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File Examiner

Box 155., Post Office,
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16th May, 1968.

File Ref: 56/3568

Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Bldg.,
Tech Area.,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society's Committee Meeting, held 7th May, 1968.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross (Mrs.)
Secretary.

Encl.

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E/S.O — They are weakening!



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MINUTES OF

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society, Committee Meeting,
held Tuesday, 7th May, 1968.

Those Present:	President: Mr. McCarthy,	Apologies: Mr. Rock
	Mr. Whitmarsh	Mr. O'Neill
	Librarian: Mr. Adams	
	Secretary: Mrs. Ross	

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Proposed Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mrs. Ross, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. — carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

NIL

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of account as at 8th May, \$57.24c.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the next Journal would soon be to hand although over a period of three months ~~only~~ approx. only 20 news clips were to hand. Two NICAP magazines were handed to the Secretary by the President for circulation amongst members.

Librarian's Report:

NIL

Correspondance IN:

Phamphlet from Amateur Astronomer's Suppliers Displaying telescopes and kits available.

Correspondance OUT:

Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosing Minutes of the last meeting.

TELESCOPE:

After perusing the catalogue, it was suggested that as it was not possible for members to view the telescopes prior to purchase, a letter be written to Astronomer's Suppliers asking whether it would be possible to purchase a telescope (nominated Japanese model for \$85, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reflector) on approval. Action Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Whitmarsh suggested that an advertisement be placed in the 'Advertiser' asking for quotes and details from any person wishing to sell a good second-hand telescope. Action Mr. McCarthy.

NEXT MEETING:

The President suggested that for the present time, formal monthly meetings be abandoned in favour of informal meetins when information on the telescope came to hand;

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1245 hours.

Copy: Supt. Wra.

Box 155, P.O.,
WOOMERA S.A. 5720

28th March, 1968.
File Ref: 56/3568

Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical and
Astronomical Research Society's Committee Meeting, held ~~15th~~²² March, 1968.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross (Mrs.)
Secretary.

Encl.

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MINUTES OF THE

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY HELD ^{22ND} 15th MARCH 1968 1004

Those Present: Mr. J. McCarthy,
Mr. J. Adams,
Mrs P.J. Ross

Apologies: Mr. P. O'Neill
Mr. O. Rock
Mr. J. Whitmarsh

The President declared the meeting open at: 1215 hours.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Proposed Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. — carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Correspondance In: AP.C.A. Account paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of account as at 15th March, \$49.14. Subscriptions outstanding: Mr. Adams, Mr. Whitmarsh, Mr. Bear.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the March Journal had not been published as insufficient news clips were available and no magazines had been received. All agreed it to be more practicable to publish a March/April Journal.

Librarian's Report:

The Librarian reported that he had still no information on the circuit diagram for the Heironymous Machine.

Correspondance OUT:

Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosed with the Minutes for 1st Feb.
Letter to APCA enclosing sum of \$3.36 in payment of account
Form to NICAP enclosing cheque for \$11.00 for the next year's subscription.
Letter no. 2 to APCA enclosing a further \$8 for cuttings.
Letter to Amateur Astronomers Suppliers asking for a catalogue on telescopes.

Correspondance IN:

Account from APCA to 1st December for \$11.36 (Paid in Letters 1 & 2 see Corr. OUT)
Letter from APCA enclosing detailed account.

Next Meeting:

The president advised that a meeting would be called upon the receipt of the catalogue on telescopes for a round table discussion.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1245 hours.

Copy Supt. Wra.

Box 155, P.O.,
Woomera S.A. 5720

7th February, 1968.

File Ref: 56/3568

Superintendent,
Cpat F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical and
Astronomical Research Society's Committee Meeting, held 1st February, 1968.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross (Mrs.)
Secretary

Encl.

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Those present were: Mr. J. McCarthy President Apologies: Mr. P.O'Neill
Mr. O. Rock V. President
Mr. J. Adams Librarian
Mrs. P. Ross Secretary
Mr. J. Whitmarsh Committeeman

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held 18/10/67:

Proposed Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. O. Rock, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. — carried.

Business Arising:
Correspondance OUT:

The Secretary reported that as yet no reply had been received from Mirror Newspapers re personal enquiry on an article printed in this magazine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

As at 18th October, 1967, the balance of the Society Acct. stood at \$66.10c and since then has remained unchanged.

Funds owing to the Society by members:

Mr. L. Bear, \$4 for yearly subscription

Mr. J. McCarthy, \$4 for yearly subscription plus \$1.50c for maps

Mr. J. Adams, \$4 for yearly subscription

Librarian's Report:

Mr. Adams reported that he had received no further information of the request for Cct. diagrams for the 'Hieronymous Machine', and that he would make further inquiries.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the November, December and January Journals had been distributed in 'Folder Form' and that the February Journal was in the process of compilation.

Correspondance OUT: NIL

Correspondance IN:

Account submitted from the A.P.C.A to the value of \$11.36 of which \$3.36 was still outstanding. The committee instructed that this account be paid as soon as possible.

Regular Meetings:

The committee unanimously agreed that future meetings be held on a Friday night at four, five or six week intervals, thus leaving a period of four weeks, and not more than six weeks between meetings.

Telescope:

Proposed Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that after perusal of brochures available, a telescope (6" Newtonian Reflector, eyepieces etc), suitable for use by Society members, be purchased, and that should the purchase cost of the instrument exceed Society funds, a levee be raised on all members to contribute the additional amount provided that the total cost did not exceed \$100. — carried.

Skywatch:

Mr. Rock suggested that members now keep a constant skywatch wherever practicable, to ascertain any increased activity, as Mars opposition is expected to occur within the next few months. All members agreed to do so.

Next Meeting: 2nd March, 1968.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1300 hours.

Copy: Supt. Wra.

Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A. 5720

25th October, '67
File Ref: 56/3568

Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical and
Astronomical Research Society's for committee meeting held 18th October, '67.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross (Mrs.)
Secretary.

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E.S.O. - The numbers are dwindling!

File away.



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MINUTES OF THE

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society held Wednesday, 18th October, 1967.

Those Present: President: Mr. J. McCarthy Apologies: Mr. O'Neill
v. President: Mr. O. Rock Mr. Whitmarsh
Librarian: Mr. J. Adams
Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
S.A.O/S.R.O: Mr. A.W. Patterson

The President declared the meeting open at: 1215.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: September 3rd.

Proposed Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Patterson that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. — carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Film Evening:

This evening (Oct. 4) had to be cancelled due to trials programming and insufficient financial members being available to necessitate the cost of hiring the hall. All member were notified of the cancellation.

Enquiry:

Letter sent to Mirror Newspapers Ltd., asking for further information on an article published in this newspaper: see Correspondance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondance 'IN'.

Letter from Mr. G. Tullett tendering his resignation from the Society due to shift work.

Correspondance 'OUT'.

- (1) Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosing minutes of the last meeting.
- (2) Letter to Mr. Tullett thanking him for continued support whilst a member of the Society
- (3) Letter to Mirror Newspapers Ltd., asking for further information on an article published in the Mirror on 23rd July, re Grid Theory of New Zealand airline pilot.

Treasurer's Report:

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported the following:

Balance as at A.G.M.	\$57.10c
Incoming (Subs)	17.00
Owing (Maps)	<u>1.50</u>
Less APCA Sub.	8.00
Balance	\$67.60

Librarian's Report:

Mr. Rock informed Mr. Adams that he had received the current copy of BUFORA and would submit it for Library use. Mr. Adams reported that he had written a letter to Mr. Campbell requesting the circuit diagrams for the building of a 'Hieronymous Machine' for a demonstration to Society members,, however as yet no reply had been received.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that the October Journal had been distributed and that should the committee be in agreement, unless more than ten members became financial for the 67/68 Society year, press clips and magazines would be circulated amongst members rather than re-typed in Journal form.

Film Evenings:

Proposed Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mr. Rock, that film evenings be held in abeyance until further notice. Mr. Patterson informed the committee that due to his transfer at the end of the year he would be resigning then, and that he would hand to the Librarian all existing catalogues of films which he now holds. — carried.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 1245.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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C.D.O. 2855.

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TO SUPERINTENDENT, WOOMERA.	YOUR FILE No. 56/3568
	OUR FILE No. SA5644/2/1 SA5753/1/2
FROM (Branch or Establishment) WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, SALISBURY	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO F.W. Wood Ext. 102
	DATE 26 SEP 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS CLUB AT WOOMERA

The Director has referred to me for acknowledgement, your memorandum of 4th September, 1967 on the above subject. I have since discussed the matter with Superintendent/Trials, Regional Security Officer, Adelaide, and Chief Security Officer, Melbourne.

2. Arising from these discussions, I now wish to advise that the situation regarding the reporting of "sightings" on the Woomera Range will be dealt with as follows :

- (a) If any "sighting" should be reported by any member of the staff of Ranges Group, Woomera, this fact will, in future, be notified through P.O./Ranges and Superintendent/Trials to this Office.
- (b) Such reports will be checked by Senior staff in Trials Wing to ensure that the level of reporting is acceptable.
- (c) Only reports of "sightings" which can not be otherwise satisfactorily explained will be forwarded to the Security Branch and by them to the Department of Air.
- (d) The Security Officer at Woomera will be advised by P.O./Ranges of any report forwarded to Superintendent/Trials but will take no further action.
- (e) Any report checked and passed by Trials Wing at Salisbury will be forwarded by me to the Regional Security Officer, Adelaide for on-forwarding to the Chief Security Officer and the Department of Air.

3. The above procedures have been proposed with a view to ensuring that only reliable reports of "sightings" which have been scientifically vetted will be forwarded to the Department of Air and that this Establishment will be informed of all such "sightings" before they are reported to outside organisations. This should prevent any misunderstanding of the kind that might otherwise arise.

F.W. Wood
DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRIALS



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F.W. Wood Ext. 102

TRIALS WING, H.Q.

