the sighting of an unusual aerial object at Avalon and Point Cook on 23rd January 1962. Also attached in a copy of a report submitted by Flt Lt Johnston of CFS and a copy of RAAF East Sale BS5/4/Air(5) dated 26th January concerning a sighting approximately 15 minutes later on the same date.

2. Officers of this Headquarters have conferred with DCA officials and have agreed that no useful purpose would be served by treating this matter as an air safety incident because DCA have no knowledge of any civil aircraft operating at the times, dates and places mentioned.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF Base
EAST SALE

26th January 1962

BS 5/4/Air(5)

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE SC1

AIR SAFETY INCIDENT REPORT

1. Enclosed is a sighting report of an unidentified aircraft flying within the East Sale aerodrome traffic zone on the 23rd January 1962.

2. Enquiries from Essendon Area Control Centre and other aerodromes in the vicinity of East Sale have thrown no light on the report.

3. During the course of the same evening the tower controller observed what he described as a bright flare which burnt for approximately four seconds on a bearing of 330 degrees from the control tower.

4. This report is forwarded for your information.

(signed) C.E. GEORGE
Wing Commander
For Officer Commanding

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COPY:

Flight Lieutenant J.H. Johnston
"A" Flight (022178)
Central Flying School
RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC

24th January 1962

Senior Air Traffic Control Officer
Base Squadron
RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC

REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN EAST SALE AERODROME TRAFFIC ZONE

1. At 2115 hours on 23rd January 1962 I was flying Winjeel A85-429 over a point one nautical mile west of the East Sale aerodrome control tower on a heading of 090 at an altitude of 4100 feet when I sighted what appeared to be a light aircraft with navigation lights burning approximately two nautical miles to my south. The aircraft was heading west at an altitude of approximately 2000 feet. It was not possible to estimate the speed of the aircraft.

2. As this aircraft was not considered to be one of the four Winjeels at the time operating from East Sale the sighting was reported to East Sale homer. Homer advised that the sighting did not coincide with the position of any of the aircraft authorized to operate in the East Sale control zone.

3. This report is submitted for your information and possible action as the aircraft could not be identified and as it was operating in the East Sale traffic zone.

(signed) J.H. Johnston
Flight Lieutenant

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... R.A.A.F. PCK .....

2. Address of Observer .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..... PILOT .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

..... 2058 LOCAL. .....

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 1½ secs. .....

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

DOSN 5NM SE PCK @ 5000 FEET.

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

APPEARED FROM NW.

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

LIGHT

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

LIGHT

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

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11. What was the colour of the light or object .....GREEN.FADING.YELLOW....

12. What was its apparent shape .....

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13. Was any detail of structure observable .....NO.....

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious .....NO.....

15. Was there any sound .....

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation .....ANGLE DESCENT 70°.....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .....

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

....Appeared to be in two stages as in a break up fading green to yellow.

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

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

.....VMC.....

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

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

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27. Any additional information ....Grown observers PCK sighted object to NE.

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ... QUANTAS CONST. AT AVN FIRE CREW AT AVN. RAAF PCK A/C ...

2. Address of Observer .....

3. Occupation of Observer .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

23 1100Z

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 5 secs .....

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

Visual sighting to NE of AVN also NE of PCK

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

A/C at PCK reported height of sighting 3000 ft approx. A/C was at 5000'

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

light.

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

Green flash of 5 secs duration.

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

No.

11. What was the colour of the light or object Green.

12. What was its apparent shape .....

13. Was any detail of structure observable Flare Flash.

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No.

15. Was there any sound No.

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation 3000'

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .....

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

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

.....Fine Vis. 15 mls.....

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

.....As stated.....

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

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27. Any additional information ..From a pilot at ESL reported sighting what appeared to be a light A/C heading in a westerly direction 3 miles south of field at 1-2000 ft. A/C at time was on a VDF descent from 4100'.

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

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

The attached report of an unidentified aerial object sighted at Western Australia has been submitted by a Mr Marsh of Koorda, through Headquarters RAAF Pearce.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer ...Mrs.(Snr).and.Master.MACTAGGART.....

2. Address of Observer ..."Duckin Warren" KOORDA.....

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

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time).

1625 hrs to 1630 hrs date forgotten see footnote

5. Period of observation(s) ...5 Minutes.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

18 miles west of town of KOORDA at farmhouse. Observation made firstly by naked eye then through pair of German make field glasses.

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

Moved in westerly direction to above farm house then hovered momentarily, then commenced rising and continued rising till out of sight.

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

Child drew grandparent's attention to "Father Xmas's Plane with no engine".

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

Object

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

Only one object.

11. What was the colour of the light or object...Silvery until viewed with field glasses then golden glow was then seen in centre.

12. What was its apparent shape..Golden sphere with silver protrudences either side of sphere, reminded observer of motor armature.

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

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation...Unable to estimate continued rising till out of sight of field glasses.

17. xx Speed, or angular velocity..Unknown unable to tell.....

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Report on aerial object observed (cont'd)

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

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

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

Travelled in level flight from eastern direction then straight up over house.

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

No deviation whatsoever.

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

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

Mid-Air

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

Nil

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

Hot day, clear sky (no cloud) good clear day.

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

Nil as far as is known. No.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

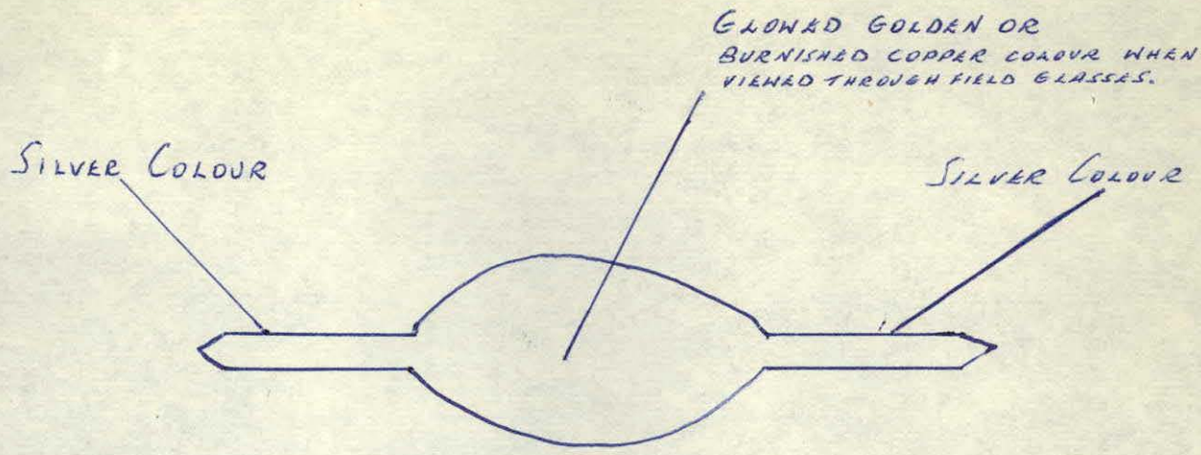
Nil

27. Any additional information..A four year old child first saw the object and drew it to the attention of the grandparent who watched it first with the naked eye and with the field glasses. I am fairly certain there is no fabrication with the details provided.

SIGNED B. MARSH POSTMASTER
CAPTAIN COMMAND & STAFF GROUP
WESTERN COMMAND

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

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THIS SKETCH VARIES SLIGHTLY WITH
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The date of the above incident was on the afternoon of the day the USA placed a chimpanzee into orbit.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Phillip Island AM Hours 9 Jan 1962

Attached is an extract from a report received at this Headquarters from Department of Civil Aviation, MELBOURNE concerning an unidentified flying object.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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D.A.F.I.

Reports on unidentified flying objects - Flying saucers etc.
(does not include New Guinea Area)

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EXTRACTS FROM OPERATIONS JOURNAL MELBOURNE AIRPORT

9/1/1962.

0955Z From D24 1st Constable Bray of Phillip Island reported a burning object in the sky - South of CSK - West of Phillip Island.
Had glasses on object.
No further details.

Check Area OK.
MRB OK ceased duty.
AVN 707 OK.
LAV/PCK OK.
Tower TVH nothing sighted.

Conditions - Sunset -Observations from MET Section indicated Red Sun set to SW.

1015Z Further to above - D24 connected me to 1st Constable Bray -

0950Z Bray advises his attention was drawn to an object in the sky by his neighbour Mrs Robertson. The object appeared to be SW of the Nobbies - South of CSK.
He lined up some wires, the clouds appeared stationary and the object going skyward having a long tail. He had field glasses on the object - and flames appeared from the object - appeared 50/100 yards long. They appeared to develop into two distinct trails - with a clearance between them indicating a body.
The object flattened out - executed a 360° turn - then headed toward GLG. He then gave the glasses to his son, who saw the object disappear into cloud towards GLG. He formed the opinion a plane was silhouetted behind the flame.

1025/30 Checked B707. Nothing sighted.

Sgd. (A. BOAG)
A/SOO ML

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REPORT ON AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a report obtained from Mr D.O. Moore of 15 Nargong Road, North Manly, New South Wales by the RAAF Provost Unit New South Wales Section, Sydney.

(M.J. MOORE)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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No action required

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A218923 Sgt McCusker K.,
Field Security Section
RAAF Provost Unit
New South Wales Section
Box 4131 GPO
SYDNEY NSW

20/98/AIR (21)

9th January 1962

Assistant Provost Marshal
SYDNEY NSW

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. It is advised, on the 8th January 1962, a pro-forma relating to a Report On Aerial Object Observed was received this Section from Mr. David Osborne MOORE, Instrument Maker, 15 Nargong Road, North Manly.