18th September, 1967

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CLUB, WOOMERA

In reply to your query on folio 32 I should advise that there is no proposal for PO/Ranges to devise a new form for the reporting of "sightings" on the Woomera Range. Superintendent/Trials, in a recent memorandum to PO/Ranges on this subject, merely requested that, if such sightings should be reported by any members of the Range staff, the fact should be notified through the correct channel to this office.

2. I have since discussed the matter with the Chief Security Officer, Melbourne and the Regional Security Officer, Adelaide and they have agreed with my suggestion that any report originating within the Woomera Range area should come through this office to the Security Branch ^{table} rather than going direct. This will have the ^{table} dual advantage that -

- (a) Such reports would be checked by senior staff in Trials Wing to ensure that the level of reporting was acceptable.
- (b) Only reports of "sightings" which could not be otherwise satisfactorily explained, would be forwarded to Security and thence to the Department of Air.
- (c) This Establishment would be informed of such "sightings" before and not after they had been notified to Head Office.

3. I have noted that the activities of the Woomera Club have declined markedly in recent months but I nevertheless thought it desirable to propose the above arrangement in order to ensure that any report emanating from the Range would be such as not to bring discredit on this Establishment.

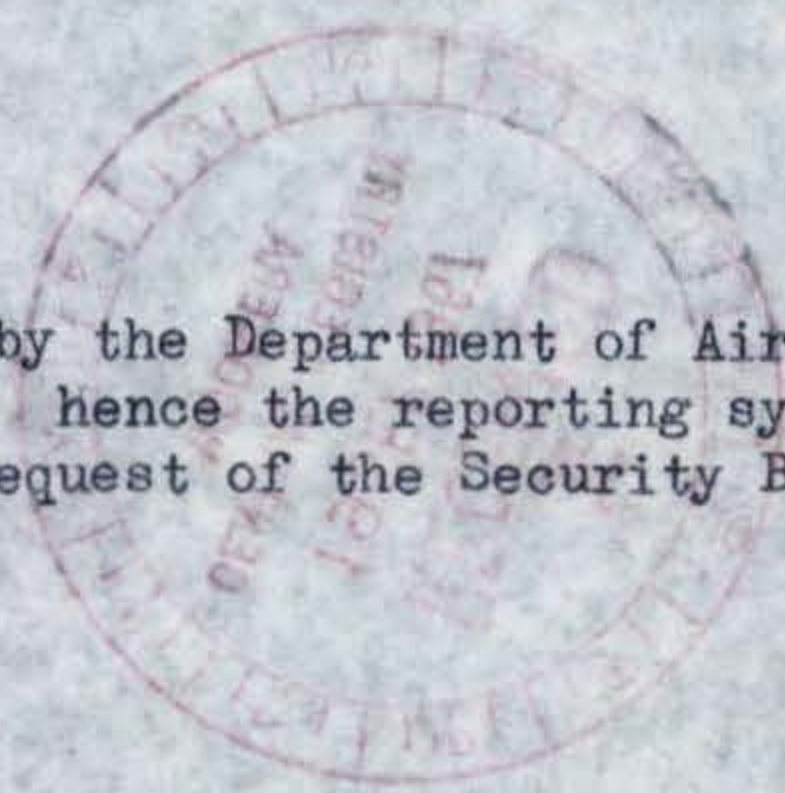
F. W. Wood

DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRIALS

c.c. Superintendent/Woomera
Superintendent/Trials
PO/Ranges (Through: S/TRD)

* The Security Branch was requested by the Department of Air to submit any reports brought to its notice; hence the reporting system which was introduced at Woomera at the request of the Security Branch.

*Previous correspondence
on 56/3568*



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Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A. 5720

6th September, 1967.

File Ref: 56/3568.

Superintendent,
Cpat. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical
and Astronomica Research Society's Committee Meeting, held September
4, 1967.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

1 Encl.



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MINUTES OF THE

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society held Monday Evening,
3rd September, 1967.

Those present were: President: Mr. J. McCarthy Apologies: Mr. J. Whitmarsh
Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross Mr. J. Adams
S.A.O. & Mr. O. Rock
S.R.O : Mr. A. W. Patterson
Treasurer: Mr. P. O'Neill

The President declared the meeting open at 2015 hours.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Proposed Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mrs. Ross, that the minutes of the July Committee meeting be accepted. -- carried.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the August newsletter was issued in two parts, one on August 1st, and the other August 21st. Insufficient newscuttings were available to effect the issue of the September newsletter at meeting date.

Correspondance: 'IN'

- (1) Letter from A.P.C.A. advising that subscription for 100 clips had now run out.
- (2) 'Torrens' Map received from Dept of Mines.

Correspondance 'OUT'

- (1) Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosing minutes of the last Committee Meeting.
- (2) Letter to Dept. of Mines ordering Maps required. (See correspondance 'IN')
- (3) Letter to A.P.C.A. enclosing cheque for \$8 for further 100 clips.
(Personally forwarded by Secretary).
- (4) Letter to Supt. enclosing minutes of the A.G.M.

Film Evening:

Mr. Patterson suggested that the next Society Film Evening be held on Wednesday evening, October 4, subject to confirmation of the availability of the Theatre Annex. He stated that these films would be screened at the Range at a time to be notified and would be shown at the Annex for S.T.A.R.S. members at the above time and date.

Films to be screened are: 'Himalayan Tapestry' or 'Venezuela Looks Ahead'

&

'The History of the Helicopter' or 'High Speed Flight'.

Enquiry:

From a press cutting published in August 21 Newsletter, the committee suggested that the Secretary personally make further enquiries re a book soon to be published by a New Zealander on his thesis of a Grid System and UFOs.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank: \$57.10
Subscriptions: To date two only, totalling \$8
Owing: \$1.50c on maps
Outgoing \$8 subscription to A.P.C.A.

Librarian's Report:

Nil Activity

Subscriptions:

The Treasurer suggested that a further circular be sent to all members asking that subscriptions for the forthcoming year be submitted no later than mid-September, as two only, were to hand to date.

Committee Meeting:

Mr. O'Neill proposed that the next committee meeting be held in conjunction with the film evening programmed for October 4.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 2100 hours.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

DIRECTOR,
W.R.E.,
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WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, WOOMERA

Capt.F.E.Irvine 05 333
4th September, 1967

" UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" CLUB:

In reply to your memorandum of the 10th August, 1967, I have carried out an investigation into the origin of the forms headed "Report on Aerial Object Observed" and it would appear that they are identical with those referred to in paragraph 4 of my memorandum dated 7th August.

2. I understand that P.O. Ranges forwarded them to Superintendent Trials in explanation of correspondence that had been conducted between those two officers on the subject of supposed "sightings". This was a once only report, although I believe that, at the request of Superintendent Trials, P.O.R. is devising a form for the purpose of reporting any future "incidents".

3. It is confirmed that the system of reporting was not introduced by the Security Section at Woomera.

(SGD.) F. E. IRVINE

SUPERINTENDENT.



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY


TO Superintendent/Woomera.	YOUR FILE No.
	OUR FILE No. 5/126/5 Wra.
FROM (Branch or Establishment) Security Branch, W.R.E., Woomera.	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO
	DATE 31st August, 1967.

SUBJECT

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT" CLUB.

Reference para 3 of folio 85 - despite considerable research, up to the present time, no information has been found that would answer the Director's question. In addition information was sought from the Regional Security Officer, S.A., who has advised that he is not in a position to assist.

2. It is felt that the pro-forma was most likely introduced by, or for, the authority in the Department of Air responsible for the collation of information relating to the sighting of unidentified flying objects; all reports received by the Security Branch at Woomera are submitted to that Department.


(J.J.A. HANLON)
Establishment Security Officer,
W.R.E., Woomera.

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Flat 257, Block 2E.,
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21st August, 1967.

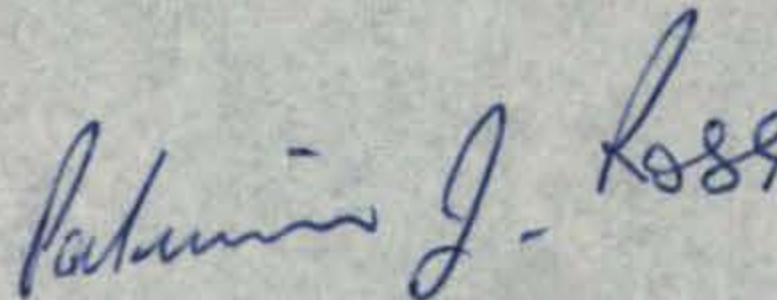
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Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of the Scientific,
Technical and Astronomical Research Society's Annual General Meeting, held
August 14th, 1967.

Yours faithfully,



Patricia J. Röss
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

1 Encl.

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E.S.O

MINUTES OF THE

Scientific, Technical And Astronomical Research Society Annual General Meeting,
held at the Theatre Annex, Monday Evening, August 14, 1967.

With 13 of the 26 financial members present, the President declared the meeting open at 2015 hours.

Minutes of the A.G.M. for 31st August, 1966.

Proposed Mr. Bear, seconded Mr. Whitmarsh, that the minutes of the A.G.M. for 31st August, 1966 be accepted. — carried.

Summation of the year's activities from the outgoing committee:

Following the reading of the Secretary's report by Mr. Rock, proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Patterson that the report be accepted as correct. — carried.

Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Patterson, that the President's report be accepted as correct. — carried.

Proposed Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. Russell, that the Treasurer's Audited Report be accepted as correct. — carried:

Total Incoming for the Year: \$128-72 Total Outgoing: \$71.62
Balance in hand as at 14th August, 1967: \$57.10

Proposed Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. Russell, that the Librarian's report be accepted as correct. — carried.

Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Bear, that the S.A.O. and S.R.O.'s Report be accepted as correct — carried.

Following the above reports being presented by individual outgoing committee members, the outgoing President then called for the complete standdown of the outgoing committee.

Appointment of a Chairman to chair the open meeting:

Proposed Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mr. Russell that Mr. A. Patterson be asked to chair the open meeting for general discussion. Mr. Patterson accepted. — carried.