2. Mr. Moore was interviewed regarding the matter on the same date by the writer and A213055 Sgt Watson C.J., Service Policeman, of this Section. He verbally confirmed that which appeared on the attached form and details supplied on a rough sketch. It seems that on the morning of the 28th December 1961, the attention of Mr. Moore was drawn to an object in the sky which was emitting flashes ~~of~~ of green and orange light.

3. The object was on a course heading North East to South West. It turned over the vicinity of Long Reef and headed in a new direction due North. Though it appeared spherical in shape Mr. Moore stated he could not make out any structural details. The object did not make any sound and though he could not make an estimate of speed declared it seemed far below the stalling rate of any aircraft. It travelled in a straight flight pattern at all times and was visible till he lost sight of it due to the glare of the early morning sun. He first sighted it at 0855 hours and lost contact at 0920 hours.

4. Mr. Moore was firm in his belief that the object was not an aircraft, or some type of optical illusion however he gave the impression of being fanatical on the subject. He was connected for a considerable period of time with an organisation known as Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre, 180 North York St., Sydney. He has since ceased his association with them due to the fact that he considers he could carry out more practical and sincere observations alone. This he does at every available opportunity. He was also a member of Civilian Saucer Investigations, New Zealand.

5. The Commanding Officer of Control and Reporting Unit, RAAF Brookvale was contacted but stated the Unit was inoperative over the period in question as it was Christmas Stand down. The Bureau of Meteorology stated that there are only rain recording centres in the area and the nearest weather station is situated at Mascot Airport. Inquiries were not conducted beyond this point.

6. Attached to this report are the pro-forma completed by Mr. Moore and a copy of a sketch by him concerning the sighting. Also attached is a sketch by the investigators detailing the area traversed by the alleged object.

K. McCusker

(K.McCUSKER)
Sergeant

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer..David Osborne MOORE.....

2. Address of Observer..15 Nargong Rd., North Manly.....

3. Occupation of Observer....Instrument maker.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

28th December 1961, 0855 Hrs.....

5. Period of observation (s) 0855 to 0920.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

See sketch.....

No equipment used.....

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

Coming from North Easterly direction about ten oclock high.....

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

Prismatic flashes of light green and orange.....

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

Definite object.....

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

Single object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object..As above.....

12. What was its apparent shape...Spherical.....

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

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation..50degree North East about 12 miles High.....

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity..Far below stalling speed of any plane.

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

North East to South West turning and returning Due North

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

Straight flight pattern at all times.

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

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

In glare of sun

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

Nil

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

Clear sky 100% visibility

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

Not observed

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

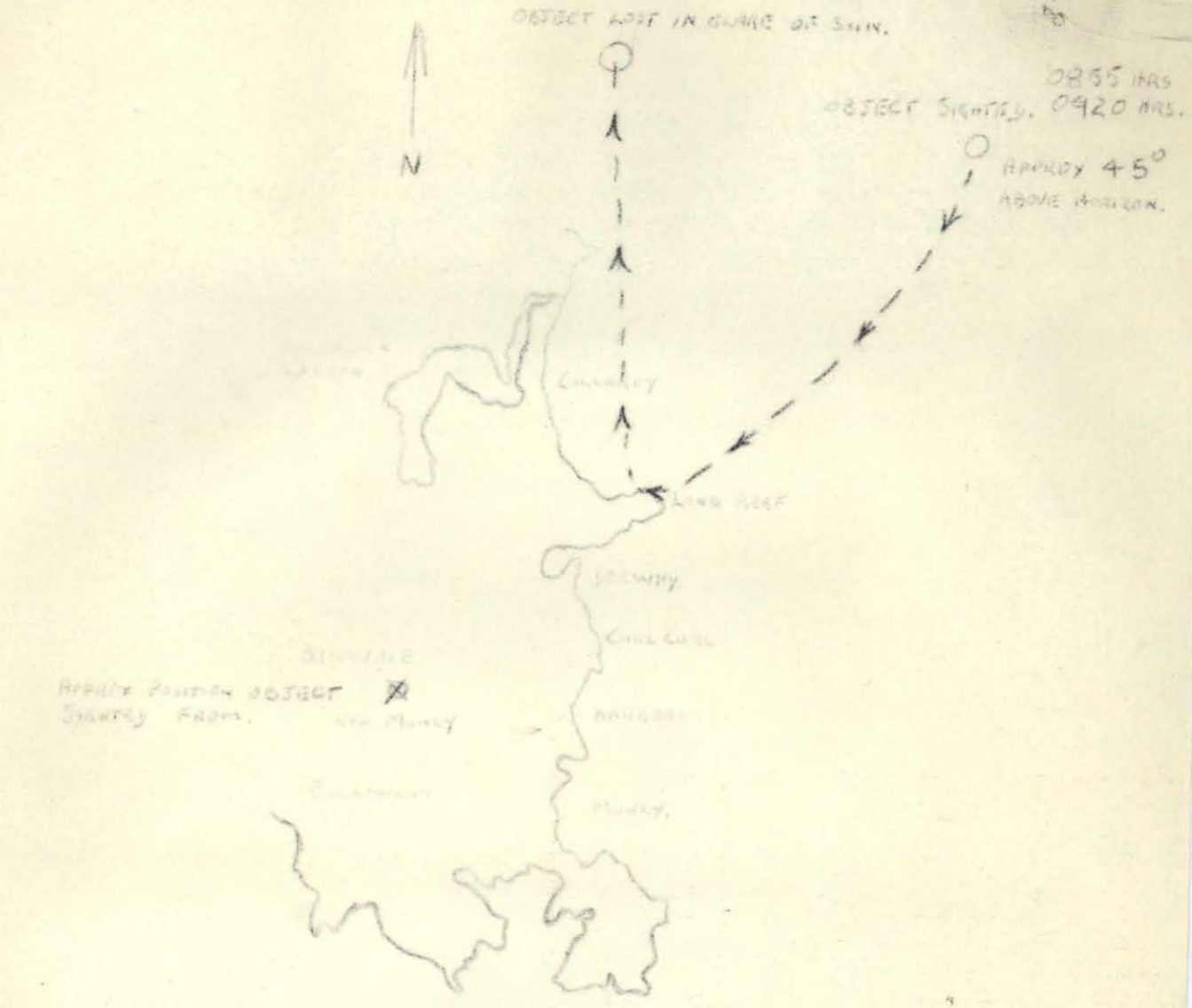
Nil nearest Mascot.

27. Any additional information.....

See attached report.

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

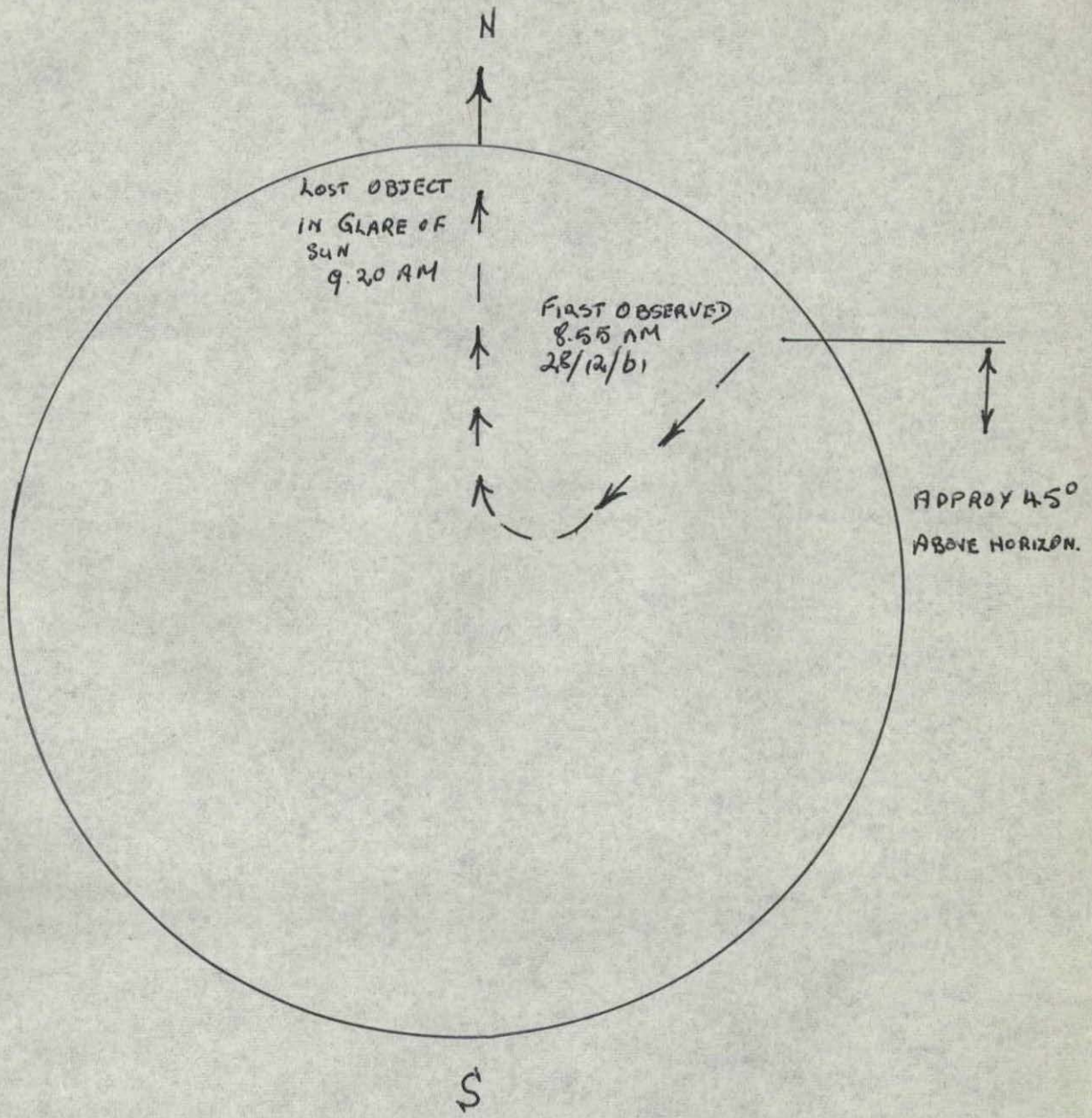
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ROUGH MAP OF SIGHTING & COURSE TRAVELLED

COPY OF SKETCH MADE BY Mr. MOORE



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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer David Osborne MOORE

2. Address of Observer 15 Nargong Rd., North Manly

3. Occupation of Observer Instrument maker

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
28th December 1961, 0855

5. Period of observation (s) 0855 to 0920

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
See sketch
No equipment used

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Coming from North Easterly direction about ten oclock high

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Prismatic flashes of light green and orange

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definite object

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object As above

12. What was its apparent shape Spherical

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

* 16. Height, or angle of elevation 50 degrees North East about 12 miles high

* 17. Speed, or angular velocity Far below stalling speed of any plane

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.)

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

North East to South West turning and returning back due North

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

Straight flight pattern at all times

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

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

In glare of sun

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

Nil

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

Clear sky 100% visibility

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

Not observed

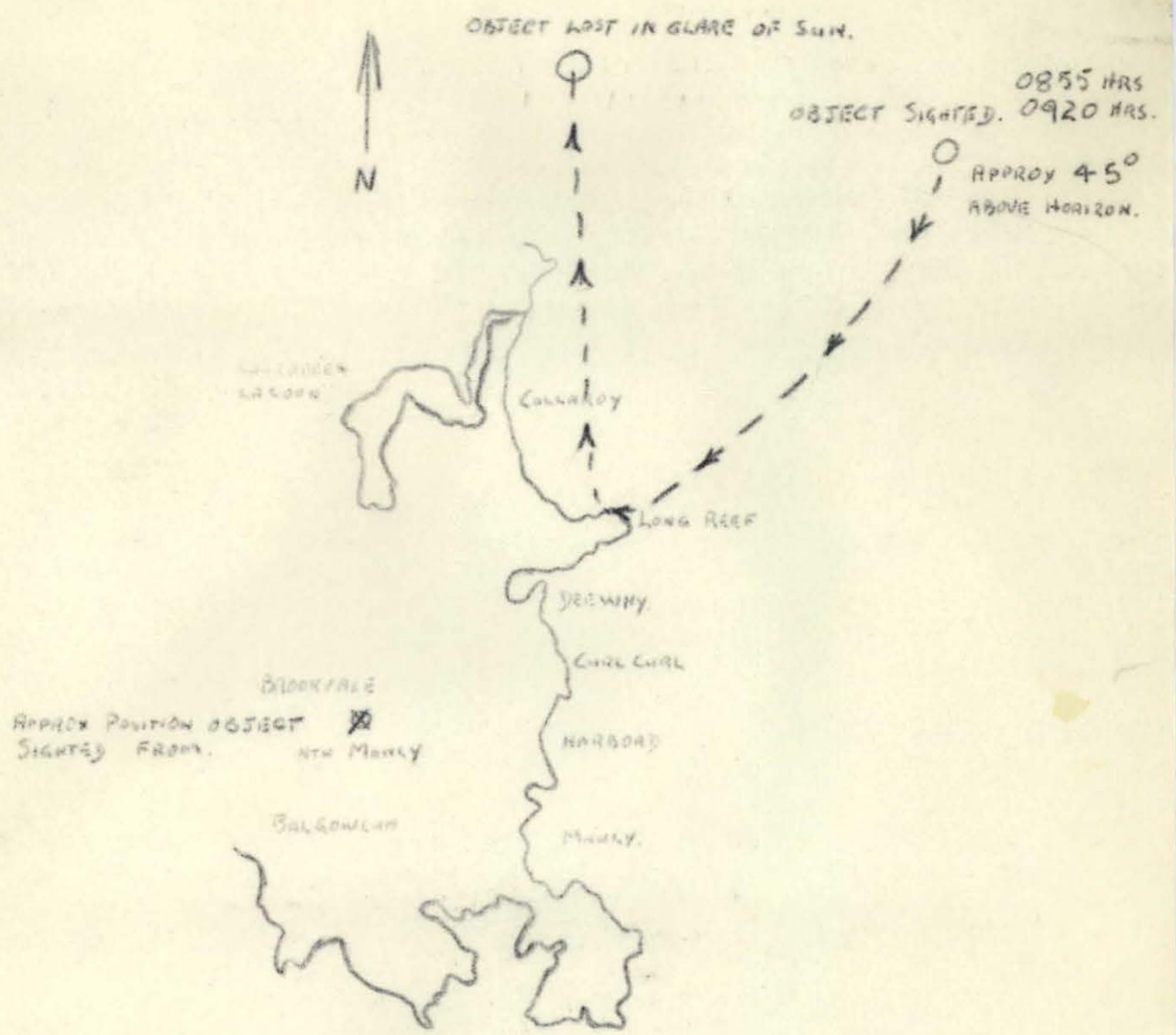
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.....

Nil. Mascot nearest

27. Any additional information. See attached report.

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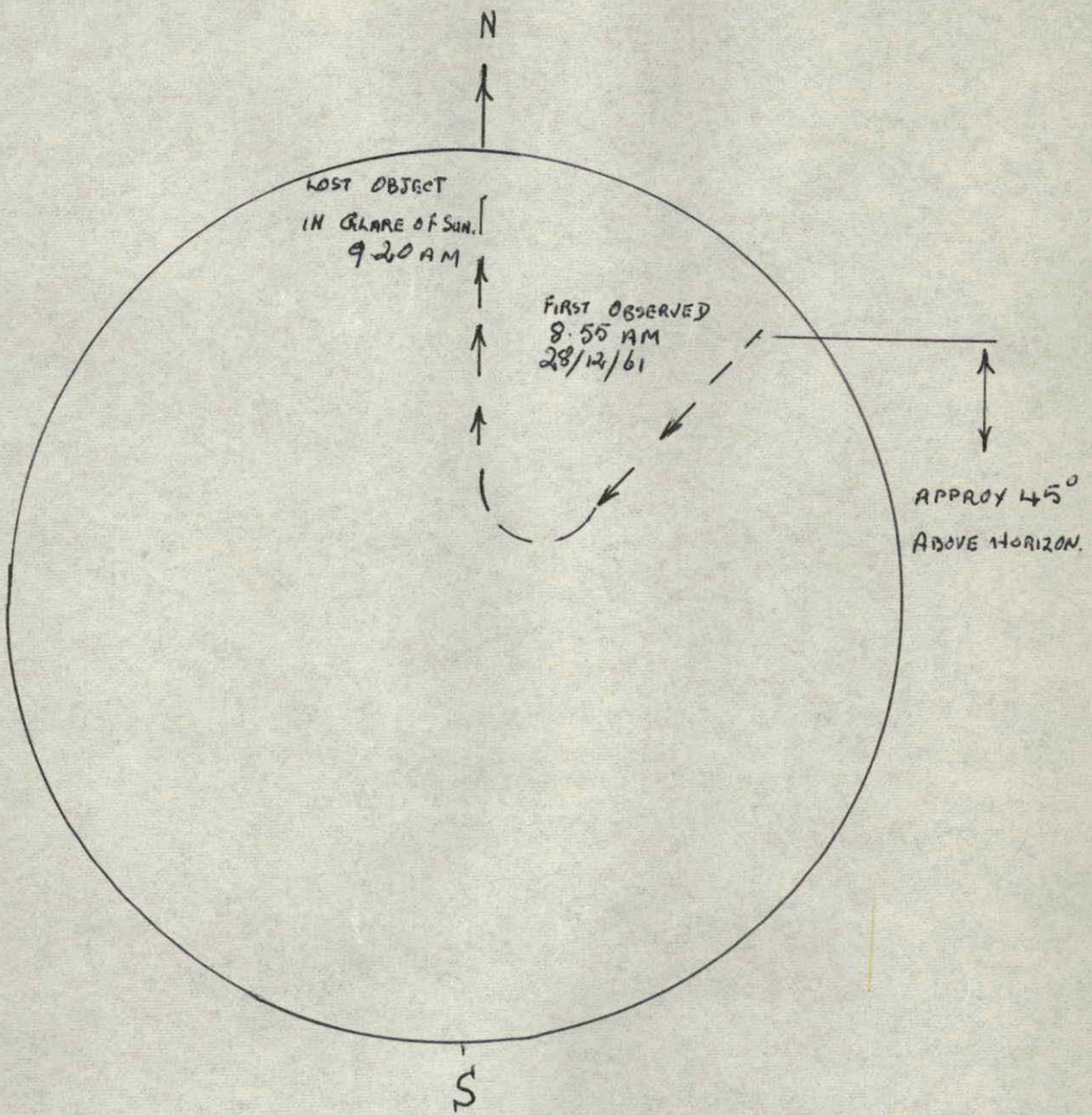
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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Attached are three reports of the sighting of unusual aerial objects at Hobart Tasmania on Thursday 24th of August 1961.

C.A.S. REC'D. 11 SEP 1961

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ....Dudley Dick Blanks....

2. Address of Observer ...1 Musgrove Road, Orilston Bay, TAS....

3. Occupation of Observer ...Despatch Officer....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....0415....

5. Period of Observation(s) .....Approximately 5 seconds....

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

.....Just beyond Kiswondys Farm House Travelling East towards Hobart Airport

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

Travelling above Horizon

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

.....Light....