Open Meeting Discussion:

Projects:

A. Following voting on 'The Building of a Telescope for the Society', as four members dissented, it was decided that the incoming committee be asked to investigate the costs involved and also the Security Aspect of such a project.

B. 'Experiments in Telekinesis.' Mr. J. Adams kindly offered to organise a demonstration on this subject for those members of the Society who are interested.

C. 'Films'. Mr. Patterson was authorised to order films for showing to the Society up to December 1967.

Under Review.

A. The Existing Structure of the Journal. It was decided that the Journal would be continued, but in a reduced form due to workload involved.

B. The Existing Structure of the Library. It was decided to continue the Library in it's existing form, however purchase of books hereafter would only be effected if chosen by or recommended to the committee for purchase.

C. Membership Fees. Proposed Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mr. Russell, that Membership Fees remain unchanged for the forthcoming year.

Miscellaneous:

Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Ormerod, that a vote of thanks and confidence be extended to the outgoing Committee.

Miscellaneous (Cont.)

Films: Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Patterson, that on occasions, films be shown in the Instrumentation Briefing Room at lunch time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President.

Following nominations called by the chair, proposed Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. Russell, that Mr. J. McCarthy be elected to the position of President for the forthcoming financial year. -- carried.

Secretary:

Following nominations called by the chair, proposed Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. McCarthy that Mrs. Ross be elected to the position of Secretary for the forthcoming year. -- carried.

(Mrs. Ross submitted in writing to the Chairman, a letter extending apologies for non-attendance, and confirmation that she would be willing to stand for re-election to the committee for the forthcoming year, should she be nominated and duly elected.)

The Chairman of the steering committee then vacated the Chair and asked the newly-elected President to conduct the election of the remaining officers to the committee.

V. President:

Proposed Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Patterson, that Mr. Rock be elected to the position of V. President for the ensuing financial year. -- carried

Treasurer:

Proposed Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Russell, that Mr. P. O'Neil be elected to the position of Treasurer for the ensuing financial year. -- carried

Librarian:

Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Patterson, that Mr. Adams be elected to the position of Librarian for the ensuing financial year. -- carried.

S.A.O & S.R.O.:

Proposed Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Russell that the positions of S.A.O. and S.R.O. be combined, and that Mr. Patterson be elected to this combined position for the forthcoming financial year. -- carried.

Vote of Thanks:

Proposed Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Russell, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Patterson for acting as Chairman for the Society's open meeting. -- carried.

Committeemen:

Proposed Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Adams that Mr. Whitmarsh be appointed as a Committeeman for the forthcoming financial year, and that, should the need arise, further committeemen would be co-opted by the committee on a per-meeting basis, -- carried.

Number Present: 13 Apologies 3: Mr. McGowan, Mr. Tullett, Mrs. Ross.
Total Financial Members: 26. Next Committee Meeting: Three weeks hence, date to be advised.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 2155 hours and thanked all in attendance for their presence.

Copy: Supt. Wra.

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TO CAPTAIN F.E. IRVINE (R.A.N.) SUPERINTENDENT/WOOMERA	REGISTRY USE ONLY
	OUR FILE No. SA5644/2/1 : SA5753/1/2
FROM (Branch or Establishment) WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT SALISBURY	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO M.W. Woods, X101
	DATE 10th August, 1967

S.F.C. 3.4.1 (8/63).

C.D.O. 5150

YOUR REFERENCE

56/3578

SUBJECT

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" CLUB

Thank you for your memorandum of August 7th. I am glad to hear that the "sighting reports" to the STARS organisation have been discontinued. There are obviously security dangers in permitting unofficial reporting of this kind.

2. However, I now find that there is another system for reporting "aerial objects" on forms headed "Report on Aerial Object Observed". Some of these forms were attached to a memorandum from PO/Ranges to Superintendent/Trials on July 17th (file B53/2/1), where they are described as "security" reports.

3. I shall be glad of your advice as to whether this system of reporting has been introduced by the Security Section at Woomera and, if so, for what purpose.

M.W. Woods

DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR,
WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT,
SALISBURY.

SA5753/1/2

56/3568

WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, WOOMERA

F.E. Irvine 05 333

7th August, 1967.

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" CLUB:

In reply to your memorandum of the 25th July, 1967, the following report details the situation regarding an organisation existing at Woomera known as the "Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society" henceforth called the STARS.

2. On receipt of your letter A 766/1/12 of 11th May, 1966, the Superintendent Woomera informed Mrs. P.J. Ross, who ultimately became the Secretary of the STARS,

- " (a) There would be no restriction placed on any group of Woomera personnel getting together to foster their common interests.
- (b) However you should be advised that as Woomera is in a prohibited area, the disclosure of any information originating in the Area is prohibited.
- (c) Under these circumstances then, you would not be permitted to publish any such information either locally or through any affiliated society such as the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.
- (d) Finally, should the existence of a club in Woomera be publicised you would no doubt be inundated and embarrassed by requests from other societies for information. I could therefore not permit any publicity on the formation of such a club in Woomera to be made. "

3. The Society was duly formed and conducted under the above conditions and a copy of the minutes of each meeting is sent to the Superintendent Woomera. These minutes are sent to the Establishment Security Officer for perusal.

4. About May this year I was shown some "sighting reports" which were rendered by members of STARS whilst engaged in their official duties. On inquiry I found that these forms were designed by the STARS organisation so that members could be informed of occurrences within the Area. It was intended that these reports would be freely available to all members of the Society, but in view of the possibility of leakage of information I instructed the E.S.O. that the reports then held were not to be released, and that the reporting system was to be discontinued.

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5. It is my opinion that the STARS has become somewhat moribund of late and as the activities of the organisation are closely scrutinised, I consider that there is no need to feel that any security risk exists at present.

6. Any change in the situation will, of course, be watched.

(SGD.) F. E. IRVINE

SUPERINTENDENT.

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TO SUPERINTENDENT/WOOMERA	REGISTRY USE ONLY
	OUR FILE No. SA5753/1/2
FROM (Branch or Establishment) WRE HEADQUARTERS/SALISBURY	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO M.W. Woods, X101
	DATE 25th July, 1967

S.F.C. 3.4.1 (8/63). C.D.O. 5150

YOUR REFERENCE

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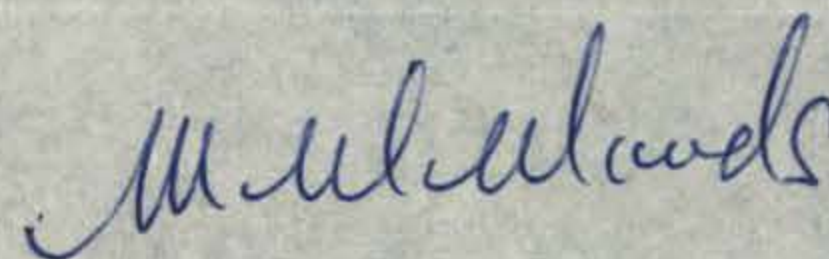
SUBJECT

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" CLUB

On May 11th, 1966, I wrote to your predecessor about a proposal to form a U.F.O. Club in Woomera. I pointed out the dangers from the security point of view in the existence of such a club in an area where there might well be "sightings" of upper atmosphere events which could not be publicised.

2. I have heard no more about the proposed club and had assumed that the proposal had died. It now appears, however, that there is in existence at Woomera some body called the "Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society" to which members report alleged U.F.O. sightings, including observations made while they are on duty at the Range.

3. Will you please advise me what happened after my memorandum of May 11th 1966 was received and, in particular, whether the club or society was formed with or without official blessing. It is clear that we shall have to take some action from a security point of view, and I should like to have your views before deciding what should be done.



DIRECTOR

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Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

24th July, 1967.

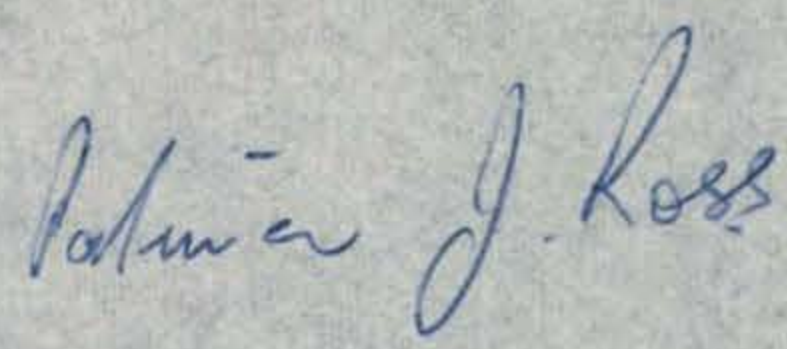
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Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the Scientific,
Technical and Astronomical Research Society's Committee Meeting, held
17th July, 1967.

Yours faithfully,



Patricia J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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MINUTES
of the

Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society Committee Meeting
held Monday Evening, 17th July, 1967.

Those Present were:

President:	Mr. J. McCarthy	Apls:	Mr. J. Whitmarsh
V. President:	Mr. O. Rock		Mr. G. Wallis
Secretary:	Mrs. P. Ross		Mr. J. Adams
S.A.O. & S.R.O.	Mr. A.W. Patterson		Mr. J. Russell
Committeeman:	Mr. L. Bear		

The President declared the meeting open at 2030 hours.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Proposed Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. Bear, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted — carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Area Maps: The Secretary reported that a list of maps required by the Society was now to hand, and pending a cheque for purchase of same from the Treasurer, a letter ordering same would be forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report:

On behalf of the Treasurer, Mr. Rock, as moved in the minutes, approached the Manager of the Bank of N.S.W. to act as an auditor of the Society's accounts and the Manager consented to do same.

Circular to Members:

The Secretary reported that a circular had been issued to all members asking for items for the agenda for the forthcoming A.G.M. Only three replies have been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual General Meeting:

Items for the A.G.M. These were discussed and it was agreed that the A.G.M. be held in the Theatre Annex on tuesday, 1st August, 1967, and should be conducted in the following manner.