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

.....Appbarrdits Light....

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

One light only

11. What was the colour of the light or object .....Red

12. What was its apparent shape .....Appenried to be light

13. Was any detail of structure observable .....NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ....NO....

15. Was there any sound .....NO

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation .....15°....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .....Unable to state....

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

North to South

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

Remained in leval flight

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

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

In mid air

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

NIL

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

Banks of cloud

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

NIL

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

At Hobart Airport.

27. Any additional information

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ..... John P. Lynch .....

2. Address of Observer ..... C/O T.A.A. Hobart .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..... A/C Engineer .....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

..... 24.8.61 ..... 0415 E.S.T. .....

5. Period of Observation(s) ..... 5-6 Seconds .....

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

..... Sighting was made from Staff van nearing Cambridge Airport .....

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

..... Above Horizon .....

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

Light

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

..... Light .....

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

One large Lt and several very small flickering lts, immediately behind

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11. What was the colour of the light or object ..... Red .....

12. What was its apparent shape ..... Globular .....

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

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ..... Movement and Flickering Red Trail ..

15. Was there any sound ..... No .....

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation ..... 10°-15° .....

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity ..... Moving but unable to ascertain speed .....

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

A/C Engineer for 9 years.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

North to South

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

Straight

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

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

Vanished possibly into cloud

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

No

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

Cloudy and Fine

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

Definitely NIL

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

Hobart Airport.

27. Any additional information .....

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer ...K.W. Willcocks.....

2. Address of Observer ...Cottage 9, Aerodrome, Cambridge, TAS.....

3. Occupation of Observer .Observer, Bureau of Meterology.....

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....2345..24-8-61.....

5. Period of Observation(s) ..Few Seconds only (In Darkness).....

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

.....By eye only. From temperature Screen Hobart Airport Bearing approx. 352° true from Aerodrome map.....

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

.....Above and behind Mt. Lord at low elevation (Mt. Lord 5 mls from observer)

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

.....Light.....

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

.....As a Light.....

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

.....One only.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object Red (Similar to Hazard Beacon)

12. What was its apparent shape ..Not observed.....

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

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No observation time too short.....

15. Was there any sound .....None heard.....

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation ...03.5 degrees Elev. (approx position Cloud base at time 3700 feet) Measured by Clinometer later on

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity .Not Observed.....

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

By use of Meteorological Clinometer and Cloud Searchlight at time of observation

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

.....Not.sufficient.time.to.observe.any.movement.....

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Unable to determine

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

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Apparantly into cloud

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...2/8.....3000'.5/8.Dc.3000'.VIS.24.Mls.Weather.fine.(Total.7/8).....

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UNUSUAL SIGHTING 12 UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS FLYING HIGH IN PAIRS DROPPED WHITE SUBSTANCE SIGHTED BY 13 CITIZENS AT MEEKATHARRA (AMONG WHOM LEE - STEERE) NO EXPLANATION BY GOVERNMENT METEOROLOGIST DCA OR RAAF PD DO YOU REQUIRE OCCURRENCE INVESTIGATED

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PRIORITY DTG 070253Z

TOR 070734Z AG

Duty officer at Pearce requested to obtain more info.

Duty Officer

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(DAFI notified at 0722352)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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Subject: SAUCERS

DOR

1. Have you an answer for this one? I seem to have to answer a series of questions by Pressmen?

31.7.61

DPR

'SAUCER' ON THE WRONG TRACKS

DARWIN, Saturday. — The mystery of the Territory's train - buzzing flying saucer is deepening as more reports flow into the RAAF.

Two railwaymen said it buzzed their train 285 miles south of Darwin on Thursday night.

Since then, scores of people over a wide area have reported seeing the same object.

DAF1.

You are the "Flying Saucer" directorate & believe I have no knowledge of this incident. Can you help. DPR?

DPR

Phoned me Miss EISENHUA PM1 31 Jul 61. He promised to phone back if "hers" were traceable

31 Jul.

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28 JUN 1961

Hon. President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

Dear Sir,

The sighting referred to in your letter dated 3rd May, 1961 was most probably T.A.A. Viscount VH-TVC which departed Launceston for Hobart at 1619 hours on V.F.R. steering a southerly course, and was at approximately the position sighted at 1624 hours.

Yours faithfully,

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P.O. BOX 32, TOORAK, VIC.

PHONE XY 1283

100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Vic.
23rd June, 1961.

The Director,

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence,

Russell Offices,

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad to receive an acknowledgment to my letter of the 3rd ulto.

SA

Yours faithfully,

P. E. NORRIS, LL.B.,

HON. PRESIDENT.

PEN:JH.

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PENRITH 1W NSW

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - CAIRNS AREA, N. QUEENSLAND

1. Forwarded herewith is a report, with accompanying press-cuttings, of unidentified flying objects sighted in the Cairns area, North Queensland, on 6th and 7th June 1961.

2. Unless otherwise directed by your Department, further investigation of these reports is not contemplated.

(M. J. MOORE)
Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding

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Headquarters Operational Command
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1. Forwarded herewith are press cuttings from the TOWNSVILLE DAILY BULLETIN and the BRISBANE COURIER MAIL, for the period 6th to 12th June 1961, referring to observations of unidentified flying objects and a report from Plt Off R. D. STEWART, the pilot of the Winjeel aircraft sent to the Millaa Millaa (17315 14539E) area to investigate the report of an unidentified flying object seen in the area between 1300 and 1500 local time on 5th June 1961.

2. The late arrival of the Winjeel in the Millaa Millaa area was due to the aircraft being recalled from a cross country exercise in the Bowen area, refuelled and then despatched to the Millaa Millaa area.

3. Weather in the Cairns-Millaa Millaa area on the 5th June was:-

Cloudless
Wind direction - south westerly at all levels
speed - 0 - 10,000 feet 15-25 knots
10 - 30,000 feet 25-40 knots
30 - 40,000 feet up to 70 knots

There was at least one temperature inversion at about 6,000 feet. Although no upper air temperature readings are taken at Cairns, there were at least three inversions in the Townsville area -

(a) approximately 3,000 feet 3°c. change
(b) approximately 9-10,000 feet $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$c. change
(c) approximately 21-23,000 feet - no thermal layer

Weather forecasters at Townsville believe that similar inversions could have existed in the Cairns-Millaa Millaa area at the time. The weather between 5th-12th June has been virtually unchanged.

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4. One aircraft was operating in the area on 5th June, a Lockheed Hudson (VH-AGX) which is painted green with a white top. It was engaged in photo survey work at 22,500 feet. This aircraft plus another Lockheed Hudson coloured silver have been operating in the area during the week.

5. Attempts were made to photograph the object on 5th June, however results are unknown at present.

6. This information is forwarded for your information and further investigation if considered necessary.

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(A. R. HODGE)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

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INVESTIGATION OF REPORTED UFO AT
MILLAA-MILLAA ON MONDAY 5TH JUNE 1961

1. As pilot of Winjeel A85-444 I was ordered to investigate reports of an unidentified flying object seen over Millaa-Millaa on Monday 5 June.

2. I departed Townsville at 1515K flying at 5,000 feet direct for Millaa-Millaa, arriving there at 1620K.

3. Weather conditions during the flight up were very good - sky cloudless, visibility 50 miles.

4. Over Millaa-Millaa I climbed to 10,000 feet and orbited around the general area for 15 minutes and then departed at 1635 for Townsville.

5. No object resembling the reported UFO was seen during this time. Visibility was still about 50 miles but reduced to the west where the sun glare was very noticeable as it was sinking nearer the horizon. Towards the east there was a slight haze, possibly due to a slight inversionabout 6,000 feet and accentuated by the sun lowering in the west. However visibility above was still very clear.

6. On the return flight to Townsville at 8,000 feet there was nothing seen. I landed at Townsville at 1730K and reported details of the flight to the OC.

R D Stewart.

(R.D. STEWART)
Pilot Officer

TOWNSVILLE DAILY BULLETIN - 6TH JUNE 1961

Mystery "Cone In Sky" Seen Over Millaa Millaa

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The object was reported to the officer in charge of the Innisfail Police District (Inspector N. A. White) who informed the R.A.A.F. at Townsville.

A R.A.A.F. Winjeel arrived over Millaa Millaa at about 4.10 p.m.

The officer in charge of the Millaa Millaa police (Senior Constable W. Anderson) said the object appeared to the naked eye like a dull star, but viewed through binoculars turned to present a cone shape with half its surface coloured red.

HEARD ENGINE

Constable Anderson said he received the first report of the object from Minbun farmers, Walter and Arthur Bicheno, at 11.30 a.m. They told him they had heard a plane engine and had looked up to sight the object. They had not seen a plane, but had watched the object which remained stationary for about two hours.

Constable Anderson said he sighted the object about 12.55 o'clock. The sky was cloudless and through binoculars the object appeared to be a silver sphere about six inches across. As he watched, it turned slowly and became cone-shaped with half its length at the wider end of the cone coloured with what looked like red paint.

"At 1.23 o'clock it turned, moved slowly for a very short distance, and then accelerated at great speed moving to the east," Constable Anderson said. Its speed was too great to keep it in focus with the binoculars, but it could be seen plainly with the naked eye.

About 10 seconds after it moved off it was back in its original position about half way between directly overhead and the western horizon.

About 15 seconds later the object moved again, gathered speed slowly and shot away, this time to the south. It returned, moved away to the west, back again then to the north and returned.

Constable Anderson said the object finally moved slowly away to the west and was lost from sight in a haze on the western horizon at 2.50 p.m.