- (1) Summation of the year's activities from the outgoing committee comprising:
 - Secretary's Report
 - President's Report
 - Treasurer's Audited Report
 - Librarian's Report
 - S.A.O. & S.R.O. Report
- (2) Standdown of the outgoing Committee
Appointment of a Chairman to chair the open meeting.
- (3) Subjects for discussion for open meeting:
 - Programme for the ensuing fiscal year:Projects: (a) 'The Building of a Telescope for use by the Society'
'Experiments in Telekinesis.'

Under Review

- (b) The Existing structure of the Journal
The Existing structure of the Library.
Membership fees: 'Should they be channeled into the Library which has not been made great use of'
or
'Should these monies be used for 'Projects' '.
- (4) Election of Officers for the forthcoming year.

MEETING CLOSE.

Correspondence 'IN':

Letter from Mr. Mathison tendering his resignation as a committee and Society member on leaving the area.

Letter from the Australian Press Cuttings Assn. enclosing receipt for \$8 subscription fee. (Receipt forwarded to Treasurer.)

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Correspondence 'OUT'

Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosing Minutes of the last meeting.
Letter to A.P.C.A. requesting receipt for \$8 subscription fee.

Librarian's Report:

Other than the addition of two new magazines, library listings remain unchanged.

Treasurer's Report:

Out-going for the Month: \$8 subscription to A.P.C.A.
Balance \$54.88c

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the July Journal was issued mid-month, and that preparations for the August edition were in abeyance, and were dependent upon the outcome of results at the A.G.M.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 2130 hours.

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Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

13th June, 1967.

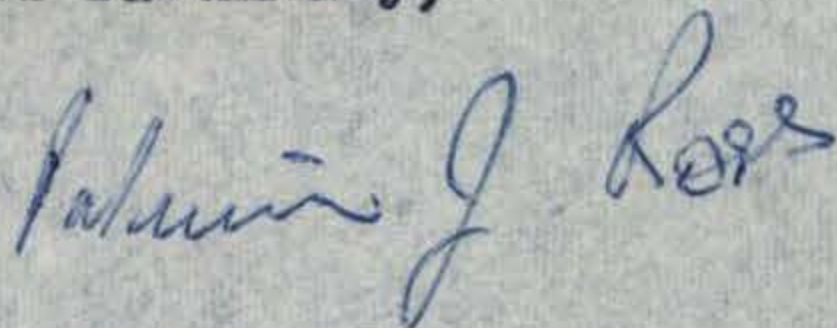
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Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the Scientific,
Technical and Astronomical Research Society Committee meeting held
5th June, 1967.

Yours faithfully,



Patricia J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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Projects:

The Committee unanimously agreed that interest appeared to be lagging in Society activities as evidenced by poor attendance at the last two Discussion Evenings. Mr. Wallis suggested that the committee attempt to introduce, with members approval, a Project or Projects in which members would be able to take a personal interest. Accordingly, it was suggested that a circular be sent to all members listing some suggested projects and asking them to add any which they consider will interest the Society as a whole. Some of the Projects raised were: Building Projects of a Mechanical, Optical, Electronic, Psychological or Propulsion nature, to Astronomy, E.S.P., Ancient Ideologies, Anti-Gravity, the Building of a Telescope for use by the Society etc. If response indicated that members wished to partake in Projects it was proposed that this be listed on the Agenda for the A.G.M. at which time members would then be able to vote on which project(s) they wished to undertake for the following financial year.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 2230 hours.

Copy: Supt: Wra.

P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

4th May, 1967.

File Ref: 56/3568

Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine, R.A.N.,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the Scientific,
Technical and Astronomical Research Society Committee meeting held 2nd
May, 1967.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

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Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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E.S.O. he items under "Area Maps". Do you think
you should see them?

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Mr. Russell states map was unobscured
and position of sighting would be amended.
He will produce the map to Mr. Pinner for
his perusal.

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Minutes of the

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society held May, 2nd, 1967.

Those present were:	President:	Mr. J. McCarthy	Apologies:	Mr. J. Whitmarsh
	V. President:	Mr. O. Rock		Mr. G. Wallis
	Librarian:	Mr. J. Adams		
	Secretary:	Mrs. P. Ross		
	S.A.O./S.R.O:	Mr. A.W. Patterson		
	Committeemen:	Mr. L. Bear		
		Mr. J. Russell		

The President declared the meeting open at 1215 hours.

Moved Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Patterson, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. — carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

With reference to letter (4), the Secretary advised that she had contacted Mr. Mathison by phone and he had apologised for not answering the letter inviting him to become a committee member, due to the fact that he had been on leave for an extended period, but was only too pleased to join the committee, and would forward written confirmation of this before the next meeting.

With reference to letter (6), the President advised that no reply had, as yet, been received from NICAP.

Discussion Meeting:

The Discussion Group, scheduled for 17th April, had to be cancelled due to the non-availability of films. The Secretary reported that all members had been notified.

Treasurer's Report:

On the Treasurer's behalf, the Secretary advised that an amendment should be inserted to the balance, which should have read \$62.88 vice \$79.88 as published.

NEW BUSINESS.

Next Discussion Evening:

It was unanimously decided that the next Discussion Group be held on Monday, 22nd May. Due to the unavailability of the Theatre Annex prior to this date, the delay in showing the films previously advertised is unavoidable. The President advised that he would check re the availability of the pre-named films for this date, with NASA.

Treasurer's Report:

On the Treasurer's behalf, the Secretary reported that the balance of \$62.88 remained unchanged from March 22nd minutes.

Librarian's Report:

Mr. Adams reported that four new magazines were available from the Library, and once again expressed disappointment at the lack of interest shown by members in publications held by him.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the May Journal had been distributed to members on May 1st. The June Journal would be under way in the nearfuture. Mr. Russell advised the Secretary that the 'Case for the UFO' was no longer available to the Society for serialisation in the Journal, so therefore, this unfortunately had to be dropped from publication.

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Receipts for the Library:

Incoming for this month were: 'The UFO Investigator', 'Project Blue Book, March '67', 'Library of Congress Legislative Asembly Services reference on UFOs' and

'Flying Saucer Review' December/January Edition.

Correspondance 'IN':

Letter from the University of Colorado advising that no publication of its UFO findings was yet to hand, and advising that this would be made in due course. Together with this was a list of recommended reading on the subject of UFOs. (Letter and list will be published in the June Journal).

Correspondance 'OUT':

- (1) Letter to Supt. enclosing minutes of the last meeting.
- (2) Letter to Secretary W.E.R.I. enclosing cheque for \$1 for hire of Theatre Annex for April 17th. (As this was cancelled the Secretary W.E.R.I. advised that S.T.A.R.S. now had a credit of \$1 with W.E.R.I. which will be used for the May 22nd Discussion Evening).

Area Maps:

Mr. Russell advised that he had completed a map of the area suitable for all sighting report annotations, and the annotations would be completed in the near future and presented at a Discussion Evening.

Moved Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that letters be written to the Department of Mines and A.N.C. requesting maps of the Woomera area, extending past Wirrapa to the South. — carried.

There being no further tabled business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1245 hours.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

28th March, 1967.

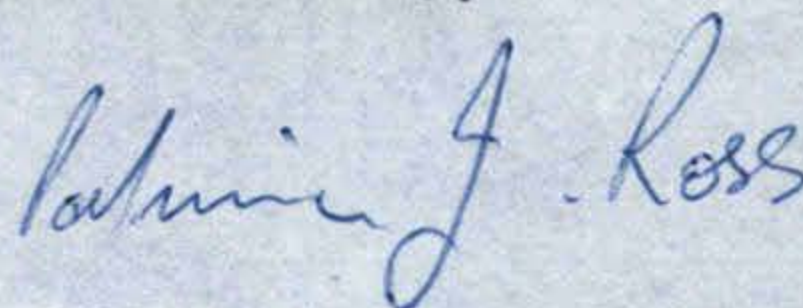
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The Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of the Scientific,
Technical and Astronomical Research Society Committee meeting held 22nd
March, 1967.

Yours faithfully,



Patricia J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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MINUTES OF

The Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society Committee Meeting
held Wednesday, 22nd March, 1967 commencing 12.10 pm.

Those present were: President: Mr. J. McCarthy Apologies: Mr. G. Wallis
 V. President: Mr. O. Rock
 S.R.O. & S.A.O: Mr. A. Patterson
 Librarian: Mr. J. Adams
 Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
 Committeemen : Mr. L. Bear
 Mr. J. Russell
 Mr. J. Whitmarsh.

The President declared the meeting open at 12.10 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting.

Moved Mr. Bear, seconded Mr. Adams, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. -- carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Discussion Meeting held March 14th:

The Secretary reported that, although attendance stood at only 12, the above meeting was completely successful. Members enjoyed the two films chosen, followed by supper and Mr. McGowan's talk on 'Propulsion Methods.' At the completion of Mr. McGowan's talk, the President thanked him for addressing Society Members. Proceeds from supper \$2 - cost of supper \$1 leaving a balance of \$1.

Purchase of Cups for Meetings:

The Secretary informed the meeting that 2½ dozen cups for use by the Society had been purchased for 15c ea (total \$4.50) leaving a balance in the tea club, including donations of March 14th - of \$1.

Correspondance 'In':

Letter from NASA in answer to UFO query from Mr. Rock. (NASA unable to supply any information on this subject).

Correspondance 'out':

- (1) Letter to Supt. Wra. advising receipt of letter dated 23rd. Feb., and informing him that constitutional amendments, as requested, had been incorporated in the constitution.
- (2) Letter to outgoing S.A.O. thanking him for help extended whilst a member of the committee.
- (3) Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosing the minutes of the last committee meeting.
- (4) Letter to Mr. Mathison inviting him to become a member of the committee. (as at 22.3.67 no reply had been received, therefore the President requested that the Secretary phone Mr. Mathison and make enquiries).
- (5) Letter of thanks to Salisbury NASA Rep. for answering queries on NASA UFO information.
- (6) Letter to NICAP requesting further information from the 'Kansas City Train Incident' report which involved an expose on George Adamski's authenticity.