The object was seen clearly by the manager of the Bank of Australasia (Mr. E. D. Hall), the manager of the butter factory (Mr. A. S. Hanley) and the head teacher (Mr. T. Seary) and pupils of the Millaa Millaa State School.

Constable Anderson said he understood the plane engine heard by the Bicheno brothers was that of a mapping plane working over the Tablelands. No noise came from the unidentified object.

NOT BALLOONS

Cairns meteorological officers said to-night that they had sent normal weather balloons up to-day but the wind was in such a quarter that it would not be possible for them to appear over Millaa Millaa.

A R.A.A.F. spokesman said in Townsville that the pilot of the Winjeel did not sight any object over Millaa Millaa.

"Saucers" Seen In N.S. Wales

SYDNEY, June 5.—Four men working on a sheep station to-day claimed they had seen "saucer shaped objects darting out from a glowing sphere" in the sky.

They said they had seen the objects last Wednesday and at first decided to tell no one.

The four men were with a party of eight working in a back paddock on Toompang property, five miles west of Young, south-west New South Wales.

One of the men, Mr. James Hobson, station hand of Moppoty Road, Young, said at least five of the men watched the objects for two hours.

"It was a long way off and looked the size of a tennis ball," he said.

"It was hanging perfectly stationary and at first we thought it was a star. Then we saw these saucer shaped things darting out from the sphere.

"They would leave the sphere, slowly gather speed, shoot out and then return. One would shoot out from the right and then one from the left. They shimmered in the sunlight as if spinning."

Mr. Neville Sheahan, station hand, said six of the eight men had seen the objects.

COURIER MAIL - 6TH JUNE 1961

WHAT WAS in the SKY?

60 Saw The Thing

MILLAA MILLAA.—Sixty people watched The Thing—a silver and red sphere—high in the sky over Millaa Millaa for three and a half hours yesterday.

Millaa Millaa is on the Atherton Tableland 45 miles west of Innisfail.

It wasn't a satellite, said the watchers, and it wasn't an Air Force air craft, said the R.A.A.F.

It wasn't a weather balloon, said the Weather Bureau.

It may have been Venus, said the Astronomical Society.

The R.A.A.F. base at Townsville sent a trainer aircraft to have a look, but The Thing had disappeared by then.

The first report of The Thing came from two farmers, Walter and Arthur Bicheno, seven miles from Millaa Millaa.

Phoned police

They heard a plane engine and looked up to see an object hanging in the sky midway between the horizon and the zenith.

They watched it remain stationary until 12.55 p.m., when they telephoned Senior-Constable W. Anderson at Millaa Millaa.

Constable Anderson said last night: "Through binoculars it looked like a silver sphere, about six inches across, and it turned to become cone-shaped, with half its length, at the narrow end, a red colour.

"At 1.23 p.m. it started to move slowly away and suddenly accelerated right across the sky to the east, directly overhead.

"I have seen satellites cross the sky, but this moved four times as fast; when I looked again it was back in its previous position."

All saw It

By this time the constable had been joined by a crowd of 15 or 20 people, including the manager of the Bank of Australasia (Mr. E. D. Ball), the butter factory manager (Mr. A. S. Hanley), and State schoolteacher, Mr. T. Seary.

Someone used a compass, and said the bearing was 280 degrees north.

There was no cloud, and the sun was shining.

Constable Anderson said that the object flashed across the sky three or four times during the next two hours, always returning to the original position, and most of the witnesses watched it through binoculars. They included 40 schoolchildren.

Constable Anderson said that The Thing moved away to the west and finally sank quickly out of sight on the horizon at 2.50 p.m.

At Garbutt R.A.A.F. base, prompted by reports from Constable Anderson and Inspector N. A. White at Innisfail, the operations office sent up a Winjeel trainer to investigate.

The Department of Civil Aviation said there were no planes in the area except a mapping plane at 25,000ft., which left the area at 1.30 p.m.

Venus?

The Astronomical Society's Queensland secretary (Mr. W. J. Newell) said: "It sounds to me very like Venus. At this time, Venus' position in relation to the Sun makes it clearly visible in the daytime.

"I suggest they be watching in the same direction at the same time today."

He attributed the object's movement to "imagination."

The secretary of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau (Mr. Gordon Jamieson) said it was by far the best sighting ever made in Queensland and one of the best in the world this year.

"We will send our Townsville observer, Mr. D. Whiteside, to the town to tape-record the evidence of witnesses."

COURIER MAIL - 7TH JUNE 1961

"Things" sighted again

REPORTS of flying "things" came in from five Queensland districts yesterday, following the sighting of an object at Millaa Millaa on Monday.

But observers in two of the areas believe they were watching the planet Venus, as a Brisbane astronomer said on Monday night.

The main observer of the original Millaa Millaa "thing" (Senior Constable W. R. Anderson) yesterday watched a similar object, stationary in the sky, and finally said he thought it was Venus.

Other reports came in from Gordonvale, Ipswich, Innisfail, and Brisbane.

At Gordonvale a party of surveyors took theodolite sightings on a bright silver object, one-sixth the size of the moon and travelling fast towards the east.

Telescope

At Innisfail a group of almost 20 police and courthouse staff used a telescope and binoculars for more than two hours on a "spherical object" in the western sky.

Said one policeman: "I suppose it could be Venus, mainly because there's no other explanation; but I can assure you half the town will be out looking for it tomorrow."

Mr. F. B. Reeve, of Ipswich, said yesterday that on May 25 his wife and a friend saw an object, like a long white plastic balloon, whip across the sky near his home from south-east to north-west, without making a sound.

Dull red

On Sunday night, about midnight, 20 T.A.A. employees saw a dull red object "about five times the size of a star" in the western sky.

Astronomers said that Venus was probably responsible for the sightings, because at times it did have a reddish colour.

Venus, slightly smaller than Earth, is the brightest planet, and is 67 million miles from the sun.

TOWNSVILLE DAILY BULLETIN - 8TH JUNE 1961

Flying Object Besides Venus Seen In Cairns

CAIRNS, June 7.—From a telescope set up in Grafton Street, Cairns, many people at 11 a.m. to-day saw another flying object other than the planet Venus.

Mrs. N. A. Wales, of Martyn Street, told of having seen a glowing red oval shaped body with shining white triangular fins, pass across the face of Venus. The object travelled quite quickly, and then hovered for a while at its nearest point.

Mrs. Wales said it seemed to be about six times as large as the planet.

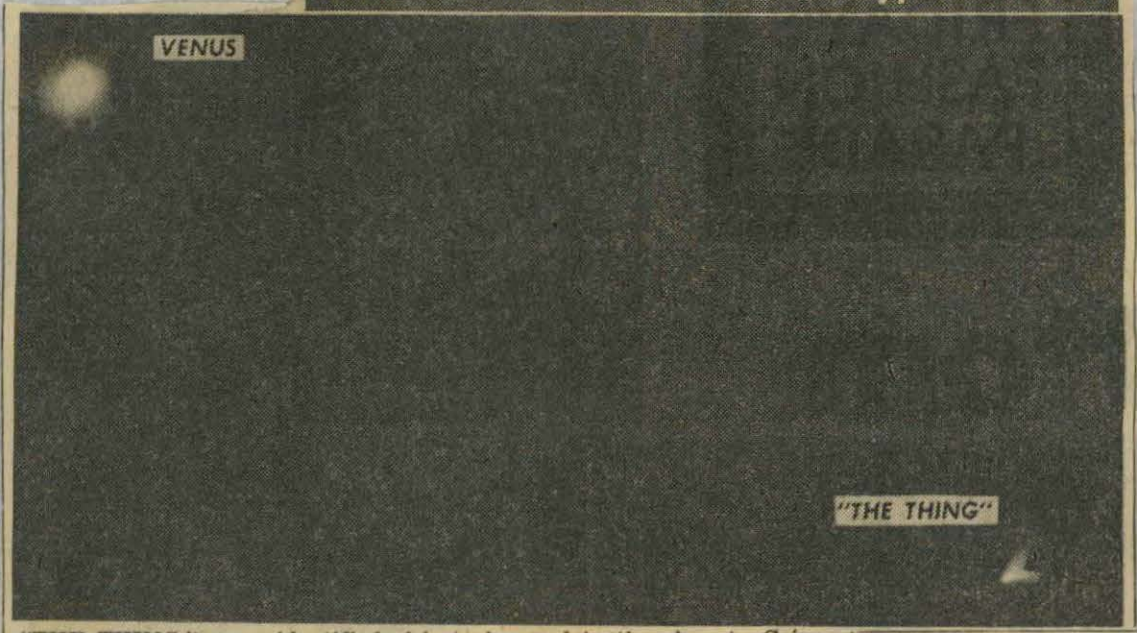
Mrs. Wales was one of a party of five who had been watching Venus, and all members of the group gave descriptions agreeing with that given by Mrs. Wales.

Shortly after the sighting a "Cairns Post" employee, Mr. R. Shepard, took a photograph through the telescope, and obtained a film which showed a smaller cone-shaped object low down and to the right of Venus.

During the lunch break several other people with Mr. S. Simpson, owner of the four-inch telescope, reported having seen a flying object similar to the one described earlier, which appeared to come from the bright spot of Venus. The object was clearly visible to the naked eye.

COURIER MAIL - 9TH JUNE 1961

CAIRNS SAW IT: Wednesday, 11.30 a.m.



"THE THING," an unidentified object observed in the sky at Cairns at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, is shown in this untouched photograph, taken by Mr. J. Sheward through a 4in. telescope.

"The thing" is shown in relation to the planet Venus.

Five people who earlier observed the object through the telescope described it as "an oval-shaped body glowing bright red, with three shining white triangular fins."

They kept it under observation for about 20 minutes, and said that at times it appeared to be about six times larger than Venus.

Several people also saw "The Thing" with the naked eye.

The photograph was taken with 5 x 4in. super Graphic camera, at an exposure of 1/60th sec. An orange filter was used to heighten the contrast in the sky.

TOWNSVILLE DAILY BULLETIN-12TH JUNE 1961

PHOTOGRAPH REVEALS VENUS AND AN OBJECT

Grave Scientific Study

BRISBANE, July 11.—A Cairns photograph last Wednesday shows Venus and an object to the right of the planet.

The negative of the photograph of "the thing" arrived in Brisbane today and touched off discussion ranging from take-me-to-your-leader jokes to serious scientific and photographic study.

The photograph, taken in Cairns on Wednesday morning, shows the planet Venus and what appears to be a cone-shaped unidentified flying object to the right of the planet.

It was taken through a four-inch telescope owned by Mr. S. Simpson, by Mr. R. Sheward of the "Cairns Post" Pty. Ltd.

A number of Brisbane Press photographers said there was definitely an object there.

Not Scratch

It was not a scratch nor a fault.

The Secretary of the Queensland Astronomical Society (Mr. W. Neell) said he felt the negative should be submitted for further examination by photography experts, the C.S.I.R.O., government analysts, the Mt. Stromlo observatory in Canberra and even the C.I.B.

He said he suspected it was caused by a fault in the film or that the telescope was cut of alignment or some other cause.

"Venus does not look like Venus at all. It should look like the moon at the first or last quarter," he said.

Queer Signals

LONDON, June 11 (A.A.P. - Reuter). Mystery signals from space were heard at Jordrell Bank yesterday during a search by two leading Soviet scientists and two British radio astronomers for the lost Soviet rocket to Venus.

The signals were received on the giant radio telescope by Professor Anna Masewitch, head of the Soviet space tracking network, her colleague, Dr. Khadarev and British experts Sir Bernard Lovell and Dr. J. G. Davies.

They were similar to others heard by Sir Bernard and Dr. Davies on May 17, when the Soviet rocket, after three months of silence, was due near Venus.

What about the five witnesses?

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Attached is a report of sighting of an unusual aerial object at Devonport Tasmania on 25th May 1961.

13 JUN 1961 C.A.S.

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For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer MR. J. YOUNG

2. Address of Observer 110 STEWART ST., DEVONPORT, TAS.

3. Occupation of Observer DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR.

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
25/5/61. 0835 a.m.

5. Period of Observation(s) 3 MINUTES BY MR. YOUNG 5 MINUTES BY CHILDREN

6. Manner of Observation : (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
SEEN FROM GARDEN, OBSERVED THROUGH BINOCULARS.

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

8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
SIGHTING BY CHILDREN

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

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object SILVERY BUT NOT REFLECTIVE

12. What was its apparent shape SHAPED LIKE A THERMOMETER OR A PENCIL WITHOUT A POINT

13. Was any detail of structure observable NO

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious NO

15. Was there any sound NO

16.++ Height, or angle of elevation AN ESTIMATED 1,000 FEET (GUESSED)

17.++ Speed, or angular velocity SLOW

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Cont'd)

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

NOR' NOR' WEST

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

STRAIGHT

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen NO. MR. YOUNG STATED DEFINITELY NOT A VAPOUR TRAIL

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

OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND BUSHES ON PROPERTY

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

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE OF CHILDREN AND WIFE

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

FINE TRACE CUMULOUS CLOUD ON HORIZON

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

U2 AIRCRAFT OVER GREAT LAKE AT APPROXIMATELY 8.15 a.m. TRAVELLING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, LEAVING A DISTINCT VAPOUR TRAIL

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

EAST DEVONPORT AND OBSERVERS AT AERODROME.

27. Any additional information .....

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

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM HQDAR QUOTE

REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR RON CASEY DEPT OF INTERIOR MET BRANCH DARWIN CMM METEOROLOGICAL RADAR STATION LOCATED ON RAAF DARWIN REPORTEDD RADAR CONTACT DURING MET BALLOON FLIGHT 2130 HOURS SATURDAY 3 JUN PD CONTACT AT 40000 FT DESCENDED TO 32000 FT IN APPROX 5 MINUTES CONTACT DESCENDED WITH NO APPARENT LATERAL MOVEMENT PD FIRST SIGHTING AZIMUTH 180 ELEVATION 80 DEG RANGE 15000 YDS PD

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DARWIN CONSIDERS THIS REPORT COULD CONFIRM REPORT OF CPL DOWNING DETAILED IN HQOPCOM AI103 5 JUN PD ADVISE IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

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CONFIDENTIAL AI103 FOR DAFI PD FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM RAAF DARWIN QUOTE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT REPORT PD REPORT BY CPL DOWNING NO 5 ACS OF OBJECT COMING TO EARTH SATURDAY 3 JUN 2230 HRS PD OBJECT WAS CONE SHAPED CMM WHITE TIP GREEN BODY CMM BRIGHT RED TRIAL FOUR TO FIVE TIMES LENGTH OF OBJECT PD OBJECT DROPPED ROSE SLIGHTLY THEN DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT PD NO OTHER OBSERVER PD WEATHER CONDITIONS FINE CLEAR SKY UNQUOTE ADVISE IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

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FOLLOWING REPORTED BY CREW NEPTUNE AIRCRAFT POSITION 3230S 15240E

HEADING 160 DEGREES AT 221721Z QUOTE

EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE OBJECT MANY TIMES THE SIZE OF NORMAL METEORS

STREAKED ACROSS SKY FROM SSW TO NE PD OBJECT VISIBLE FOUR OR FIVE

SECONDS BRILLIANT ORANGE IN COLOUR PD OBJECT BROKE IN TWO AND LEADING

PORTION ASSUMED CONE SHAPE AND ACCELERATED AHEAD OF

TAIL PD FURTHER DISINTEGRATION TOOK PLACE BEFORE OBJECT DISAPPEARED

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Mr Stranks asked about above, they were not interested but agree that a the meteor was the only explanation

24 May 61.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA
Our 5/6/Air(44A) 20th October 1960

1. Further to the above-quoted correspondence, attached is a statement by the Rev Lionel Browning which appeared in the Tasmanian newspaper "The Examiner" dated 22nd April 1961.

2. The investigation of the actual sighting at Cressy on 4 Oct 60, which was requested by DEPAIRCAN AI 331 11 Nov, was forwarded direct to Department of Air under cover of Tasmanian Squadron ATC 704/1/P1(2A) dated 19th November, 1960.

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"THE EXAMINER" SAT. APRIL 22ND 1961.

'AIR FORCE WHITEWASH REPORTS OF SKY OBJECTS'

THE AIR FORCE was trying to whitewash his report of flying objects in the sky above Cressy in October, the Rev. Lionel Browning said yesterday.

"If I was asked to keep quiet in the interests of national security I would, but if the air force is trying to make me appear a fool in order to hush the matter up, it is sheer stupidity."

"The report makes it obvious that the air force has something to hide," he said.

Mr. Browning was commenting on an air force intelligence report of an investigation into the sighting of flying objects above Cressy about 6 p.m. on October 4, 1960.

The report said that the sightings were "phenomena as a result of a moon rise associated with meterological conditions at the time."

Mr. Browning said: "The report is an attempt to completely whitewash the matter. I shall attempt to do something about it."

He had reliable people to back his report and the air force knew the people and their stories.

"A woman and her daughter saw a cigar-shaped object flying about 300ft. above the ground about 4.30 p.m. 10 days after I saw the flying objects.

"It was not reported in the Press because the family did not want the publicity, but the air force investigators spent considerable time with the woman and her daughter."

Mr. Brownng sad that the woman and her daughter had to re-enact the sighting for investigators

After the investigation the woman and daughter were told not to talk about what they had seen, he said.

"And they were told of a similar strange sighting in the U.S. last year when three jets were sent up to investigate and the strange craft dsappeared as if into thin air," he said.

'Covering up'

Mr. Browning said that the sighting by the woman and daughter backed up his story.

"Obviously the air force is covering up, otherwise the investigators would not have impressed on the woman and daughter not to say anything," he said.

Mr. Browning described the air force explanation of his sightings as ridiculous.

The Directorate of Air Force Intelligence report said, "On October 4, 1960, moon rise (full quarter) at Cressy would have been visible shortly after 6 p.m. on an east-south-east direction.

"Objects apparently seen were near the skyline in an easterly direction. The presence of scud type cloud moving in varying directions because of turbulence in and around a rain squall near which the objects were sighted and the position of the moon or its reflections produced the impression of flying objects."

Mr. Browning said that the investigators had spent 1½ hours with him and not once asked about clouds.

He said that the explanation did not hold up.

"At no time was there cloud or scud when I saw the objects," he said. "The mountain was not the backdrop to what I saw.

"The rain cleared in front of us although it was still raining near the mountains. I saw the objects in the sky where there was no rain and the rain near the mountains provided the backdrop."

Mr. Browning dismissed the air force's report of the moon or its reflections being the cause of the sightings.

"The moon was not above the mountains and any reflections would have had to complete with a glorious sunset.

"It was the sunset which caused me took out the window in the first place," he said.

Contradictory

Mr. Browning said that the report contradicted a letter written to Mr. Duthie, M.H.R., in answer to a question asked in Parliament by Mr. Duthie.

The letter, written by the Minister for Air (Mr. Osborne), said that when natural phenomena could not explain sightings, an investigation was ordered.

"Why then did they investigate my report?" Mr. Browning asked.

He said that he would try to carry the matter further.

There was little he could do except point out the fallacies in the report.

He said that the Unidentified Flying Objects Society of Victoria was interested in the case.