Next Discussion Evening:

Several Committee members suggested that Tuesday was a bad night for meetings. Accordingly, the next meeting was suggested to take place on Monday, 17th April at the Theatre Annex commencing at 8 p.m. The films to be shown are

'The John Glenn Story' and 'Apollo Lunar Mission Profile' with a back-up selection to be chosen by committee members prior to the above arranged date.

Moved Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that supper for this and subsequent meetings be provided from the Society Petty Cash Fund which at the moment stands at \$3.50c and will be replenished when the need arises. — carried.

Following his excellent talk on 'Propulsion Methods' it was unanimously agreed by the meeting that Mr. McGowan be approached to address the next meeting on the subject of 'Telekinesis.'

Membership Fees:

The Secretary reported to the Committee that some members felt the family membership fee at \$6 was exorbitant, and under these circumstances, at future Discussion Groups, their families would not be present. Together with this, it was felt that members did not want the Library facilities, other than reference books, now held. The committee unanimously agreed that this question be put to the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 1st August, 1967.

Librarian's Report:

Mr. Adams reported that Members were not availing themselves of Library facilities and for the next purchase of five books he intended to choose those of a more reference nature than now held.

Moved Mr. Adams, seconded Mrs. Ross that a review of Library Facilities be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. — carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash at Bank as at 21.3.67:	\$79.88
Outgoing:	\$1
Receipts:	\$18
Balance	\$79.88

Journal:

The Secretary reported that the April Journal was nearing completion and that the continuation of the serialisation of the 'Case for the UFO' was still outstanding for the April issue as the book was currently unavailable.

Next Address:

The President kindly volunteered to prepare a talk on 'Positional Astronomy' to be presented at the May Discussion Group. All committee members expressed interest and thanks.

There being no further tabled business, the President declared the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Copy: Superintendant Woomera.

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J. McCarthy,
President,
Scientific, Technical &
Astronomical Research Society,
c/- Manual Optical Systems,
Range E.
Woomera.

3rd March, 1967.

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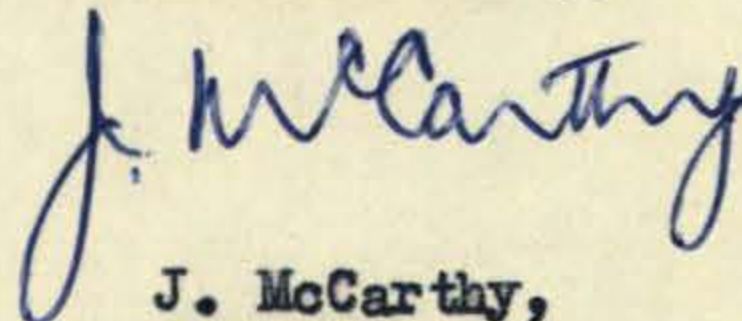
The Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 23rd February, 1967, and in reply wish to advise that your approved amendments to S.T.A.R.S. Constitution, as enclosed, have been incorporated.

Please find enclosed, Amendment No. 1 to Constitution.

Yours faithfully,



J. McCarthy,
President,
S.T.A.R.S.

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Scientific,
Technical &
Astronomical
Research
Society

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO 1

APPROVED BY SUPT. WRA. 23rd February, '67

Para 2 'Aims' now reads:

2. AIMS: The aims of the Society are to promote interest in the investigation of Aerial Phenomena on a strictly scientific basis; to collect data on sightings both in Australia and overseas; in a long-term project attempt to analyse data collected through computer processing; subscribe to selected magazines both national and international for worldwide sighting report correlation; subject to no information originating in the Woomera Prohibited Area being included, to publish for private circulation amongst members of the Society, journals or publications of such nature as the Committee may from time to time decide; to form a sub-committee consisting of four persons, to assist members in writing articles for the Journal, should they so desire; to hold discussion groups on the scientific aspect of aerial phenomena; to mount a sky-watch at irregular intervals; to be available to assess local sighting reports (if requested).

— Additions.

Para 4 'Membership Fees' now reads as approved by Supt. Wra.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

All memberships will commence from the first of the month in which membership subscriptions are paid. The subscription period may cover three, six, nine or twelve months, at the discretion of individual members.

- 4.1 Single Membership: \$4 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods \$1 per quarter).
- 4.2 Junior Membership: (Applicable to those persons still attending school). \$1 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods 25c per quarter).
- 4.3 Family Membership: \$6 per family per year, payable on joining. (for shorter periods \$1.50c per quarter).

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P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

3rd March, 1967.

File Ref: 56/3568

The Superintendent,
Capt. F.E. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of S.T.A.R.S. Committee meeting, held Monday Evening, 27th February, 1967.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross,
Secretary
S.T.A.R.S

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MINUTES
OF

The Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society held Monday Evening, 27th February, 1967, at 25 Caroola Street.

Those Present:

President: Mr. J. McCarthy
V. President: Mr. O. Rock
Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallis
Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross.
S.A.O: Mr. A. Patterson
S.R.O:
Librarian: Mr. J. Adams.
Committeemen: Mr. L. Bear

Apologies:

Mr. J. Russell
Mr. J. Whitmarsh
Mr. G. Mickleburgh

The President declared the meeting open at 2^h15 hours.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Moved, Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Adams, that the minutes be accepted as read.
-- carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Sighting Report Maps: Large Scale. From news clippings received by the Society, moved Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Rock, that the Secretary continue to prepare, for Discussion Group of March 14th, a large scale sighting map for 1966, together with another of sightings received to date for 1967. These will be presented at the above meeting. — carried.

Mr. Russell asked Mrs. Ross, in his absence, to inform the committee that he was busy working on a local sighting report map for presentation at the forthcoming meeting.

Business Arising from General Meeting, held 24th January:

Letter to the Supt. requesting approval of proposed amendments to 'Aims' of the S.T.A.R.S. Constitution.

A letter, addressed to the President from Supt. Wra., was read to the meeting. The Supt. was unable to accept the first amendment to 'Aims' for Security reasons, and has now amended this to read:

"... sighting report correlation; subject to no information originating in the Woomera Prohibited Area being included, to publish for private circulation amongst members of the Society, Journal or publications of such nature as the Committee may from time to time decide . . ."

(The underlined portion being the requested constitutional inclusion by Supt. Wra.)

The committee unanimously moved that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to the Supt. informing him that his amendment will be included in the Constitution.)

Letters arising from General Meeting:

As moved at the General Meeting, the Secretary informed the meeting that letters to NASA, Project Blue Book and the University of Colorado had been prepared and were awaiting postage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence 'IN':

The following letters were read to the meeting:

- (1) Letter from Supt. Wra. confirming his verbal agreement, as stated at the General Meeting that no objection was raised to Juniors becoming members of STARS provided that they were aware of para b, c and d of Supt's. letter dated 3rd June, 1966.
- (2) Letter from NASA Rep. in Salisbury enclosing a film catalogue of movies available from NASA Projects. (The President then passed the catalogue to members for perusal).
- (3) Letter of Resignation received from S.A.O., Mr. Mickleburgh, explaining that due to pending examinations, he wished to tender his resignation from the Society.

Correspondence 'OUT':

The following outwards correspondence was read to the meeting.

- (1) Letter to Gibber Gabber Editor, and Anonymous Contributor, requesting further information on UFO sighting published in G.G. The Secretary reported that a reply to this had been received, the anonymous contributor having refused to accept the letter which was thus returned to the Society, unopened. (This information was published for members in the February Journal).
- (2) Letter to Secretary, W.E.R.I., enclosing a cheque to the value of \$2 for the hire of the Theatre Annex for 13th and 15th February.
- (3) Letters to Supt. Wra. (a) requesting information on Juniors becoming members of S.T.A.R.S.
(b) enclosing minutes of the General Meeting
(c) enclosing minutes of the Committee Meeting held in January
(d) Outlining proposed amendments to constitution. (see reply in Correspondence 'IN').
- (4) Letter to Project Blue book asking for UFO information (ex. Mrs Ross on behalf of the Society.)
- (5) Letter to NASA asking for UFO information (ex. Mr. Rock on Society's behalf).
- (6) Letter to University of Colorado requesting UFO information (ex. Mr. McCarthy on Society's behalf).
- (7) Letter to the Secretary, W.E.R.I., enclosing cheque for cost of hire of the Theatre Annex for the forthcoming Discussion Group of March 14th.

Resignation of S.A.O.:

The President read the S.A.O.'s resignation to the committee following which, moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that the committee regretfully accept Mr. Mickleburgh's resignation and that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Mickleburgh as an expression of thanks for his service to the Society whilst a committee member and wishing him well in his coming examinations. — carried.

Vote of Thanks:

Moved Mr. McCarthy, seconded Mrs. Ross, that a Vote of Thanks to Mr. Mickleburgh be included in the Minutes. — carried.

Election of S.A.O.:

Moved Mr. Bear, seconded Mrs. Ross, that the S.R.O. (Mr. Patterson) act in the capacity of S.R.O. and S.A.O. until a replacement was appointed, and that Mr. Roger Mathison be approached re. the possibility of becoming a committee member, and if willing, be appointed to the position of S.A.O. on his acceptance. — carried.

Journal:

The Secretary reported that the March Journal was nearing completion, and that unfortunately, due to the unavailability of 'Case for the UFO' from the Library, the March Journal would not carry Part five of this serial.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Mr. Wallis, reported that the Society's account stood at \$62.88c, with \$1 outgoing for the hire of the Theatre Annex for 14th March, and with \$2 to come from proceeds of film evening, held 15th February.

Librarian's Report:

Mr. Adams, the Librarian, expressed disappointment that members did not appear to be availing themselves of books and magazines held in the Society Library. The Secretary reported that monthly Journals carried a full list of publications available plus encouragement to members to draw books by ringing Mr. Adams. It was suggested that Mr. Adams give a short talk at the forthcoming Discussion Group on books and publications available to members, asking them to avail themselves of any books they so desired.

The committee unanimously agreed that the Librarian be allowed to purchase from Society funds, five new books, and on receipt, submit the account to the Treasurer.

Film Evenings:

Following the Society Film Evening for the General Public on February 15th, moved Mr. Patterson, seconded Mr. Bear, that in future the Society film evenings

be confined to members only for the following reasons:

- (a) inability to assess audience capacity.
- (b) Work involved
- (c) Films were available for all groups in the Woomera area. Thus more organised evenings could be arranged by other groups for any interested.

— carried.

Discussion Group, 14th March:

The following arrangements have been made for the above evening:

The committee has chosen the following two films from NASA Library to be shown.

'The Four Days of Gemini 4'

"The Dream that wouldn't down"

or

"The Apollo Lunar Mission Profile"

"The John Glenn Story"

following the film show, supper will be served for a silver coin donation to defray costs of tea, coffee, sugar, milk etc, after which Mr. R.L. McGowan, has kindly offered to address the Society on:

"Possible power sources and means of movement of UFOs".

Contributions received for suppers to date:

Mrs. Ross reported that for the evening of the 13th, \$2.95 was received for supper donations, of which 41c was used for coffee, milk and sugar, together with \$4 donation to defray costs for film evening for General Public on 15th February.

\$2 of this will be sent to the Treasurer for the hire of the hall for the two evenings and moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock, that the Secretary be allowed to use the remaining \$4.54c for the purchase of cups for the use of the Society for Discussion Evenings. — carried.

The Secretary informed the committee that a separate petty cash book was being kept for this purpose.

Films:

Mr. Patterson informed the committee that he was in possession of the catalogues plus membership forms for the Shell Film Library. Should a committee member, on behalf of the Society, wish to become a member, he would be only too happy to pass on the relevant information.

Thanks for committee supper:

Moved Mr. Bear, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that thanks be extended to Mrs. O. Rock and Miss Debbie Rock, for provision of supper for the meeting.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 2150 hours.

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23rd February, 1967

Mr. J. McCarthy,
President,
S.T. & A.R.S.,
C/o Manual Optical Systems,
RANGE "E"

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

I have considered the proposed amendments to the constitution of the S.T. & A.R.S. which you submitted in your letter dated 15th February, 1967, and regret that I could not approve the proposed amendment in its present form. To do so would be contrary to the conditions laid down in the Superintendent Woomera letter 1731 of the 3rd June, 1966. However, I would be prepared to approve an amendment in the following form:-

".....sighting report correlation; subject to no information originating in the Woomera Prohibited Area being included, to publish for private circulation amongst members of the Society, journals or publications of such nature as the Committee may from time to time decide" and then as in your proposed amendment.

2. I have no objection to the new membership fees proposed.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) F. E. IRVINE

(F.E. Irvine)
Captain, R.A.N.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TO Superintendent, Woomera.	YOUR FILE No.
	OUR FILE No. 56/3568
FROM (Branch or Establishment) Security Branch, W.R.E., Woomera.	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO
	DATE 20th February, 1967.

SUBJECT

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL and ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the above Society outlined in para 2 of folio 72 of Registry File 56/3568.

2. In this connection attention is invited to folios 1, 2 and 3 of the relative file in which the Society was advised that they would not be permitted to publish information either locally or through any affiliated Society nor were they to seek any publicity on the formation of such a Society at Woomera.



(J.J.A. HANLON)
Establishment Security Officer,
W.R.E., Woomera.

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J. McCarthy,
OIC/MOS,
RANGE 'E'

15th February, 1967.

File Ref: 56/3568

SUPERINTENDENT,
Capt. F.E. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

At the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society's General Meeting, held Monday evening, 13th February, the following amendments and additions were proposed to the S.T.A.R.S. Constitution, pending your approval:

Para. 2., AIMS, proposed to be amended to read:

AIMS: The aims of the Society are to promote interest in the investigation of Aerial Phenomena on a strictly scientific basis; to collect data on sightings both in Australia and overseas; in a long-term project attempt to analyse data collected through computer processing; subscribe to selected magazines both national and international for worldwide sighting report correlation; * to publish Journals or publications of such nature as the committee may from time to time decide; * to form a sub-committee consisting of four persons, to assist members in writing articles for the Journal, should they so desire; to hold discussion groups on the scientific aspect of aerial phenomena; to mount a sky-watch at irregular intervals; to be available to assess local sighting reports (if requested).

* Additions.

Para. 4., MEMBERSHIP FEES, proposed to be altered and amended to read:

MEMBERSHIP:

All memberships will commence from the first of the month in which membership subscriptions are paid. The subscription period may cover three, six, nine or twelve months, at the discretion of individual members.

- 4.1 Single Membership: \$4 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods \$1 per quarter).
- 4.2 Junior Members: (Applicable to those persons still attending school).
\$1 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods 25c per quarter).
- 4.3 Family Membership: \$6 per family per year, payable on joining. (for shorter periods \$1.50c per quarter).

A reply, at your earliest convenience, would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J. McCarthy

J. McCarthy,
President,
S.T.A.R.S.



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P.J. Ross (Mrs.)
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA

15th February, 1967.

File Ref: 56/3568

SUPERINTENDENT,
Capt. F.E. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society's General Meeting, held Monday evening, 13th February, 1967.

Yours faithfully,

P.J. Ross

P.J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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MINUTES OF THE

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society GENERAL MEETING

held in the Theatre Annex, Monday, 13th February commencing 2200 hours.

With fifteen financial members present, thus comprising a quorum, the President opened the meeting at 2200 hours.

As this was the First General Meeting held by the S.T.A.R.S., no previous minutes were to hand for perusal.

BUSINESS: Proposed constitutional amendments (subject to approval by Superintendent Woomera).

- Additions and Amendments to para 4. MEMBERSHIP FEE:
- (1) Moved Mr. McGowan, seconded Mr. D. Ormerod, that all memberships commence from the first of the month in which subscriptions are paid. The subscription period may cover three, six, nine or twelve month periods at the discretion of individual members. — carried.
 - (2) Junior Members: The Supt. Wra. advised the President verbally that he had no objection to Juniors becoming members of S.T.A.R.S. providing that they were familiar with Supt. Wra.'s letter to the Society dated June 3, 1966, re Security Restriction on Society Operation within the Woomera area. The Supt.'s letter was then read to the meeting.
Accordingly:
Moved Mr. Puttock, seconded Mr. Tullett, that Junior Members (Applicable to those persons still attending school) be eligible for Society membership at the cost of \$1 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods 25c per quarter). — carried.
 - (3) Moved Mr. Phin, seconded Mr. McGowan, that a Family Membership be introduced to comprise \$6 per family per year, payable on joining. (for shorter periods \$1.50c per quarter). — carried.

Therefore, para 4. MEMBERSHIP FEE now reads:

MEMBERSHIP:

All memberships will commence from the first of the month in which membership subscriptions are paid. The subscription period may cover three, six, nine or twelve months, at the discretion of individual members.

- 4.1 Single Membership: \$4 per person per year payable on joining. (for shorter periods, one dollar per quarter).
- 4.2 Junior Members: (Applicable to those persons still attending school). \$1 per person per year, payable on joining. (for shorter periods 25c per quarter).
- 4.3 Family Membership: \$6 per family per year, payable on joining. (for shorter periods, \$1.50c per quarter).

Additions and Amendments to Para. 2., AIMS.

- (1) The President pointed out to the meeting that the S.T.A.R.S. Constitution, under Para 2., AIMS., held no reference to the publication of the S.T.A.R.S. Journal:
Accordingly, moved Mr. McGowan, seconded Mr. Patterson, that an addition to AIMS be incorporated as follows:
" . . . to publish Journals or publications of such nature as the committee may from time to time decide." — carried.
- (2) Moved Mr. Phin, seconded Mrs. Ross (also additional to AIMS), that a sub-committee consisting of four persons, be formed to assist members in writing articles for the Journal should they so desire. — carried. Volunteers were called to form this committee following which Mr. Phin, Mr. Patterson, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Russell offered their assistance.

Para 2. would now read:

AIMS: The aims of the Society are to promote interest in the investigation of Aerial Phenomena on a strictly scientific basis; to collect data

on sightings both in Australia and overseas; in a long-term project attempt to analyse data collected through computer processing; subscribe to selected magazines both national and international for worldwide sighting report correlation; to publish Journals or publications of such nature as the committee may from time to time decide; to form a sub-committee consisting of four persons, to assist members in writing articles for the Journal, should they so desire; to hold discussion groups on the scientific aspect of aerial phenomena; to mount a sky-watch at irregular intervals; to be available to assess local sighting reports (if requested).

Possibility of a Science Fiction section in STARS Library:

On behalf of the Librarian, Mr. Wallis put to the meeting, a suggestion that a Science Fiction section be added to the S.T.A.R.S. Library. Following a vote, the meeting unanimously rejected the proposal. However, no member held any objection to the S.T.A.R.S. Journal carrying advertisements for a Science Fiction Library to be run entirely apart from STARS but providing the facility of advertisement etc., for any member of the Society who may be interested in joining such a group.

RESIGNATION:

The President read to the meeting, a letter received from the S.R.O. Miss Humphries, tendering her resignation in that capacity pending her leaving the area.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The President accepted the letter of resignation and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Miss Humphries for the work she had done whilst a member of the committee, together with sincere thanks for assistance with the provision of supper at Discussion Groups.

ELECTION OF SIGHTING REPORT OFFICER:

Nominations were called for, and the following members were nominated for the position:

Mr. Tullett, nominated by Mrs. Ross.

Mr. Tullett declined to stand for the committee as his duties and schedules make it impracticable to accept the nomination. accepted.

Mr. D. Ormerod, nominated by Mrs. Ross.

Mr. Ormerod declined the nomination stating that as he was new to the Society he felt he would, at this stage, be of no assistance, however, in the future, if such a vacancy should occur, he would be only too happy to be of help. accepted.

Mr. Patterson, nominated by Mr. McGowan.

Mr. Patterson said he would be most happy to accept the nomination and subsequent election as S.R.O. should the meeting so decide.

Therefore:

Moved Mr. McGowan, seconded Mrs. Ross, that Mr. Patterson be elected to the position of S.R.O. on S.T.A.R.S. committee. -- carried.