The president (Mr. Peter Norris) had interviewed the woman and her daughter and himself, he said.

Mr. Browning's report of the flying objects caused a sensation last year. His wife also reported seeing a cigar-shaped flying object and five or six saucer-shaped objects.

At the time he said that until the sighting he had been sceptical about flying object reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning watched the "mother ship" and its "attendants" for some minutes before they disappeared in a rain squall.

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100 Collins Street,
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VICTORIA, AUST.

3rd May, 1961.

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

Dear Sir,

Representatives of this Society recently interviewed Mrs. Webster and her daughter, Sally, of "Charnak", Cressy, Tasmania, concerning their alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object in October last year.

Mrs. Webster informed our representatives that officers of your department had already interviewed her.

Would you kindly inform us as to your Department's evaluation of this sighting report.

Yours faithfully,

P. E. NORRIS, LL.B.,
Hon. President.

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SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

A report of an unusual aerial object sighted at Beaconsfield Tasmania on 9th April 1961 has been received through Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne, and is attached.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of observer.... Mrs: Goff.
2. [redacted] Address of Observer.... High Street, Beaconsfield
3. Occupation of Observer. Housewife
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
2130 9 Apr 61
5. Period of Observation (s).....
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Over the hill to west of Beaconsfield
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behin' a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Intermittent flashes
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
light
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
one
11. What was the colour of the light or object. White approx.mile wide beam
12. What was its apparent shape. similar to lightning accross sky to west
13. Was any detail of structure observable.... No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... No
15. Was there any sound..... No
16. Height, or angle of elevation.....
17. Speed, or angular velocity ..... None
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

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

West to East then North

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

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

Behind hill

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

No

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

Fine, calm

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

Nil

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

Launceston Airport

27. Any additional information. Mr. & Mrs. Worley both observed phenomena.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters
RAAF Base
AMBERLEY QLD

5th April 1961

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Russell Officers
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS
Your Signal AI 404 Dated 24 Feb 1961

1. Forwarded herewith in duplicate are reports supporting our Signal A631 dated 13th March 1961 from the following sources:-

(a) 03177 Flt Lt H.A. SWEETSER 98 Taringa Road Indooroopilly Brisbane Q'land.

(b) Mr P.A. SWEETSER 98 Taringa Road Indooroopilly Brisbane Q'land.

2. Local press and radio received reports from people in the Brisbane suburbs of Yeronga, Greenslopes, Morningside, Mount Gravatt, Windsor and Indooroopilly and one man in Dalby, reported seeing the light.

(W.N. GIBSON)
Air Commodore
Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer....H.A. SWEETSER.....

2. Address of Observer....98 Taringa Road Indooroopilly Brisbane

3. Occupation of Observer.....RAAF.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.....2002.5K 12 March 1961.....

5. Period of observation(s)...Approx. 2 Seconds.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Sighted from Indooroopilly side of Mt Cootha looking towards...
Tennyson (Brisbane suburbs).....
.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Travelling in low arc about 25° above horizon.....

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
A light.....

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object..White light turning a brighter green, burning out in a line of orange sparks.

12. What was its apparent shape.....
Indiscernable..not possible to detect any shape.....

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

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16.** Height, or angle of elevation....25°..above horizon.....

17.** Speed, or angular velocity.....Very fast..low arc.....

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

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

From.North.to.South.....

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

Travelled.in.low.arc.....

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. See.8..9..11...

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

Mid.Air.....

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

Nil.....

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

Light.Cloud.....

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

Nil.....

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

Brisbane....Amberley.No.Activity.....

27. Any additional information.....

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Nil.....

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.....H.A. SWEETSER.....

2. Address of Observer..98 Taringa Road Indooroopilly Brisbane....

3. Occupation of Observer.....RAAF.....

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

.....2002.5K..12.March.1961.....

5. Period of observation(s)...Approx. 2 Seconds.....

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

.Sighted from Indooroopilly side of Mt Cootha looking towards

.Tennyson (Brisbane suburbs).

.....

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

.Travelling in low arc about 25° above horizon.....

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

.Bright white light.....

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

.A light.....

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

.Only one object.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object..White light turning a brighter green, burning out in a line of orange sparks.

12. What was its apparent shape.....

.Indiscernable not possible to detect any shape.....

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

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14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16.** Height, or angle of elevation...25° above horizon.....

17.** Speed, or angular velocity.....Very fast low arc.....

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

.23 Years RAAF Service.....

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

From North to South

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

Travelled in low arc

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. See 8,9,11

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

Mid Air

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

Nil

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

Light Cloud

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

Nil

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

Brisbane Amberley No Activity

27. Any additional information.....

Nil

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

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1. Name of Observer..... SWEETSER PETER ARNOLD

2. Address of Observer..... 98 Taringa Parade Indooroopilly Qld

3. Occupation of Observer... Engineering Student University of Qld

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)

13th March 1961 2002 hours E.S.T.

5. Period of observation(s)... Seconds

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

By eye sight only

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

First observed travelling across sky at elvation of about 25°

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

Light

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

Appeared as a point of light apparent brightness of Venus

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

One only

11. What was the colour of the light or object... Bright white then copper flame green.

12. What was its apparent shape.....

Shape as a point of light only

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

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... No

15. Was there any sound..... No

16.** Height, or angle of elevation..... 35° to 25°

17.** Speed, or angular velocity..... About 15°/Sec

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

Member of CAF, Engineering Student

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

Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

Flight appeared to be from North to South

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

Path curved slightly downwards

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

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

Disappeared over Tennyson Power House in a trail of orange sparks.

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

None

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

Light cloud cover, transparent to bright stars.

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

Nil

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

Brisbane Amberley No Activity

27. Any additional information.....

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

P. A. Sweetser.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer SWEETSER PETER ARNOLD

2. Address of Observer 98 Taringa Parade Indooroopilly Qld

3. Occupation of Observer Engineering Student University of Qld

4. Date and Time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
13th March 1961 2002 hours E.S.T.

5. Period of observation(s) Seconds

6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
By eye sight only

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
First observed travelling across sky at elvation of about 25°

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Appeared as a point of light apparent brightness of Venus

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

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Bright white then copper flame green.

12. What was its apparent shape
Shape as a point of light only

13. Was any detail of structure observable No

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious No

15. Was there any sound No

16.** Height, or angle of elevation. 35° to 25°

17.** Speed, or angular velocity About 15°/Sec

18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Member of CAF, Engineering Student

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Report on aerial object observed (contd.).

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

First appeared to be from North to South

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

Path curved slightly downwards

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

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

Disappeared over Tennyson Power House in a trail of orange sparks

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

None

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

Light cloud cover, transparent to bright stars.

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

Nil

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

Brisbane Amberley No Activity

27. Any additional information.....

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

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Box 149
Kerang

REC'D.
16 MAR 1961
AIR REGISTRY
CANBERRA

REC'D.
14 MAR 1961
REGISTRY

The Secretary
Ministry of
Melbourne.

DAFI.

Dear Sir

I wish to report a puzzling sequence of sightings of an orange red coloured light in the sky, South of Kerang.

We first saw this light at 9.10. P.M on the 18 January. On this occasion the light was at an approx. elevation of 30° and fell rapidly to the top level where it remained while we sat & watched. When we drove toward it, it immediately moved down behind a line of timber, when we turned and drove away the light raced out to one side & paced our car for several miles before disappearing. On this occasion the light was visible for 40 minutes. My wife & I have since seen this light a number of times, once so close to our house that the dogs raced out barking at it. A number of Kerang residents have now seen this light and we are intensely curious. A feature of this is the complete absence of noise & the impression the light

given of being under control at all times
It is capable of stopping & starting and travelling at any speed in any direction, or rather it appears to be capable of it.
I understand there is an office ~~that~~ dealing with unidentified flying Objects.
Would you please pass this Letter on to that office
I hope you do not dismiss this as the letter of a crank, although when I first saw this light & its behaviour, I found it difficult to believe my own eyes.

Yours faithfully

Frank Cook.

TELEPHONE: 690-550

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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Headquarters Support Command
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
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16 JAN 1961

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

Forwarded herewith are four reports of sighting of unusual aerial objects in Tasmania during December, 1960.

(D. VERNON)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer.... Miss E.Stewart

2. Address of Observer.. South Launceston

3. Occupation of Observer. Not known

4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.....27..0445..Dec..1960.....

5. Period of Observation (s)...3 minutes.

6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
.....Visual sighting.....

7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
.....Circling in vicinity of Sandhill area Tasmania.....

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

9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
.....12 to 14 objects - circular - 8-12 feet diameter.....

10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
.....12 to 14...Flock formation.....

11. What was the colour of the light or object. Pearl grey

12. What was its apparent shape...Circular.....

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

14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..No.....

15. Was there any sound.....No.....

16. Height,or angle of elevation...50 feet above terrain

17. Speed, or angular velocity ...30-40 m.p.h.

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

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

Circling over buildings Sandhill Launceston

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

See 19

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

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

Towards South over hill

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

Nil

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

Fine

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

Nil

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

LT.

27. Any additional information. Observer stated objects appeared to be paying particular attention to steel work in structure of St.Mark's Church - under construction on Sandhill.

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

S.O.O's note: On several occasions when passing this area have noticed a flock of pigeons operating.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer..... Mr.H.P.Hall
2. Address of Observer..... Campbell Town.
3. Occupation of Observer..... Not known
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
25 2300 (Local) Dec.1960.
5. Period of Observation (s)..... 20 mins.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Visual sighting of star object similar to Venus moving west to east.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behin' a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Sighted moving from West overhead track.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
Light
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Light Star form.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
One only
11. What was the colour of the light or object Similar colour Venus.
12. What was its apparent shape.. Star appearance
13. Was any detail of structure observable.....
No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... No
15. Was there any sound..... No
16. Height,or angle of elevation.. Overhead
17. Speed, or angular velocity Covered one quarter sky in 20 mins.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

West to East over Midlands Tasmania.