JOURNAL:

The meeting thanked the Secretary for the work which had already gone into the Journal, and Mr. Patterson raised the question of workload. The Secretary replied, that, to date, no effort had been involved in issuing monthly Journals, and that she was only too happy to continue publication. The Secretary asked members whether they were satisfied with the present layout, all replied they were, however suggestions were made for more up-to-date information on research. (see para LETTERS TO ORGANISATIONS).

Together with the above, Mr. McGowan asked the chair for any information on new publications etc available from the Library. In the absence of the Librarian, Mrs. Ross gave a short resume of current publications held, together with the contents of the February Journal, to be mailed to members the following day.

LETTERS TO ORGANISATIONS:

Mr. Tullett and Mr. McGowan pointed out to the meeting that the STARS may be able to gain more up-to-date information on UFO research by writing to organisations directly concerned with this, rather than depend only on magazine articles and newspaper-clippings.

Therefore:

Moved Mr. McGowan, seconded Mr. Tullett, that the University of Colorado, Project Blue Book and N.A.S.A. be approached by individual members of the Society on research results, sighting reports and any associated information these organisations may be free to disclose. — carried.

LOCAL SIGHTING REPORTS:

Mr. McGowan asked the chair whether any local sightings reports had been gathered since the last newsletter of Dec. 8th. On behalf of the S.A.O., Mrs. Ross replied that none had been received and on research carried out on all area sightings to date, no conclusive evidence was to hand to prove that UFO activity was apparent in the Woomera Area. Most sightings did not contain sufficient data for analysis, some had been established as satellites etc. Mrs. Ross advised the meeting that Mr. Russell was at the moment compiling a plotted map of sighting reports and would present this at the next Discussion Group.

FUTURE DISCUSSION GROUPS AND FILM EVENINGS:

Mr. Patterson asked the President if any more films were available from NASA, such as shown prior to the General Meeting.

The President, in reply, stated that NASA had provided the Society with catalogues of films, on which no restriction re availability was imposed, as long as the films were not used for money-raising functions.

For future discussion groups, it was proposed that the Society be shown two selected films from the catalogues, following which discussion would arise from any subject, of interest to members, which had been nominated seven clear days prior to the evening in question, thus enabling research on the subject and volunteer speakers sufficient time to compile notes for lectures etc.

Mr. McGowan suggested 'Possible power sources and means of movement of UFOs' together with 'The Possibility of Telekinesis' as future subjects for discussion and kindly volunteered to address the Society at the next discussion group on the first-mentioned subject.

The President announced that the next discussion group would eventuate in one month's time.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2300 hours.

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13th February, 1967.

Mr. J. McCarthy,
President,
S.T. & A.R.S.,
C/o Manual Optical Systems,
RANGE "E"

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

In reply to your letter of the 31st January, 1967, I have no objection to juniors becoming members of your Society provided that on joining they are acquainted with the sense of sub paragraph 2 (b) (c) and (d) of the Superintendent's letter dated 3rd June, 1966.

I would like to thank you for your invitation to Mrs. Irvine and myself to attend the film evening on Wednesday the 15th February, but regret that as I will be absent from Woomera we will be unable to attend.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) F. E. IRVINE

(F.E. Irvine)
Captain, R.A.N.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

J. McCarthy,
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RANGE E

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31st January, 1967.

The Superintendent,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

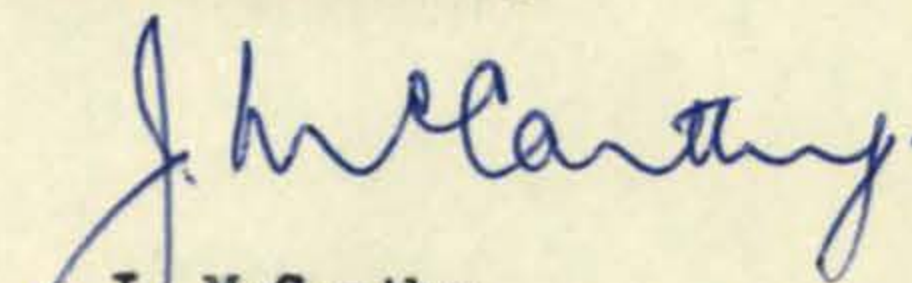
Dear Sir,

At our committee meeting, held on the 24th January, it was proposed that we seek your advice on the eligibility (Security-wise) of Juniors to become members of the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society. I respectfully draw your attention to Para. 3 (Membership) and Para. 14 (Security) of S.T.A.R.S. Constitution, and await a ruling at your earliest convenience.

Together with the above I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you and Mrs. Irvine to a film evening to be held in the Theatre Annex on Wednesday, 15th February, commencing at 8 p.m. The films we anticipate showing are as follows:

- 'The Possibility of life on other Planets'
- 'The Clouds of Venus'
- 'Man Encounters Mars'
- 'The Log of Mariner Four'

Yours faithfully,



J. McCarthy,
President,
Scientific, Technical & Astronomical
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P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA

File No. 56/483

31st January, 1966.

Superintendent,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society committee meeting held on the 24th January, 1967.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. Ross

P.J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S



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MINUTES OF S.T.A.R.S. COMMITTEE MEETING

held 24th January, 1967 commencing 8.15 pm

Those present were:

Apologies: Mr. J. Whitmarsh

President: Mr. J. McCarthy
V. President: Mr. O. Rock
Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallis
Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
Librarian: Mr. J. Adams
S.A.O. : Mr. G. Mickleburgh
S.R.O. : Miss L. Humphries
Committeemen : Mr. L. Bear
Mr. J. Russell

The President opened the meeting at 2015 hours.

MINUTES: Moved Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Wallis, that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. - carried.

Amendments to the minutes:

- (1) SUBSCRIPTIONS: Line 5 to be amended to read:
"all back copies of Journals in his possession"
vice "all back copies of his Journals".
- (2) MEMBERSHIP: Line 2 to be amended to read:
"the area permanently, be eligible for refund"
vice "the area permanently, be offered a refund."

Business arising from the Minutes:

B.I.S. Journal (Spaceflight).

Following his kind offer of "Spaceflight" for loan to the Society, Mr. Wallis passed the Librarian three current copies of the magazine. When these have been read by members they will be returned to Mr. Wallis who will then supply a new batch etc...

Sighting Report Maps.

The S.A.O. and S.R.O. reported that the Sighting Report Maps have now been reproduced, trimmed to size and are ready for distribution with Sighting Reports when the need arises.

NEW BUSINESS:

Journal:

The Secretary reported that the January Journal was ready for distribution pending the inclusion of Society News arising from the Committee meeting.

News Clippings :

The Secretary reported that to date 39 News Clippings had been received of which 33 were up to and incl. 31st December. The other six for Jan. will be included in the February Journal.

Correspondance 'in!'

- (1) Letter from Bufora.
 - (a) Mr. Rock reported that he had received a letter, together with BUFORA current Journal from this Society. The letter requested Mr. Rock to send any news-clippings which may come to hand to this organisation. (see outward correspondance).
 - (b) BUFORA magazine handed to Librarian by Mr. Rock
- (2) Letter from 'Allen's Book Shelf'.
 - (a) The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from the above firm advising that 'Incident at Exeter' and 'The Interrupted Journey' by John G. Fuller, plus 'Flying Saucers - Serious Business' by F. Edwards are available at \$5.95 u.s. each.
 - (b) Catalogue enclosed with this letter has been passed to the Librarian.

Correspondance 'out!':

- (1) Letter to Supt. enclosing the minutes of the last committee meeting.
- (2) Letter to be send from Mr. Rock to Bufora thanking them for their interest and advising that he would be willing to submit to their

- Society, any news-clippings he may have, in an endeavour to foster future co-operation re. prompt advise of overseas activity etc.
- (3) Letter to be sent to Supt. Wra. encompassing the following matters:
 - (a) Security regulations governing the eligibility of minors to become members of S.T.A.R.S
 - (b) An Invitation to S.T.A.R.S. film night to be held on 6 and 7th February, pending availability of Hall.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash at the bank remains at \$69.42 with an approximate \$21 outgoing this month for Library purchases.

Librarian's Report:

The Librarian reported that initial order of three books from the T.S. Bookshop had been fulfilled and were now to hand, plus 'Flying Saucer Story' by Brinsley Le Poer Trench and 'Stonehenge Decoded' by G. Hawkins. Approx. outlay \$21. Accounts for the first three, and last book have still to be paid. These accounts have been submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

New Books.

Mr. Adams advised that a new book, 'Challenge to Science' by Jacques Vallee has now been published in the U.S. by Henry Regnery. Mr. Adams said he would make further inquiries re possible purchase for the Society.

Amalgamation:

The Librarian suggested to the Committee that the now defunct 'Science Fiction Assn' be reactivated and amalgamated with S.T.A.R.S. Library as many STARS members were past members of the Assn, and also to reduce the cost of book purchase by allowing the actual Library to be made known to booksuppliers as a club without directly involving the subject of UFOs. Several members of the committee raised the following queries and suggestions:

- (1) All STARS members may not be interested in S.F. and may object to paying subscriptions which would involve purchase of same.
- (2) Involvement of SF literature with STARS was in contradiction with the 'aims' of the Society to some extent.
- (3) That separate subs be organised to encompass:
 - Sub. (a) for members interested in UFO etc. together with S.F.
 - " (b) for members interested in UFO etc. only
 - " (c) for members interested in SF only.

N.B.: Sub (a) would involve a great deal more than normal yearly sub. of \$4 as the purchase of S.F. literature was both numerous and varied.

- (4) That the S.F. Book Club be kept entirely separate from STARS and if purchase of books under an associated title at a reduced rate were possible, then, if the two libraries were handled by the same person, reduced rates would still be available for purchase of the two commodities through a common source without involving STARS.

As the committee was not able to arrive at any decision on the above matter, moved Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. McCarthy, that the matter be put to vote at a General Meeting.