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

Straight path.

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

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

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

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

Fine

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

Nil operating on this track.

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

LT. HBT. nearest to area.

27. Any additional information.

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

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer: Mr. Ion.
2. Address of Observer: Windsor Street, Invermay.
3. Occupation of Observer: Not known
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time): 21.12.60
5. Period of Observation (s): Not available
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
   Visual sighting while fishing at Great Lakes Tasmania.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behin' a hill, over the horizon, etc.
   Approaching from North.
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
   Not reported.
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
   Object
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
    24 plus.
11. What was the colour of the light or object: Grey blue.
12. What was its apparent shape: Not reported.
13. Was any detail of structure observable: No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: No
15. Was there any sound: No
16. Height, or angle of elevation: Overhead on N/S line 35,000 feet.
17. Speed, or angular velocity: 300-400 m.p.h.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
    Ex Air Training Corps member.

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

North to South over Great Lakes.

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

Straight path.

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Not reported

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

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

Nil

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

Fine

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

None of this density

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

LT HBT.

27. Any additional information.

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

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer....Mrs.E.Stuart
2. Address of Observer..117 Lawrence Vale Rd. South Launceston
3. Occupation of Observer..Housewife
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.....7th December 3.15 p.m.
5. Period of Observation (s)....5 mins.
6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
.....Visual observation from home
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
.....Appeared from west over top of Cosgrove Park Home, travelling East
8. What first attracted observer's attention e.g. light or noise.
.....Movement of objects
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
.....Definite objects
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Squadron of 30 or 40, in vee formation, changing formation rythmically.
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Silver changing to mother of pearl.
12. What was its apparent shape.....
.....Disc shaped.
13. Was any detail of structure observable..No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..No
15. Was there any sound. Faint whine when passing overhead
16. Height, or angle of elevation. Appeared to be higher than the Viscounts taking off from LT. but not as high as overflying ones from HBT.
17. Speed, or angular velocity About twice as fast as a Viscount.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Nil

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

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Report on Aerial Object Observed (Contd.)

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

West to East

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. As formation passed overhead at S.Launceston it turned sharply to the right to fly due S. giving off changing colours from pastel pink to blue to white.

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

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

In a southerly direction

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

Nil

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

LT.periodic 0300-Wind 330/10 Vis.25 miles fine 4/8 3000 2/8 AC QNH 1019.

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

BAA DC3 ML-LT ETA LT 1503.

TVL ML-LT ETA LT 1510.

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

LT.Aerodrome.

27. Any additional information...Thunderstorm in area at time.

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

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~~D/D(OPS)~~	~~35~~	~~27/6/62~~	~~WEL~~
~~B/F D/D(OPS)~~	~~33~~	~~3 JULY~~	~~WEL~~
~~D/D(OPS)~~	~~37~~	~~29/6/62~~	~~WEL~~
~~D/D(OPS)~~	~~38~~	~~3/7/62~~	~~WEL~~
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~~DFSP~~	~~53~~	~~12/11/62~~	
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~~DAFI~~	~~59~~	~~4/1/63~~	WEL
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A	file	31/1/61		DAFI	12A 11A	20/6/61		PA	File	9/2/62	
DAFI (AFOAT)	file	9/5/61		PA	file	23/6/61		DAFI (DID OPS)	23	19/2/62	
PA	FILE	10/3/61		DAFI	file	31/7/61		DAFI (OPS)	24	20/2/62	
PA	File	14/3/61		D.DOPS.	14A	31.7.61		PA	file	22.2.62	
DAFI	file	16/3/61		P.A	file	31.7.61		DAFI (DDOPS)	file	27/2/62	
AI	2A 2B	16/3/61		DAFI	file	8/8/61		PA	file	28.2.62	
PA	FILE	17/3/61		D.D.Ops.	16A	8/8/61		DAFI	file	20.3.62	
DAFI	file	12/4/61		P.A	2 file	10/8/61		AFI	27	20.3.62	
PA	FILE	13/4/61		DAFI	17a	22/8/61		PA	file	30.3.62	
DAFI	4A	24/4/61		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		DAFI (AI.1)	28	4/7/62	
AI	4A	26/4/61		PA	file	23.8.61		PA	file	9.2.62	
[illegible]	4A	26/4		DAFI	file	14/9/61		DAFI	29	22/5/62	
PA	FILE	4/5/61		D.Dops	18A	14.9.61		PA	FILE	23 JULY	
DAFI	file	9/5/61		PA	file	20.9.61		DAFI	30	29/5/62	
DID (OPS)	5a	9/5/61		DAFI	file	22.9.61		PA	FILE	30 May	
AI	file	10/5/61		PA	2 file	22.9.61		DAFI	file	31-5-62	
DAFI	6A	11/5/61		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		DID (OPS)	31	1/6/62	
PA	FILE	17/5/61		PA	file	6/11/61		P.A.	file	13 JUNE	
DAFI	file	23/5/61		DAFI	file	6/11/61		DAFI	31+32	12.6.62	
PA	file	24/5/61		PA	FILE	7/11/61		P.A.	file	13 JUNE	
DAFI	file	31/5/61		DAFI	20	25/1/62		DAFI	file	13-6-62	
PA	file	5/6/61		PA	File	26/1/62		DID (OPS)	33	14/6/62	
DAFI	file	9/6/61		DID (OPS)	21	26/1/62		B/F DID (OPS)	33	25 JUNE	
D (OPS)	4A	9/6/61		PA	File	29/1/62		Destroyed	34	15/8/62	
DID (OPS)	6A	14/6/61									

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WITH A PORTION OF THE INFORMATION MISSING.

...aken to see that a file
... already in existence and covers
... details for which space is provided.

...e attached to the file cover by means of paper fasten-
... of appropriate size and washers, when available, are also to be used. Insert paper fasteners through the front and back covers of the file at the point indicated thereon. A $\frac{1}{2}$-in. fastener is to be used for minute sheets and a fastener of not more than one-and-a-half inches to attach enclosures. When there are as many enclosures on a file as can conveniently be fastened by a $1\frac{1}{2}$-in. paper fastener, a new part should be opened.

3. Minute sheets are to be attached to the left-hand inside cover and enclosures to the right-hand side.

4. Minute sheets are to be used for correspondence between branches and sections. Correspondence from and to outside bodies is to appear as an enclosure. If the enclosure is in one part, its number will be followed by the letter "A", subsequent parts being lettered "B", "C", "D", &c.

5. Minute Number 1 is to be on the printed side of the minute sheet and is to face the cover on the minute side of the file.

6. Wherever possible minutes should be made on the file. If a loose minute is used the file number should be quoted and the minute attached to the file when available.

7. Minutes must be added in numerical order and both side of the minute sheets are to be used.

8. Files must not be passed between Branches by hand without transit slips.

9. Notes of action taken may be entered on the minute sheets, otherwise unaddressed minutes will not be made.

10. Minutes may be noted by officers placing their initials over the reference to them at the minute head and such words as "agree" and "concur" may be used to obviate separate minutes by individual addressees. An officer's initials so placed will indicate concurrence with the minute.

11. In Column 1 on the cover is to be indicated the persons for whom minutes or enclosures are intended, the number of that minute or enclosure and the date it is passed out from the last person noting (or otherwise using) the file being indicated in Columns 2 and 3, respectively.

12. When the person indicated in Column 1 has taken the necessary action on the file, he (or his representative) will draw a line through the reference to him in Columns 1, 2 and 3 on the cover and will place his initials in Column 4, indicating that the necessary action has been taken. He will then indicate on the next line to whom the file is to pass: completing Columns 2 and 3.

13. File numbers are invariably to be inserted on minute sheets and enclosures.

14. When file covers or enclosures are damaged the necessary repairs are to be made before the file is passed on.

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File No	Part No	SUBJECT
211	3	REPORTS ON FLYING SAUCERS AND OTHER AERIAL OBJECTS

E DISPOSAL SENTENCE T67 D68.

1 Referred to	2 Minute or enclosure for attention	3 Date Referred	4 Actioned by. Initials
DAFI	file	11/1/63	
PA	FILE	14/1/63	
DAFI	file	17/2/65	
PA	FILE	24/3/65	
DAFI	file	28/3/66	
PA	file	28/3/63	
DAFI	file	2/4/63	
PA	FILE	26/5/63	
DAFI	file	2/4/64	
DA	FILE	6/4/64	
DAFI	file	29/1/65	
P/A	file	5/2/65	
DAFI	file	14/4/65	
PA	file	28/5/70	
DAFI	file	3/8/71	
PA 63	file	28NOV80	
DAFIS (E-4-27)		26-1-82	

PUT AWAY 1/6/84

PA63

1 Referred to	2 Minute or enclosure for attention	3 Date Referred	4 Actioned by. Initials

FILE CLOSED.

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File No 560/1/1 PT 3

OTHER FILES BEARING ON THIS SUBJECT

FILE No	TITLE
554/1/30	

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FILE TRANSFER SLIP

KEEP INSIDE FRONT FILE COVER.

COMPLETE & FORWARD AN ATTACHED SLI WHEN PASSING FILE DIRECTLY BY HANI

CENTRAL REGISTRY

File No ..... — ..... — ..... with

attached files ..... — ..... — .....

..... — ..... — ....., ... — ..... — .....

passed to .....

from .....

Date...../...../..... Time.....(Hrs)

CENTRAL REGISTRY

File No ..... — ..... — ..... with

attached files ..... — ..... — .....

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Date...../...../..... Time.....(Hrs)

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