General Meeting:

A unanimous decision was made to call a General Meeting on the possibility of amending the constitution on the following points:

- (a) Pending the outcome of the letter to the Supt. Wra (see correspondance 'out') - reduced rates for Junior members.
- (b) Possibility of family rates instead of the now hard and fast \$4 per person per year.
- (c) Possibility of re-organisation of the Library to incorp S.F.

New Subject - General Meeting:

As Miss Humphries, our S.R.O. is leaving for the U.K. on February 24th, pending her resignation, an election of a S.R.O. officer to replace her and fill the committee vacancy.

That the General meeting be called for Monday, February 6th (Pending the

availability of a hall) with which would be combined a film night comprising the following films:

- (1) 'The possibility of Life on other Planets'
- (2) 'Man encounters Mars'
- (3) 'The Clouds of Venus'
- (4) 'The Log of Mariner Four'.

It was proposed that:

- (a) The General Meeting be held following the films
(or)
- (b) Two films be shown, then the General Meeting, followed by the other two films.
- (c) The films be shown followed by the General Meeting
- (d) That the General Meeting-film night be limited to members and their families - supper to be provided for a silver coin donation
- (e) That Tuesday, 7th February be a second showing of the films, with invitations open to all interested, asking for a silver coin donation to defray costs
- (f) Posters to be placed in prominence on all mess and area notice boards to advertise the second evening advising patrons of dates and films to be shown
- (g) Hire of the Hall to be arranged by the Secretary and the President to be notified when arrangements have been completed
- (h) Enquiries to be made by the President re hire of projector and operator.
- (i) That both film nights be open to members, thus enabling a choice of the two nights
- (j) An addition for subjects for discussion to General Meeting:
'Format for UFO categorisation'.

Sighting Report Analysis:

Mr. Russell asked the Committee whether any progress had been made on the plotting of local sighting reports on an area map. He said he felt that no evidence was to hand to show that this had been effected.

In reply, the S.A.O. said that all Sighting Reports within the area had been analysed and presented at Discussion Groups for further analysis with the result that no conclusive evidence had been produced to show that UFO's were active in this area. Investigation along similar lines will continue and as soon as sufficient sighting reports are to hand a further analysis would be made in conjunction with previous reports of sighting. All alleged sightings will be annotated on the local STARS area map.

UFO Report in Gibber Gabber:

Proposed Mr. Rock, seconded Mrs. Ross that a letter of inquiry, requesting an interview and any further details be written to the author (name withheld) of the UFO article in Gibber Gabber dated 20th January. It was proposed that this letter be handed to the Gibber Gabber Editor with a covering letter requesting him to forward same to the author of the article. — carried.

Mr. Rock reported also that a Mrs. Fuchs has also seen something similar — further investigation will be made.

Journal Contributions by Members:

Mr. Russell commented, that following his initial contribution of an article to the September Journal no further contributions had been forwarded by members for publication.

Moved Mr. Russell, seconded Mr. Rock, that a sub-committee be formed to write-up articles on behalf of members who themselves felt incapable of 'putting their thoughts onto paper' but who would possibly come forward with the assistance of the sub-committee. — carried.

The above subject to be listed under items for discussion at the G.M.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 2015 hrs.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

9th December, 1966.

File No. 56/483

Superintendent,
Capt. J. Irvine,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes for the Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society committee meeting held 8th December, 1966.

Yours faithfully,

Peter J. Ross

P.J. Ross,
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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MINUTES FOR THE
Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society
held 8th December at 12 noon.

Those Present were: President: Mr. J. McCarthy Apologies: Mr. J. Russell
 V. President: Mr. O. Rock
 Secretary: Mrs. P.J. Ross
 Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallis
 S.R.O.: Miss L. Humphries
 S.A.O.: Mr. G. Mickleburgh
Committeemen: Mr. J. Whitmarsh
 Mr. L. Bear
 Mr. J. Adams

The President declared the meeting open at 1215 hours.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting held 24th Nov., moved Mr. Wallis seconded Mr. Whitmarsh that the minutes be accepted.
— carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Sighting Report Maps:

Mr. Mickleburgh reported that the cromoflex maps have been completed and are now awaiting reproduction.

The committee moved that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Jack Evans for his splendid effort in producing for the Society.

Correspondence:

The Secretary advised that 2 amendments be recorded to the minutes of the meeting. Correspondence (out):

paras (c) and (d) should read Thursday, 1st Dec. vice
Wednesday 16th Nov. as stated.

Subscriptions:

The Secretary reported that information on the B.I.S. Journal subscription was not yet to hand, however, Mr. Wallis informed the meeting that as he was a member of this Society, he would provide the committee with the necessary information and also very kindly offered, for the use of the Society, all back copies of his Journals together with future Journals he received.

Discussion Group:

The Discussion Group evening held Thursday 1st Dec. with guest speaker Mr. Homer Eichhon once again in attendance proved a great success. Two prospective members indicated their desire to receive literature which has now been sent to them; twenty-two persons were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Journal:

The Secretary reported that the December Journal, together with extracts from Incident at Exeter, had been distributed to all members on 1st Dec., together with a newsletter of the same date. Pending committee perusal a final newsletter for 1966 will be issued prior to 16th December, incorporating the latest news clips received together with an outline of the Society's programme for the coming year.

Correspondence (in)

Nil

Correspondence (out)

- (a) Letter to WERI for hire of the Theatre Annex for 1st Dec. enclosing cheque to cover hire.
- (b) Letter to Supt. Wra enclosing minutes of the last meeting.
- (c) Letter to Mrs. Holmes re her resignation on leaving the area.
(To date no reply has been received)
- (d) Letter to Mr. Eichhon, from the President, expressing thanks for his attendance at our Discussion Groups.
- (e) Letter, with subscription enclosed, to BUFORA, for a year's subscription to this magazine. — ex. Mr. O. Rock.

Election of Library Assistant

Pending Mrs. Holmes resignation which takes effect on December 10th, moved Mr. O. Rock, seconded Mr. Mickleburgh, that Mr. J. Adams be seconded as Library Assistant, and that Mr. Adams take up duties as Librarian from 11th December, 1966. — carried.

Moved Mrs. P. Ross, seconded Mr. O. Rock that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Holmes for her work on the committee, both as a committee member and in the office of Librarian. — carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Mr. G. Wallis, reported that the Society's account, as at 8th December, 1966, stood as follows:

Total receipts:	\$111.50
Payments	41.96
Cash in Hand	69.54

Library Purchases:

Moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock, that the Assistant Librarian be allowed to make purchases, for the Library, of a total of \$20. — carried.

(Mr. Adams carries full catalogues of books available, from which list he will choose those he considers most suitable to meet the needs of the Society.

Miss Humphries, the Society's Sighting Report Officer has kindly offered, during her tour of the U.K. through 1967, to call in to Foyles bookshop in Charing Cross road and make enquiries re the possible purchase of second hand books, on suitable subjects, for the use of the Society.

Probe Magazine:

Subscription to Probe magazine has been put into abeyance until all committee members have had a chance to peruse the copy which is on hand.

Membership:

Moved Mr. G. Wallis, seconded Mr. L. Bear that members forced to resign by leaving the area permanently be offered a refund for complete quarters still outstanding and similarly members joining be offered from the start of the quarter in which they joined. — carried (membership)

Signatures:

Mr. Rock raised the query of signatures appearing on all overseas bank drafts, as this in contravention of the aims of the Society. Pending a method of overcoming this difficulty Mr. Wallis will in future attempt to make his signature less legible.

Next Committee Meeting:

The next committee meeting will be called early in the New Year, possibly late January. The Secretary will confirm this at a later date.

There being no further business for 1966, the President closed the meeting at 1300 hrs.

Copy to: Superintendent Wra.

Mrs. P.J. Röss,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

30th November, 1966.

File 56/483

Superintendent,
Col. J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed your copy of the minutes of the committee of The Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society held on Thursday, 24th November, 1966.

Yours Faithfully,

Peter J. Röss,

P.J. Röss
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

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MINUTES FOR

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society

held Thursday, 24th November, 1966 at 1230 hours

Those Present were:	President:	Mr. J. McCarthy	Apologies:	Mr. J. Russell
	V. President:	Mr. O. Rock		Mrs. A. Holmes
	Secretary:	Mrs. P.J. Ross		Mr. G. Wallis
	S.A.O:	Mr. G. Mickleburgh		Mr. J. Whit-
	S.R.O:	Miss. L. Humphries		marsh
	COMMITTEEMEN	Mr. L. Bear		
		Mr. J. Adams		

The President declared the meeting open at 1230 hours.

MINUTES: Following the reading of the minutes of the 1st meeting held October 27th, moved Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Bear that the minutes be accepted. — carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

SIGHTING REPORT MAPS:

The Scientific Advisory Officer reported to the meeting that the maps to be included on the back of the sighting reports forms were almost complete.

ADDRESS TO SOCIETY:

The Secretary and Vice-President reported that the address to the Society by Mr. Homer Eichhon on Wednesday 16th November proved a great success. Mr. Eichhon spoke at length of his experiences of UFOs, also of a group in America of which he was a member. All present were very interested in Mr. Eichhon's address following which questions were asked of him. Another American present, Mr. Z. Calrk, also contributed to a lively question and answer session. Mr. Eichhon intimated that he would be pleased to address the Society again before his return to America on December 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (OUT)
- (a) Letter to Flying Saucer Review (ex. Mr. L. Bear) enclosing a years subscription for the above magazine on behalf of the Society.
 - (b) Letter to Supt. Wra. enclosed with which was the minutes of the last meeting.
 - (c) Letter of invitation to Mr. Eichhon officially inviting him to address the Society on ~~Wednesday 16th November.~~ *Dec. 1st*
 - (d) Letter with cheque for \$1 to Secretary WERI for the hire of Theatre Annex for ~~Wednesday 16th November.~~ *Dec 1st*
 - (e) Following Mr. Eichhon's offer to address the Society again prior to his return to the U.S., a letter of invitation was extended to him for a tentative date of 1st December for the next address. Pending his confirmation, a discussion group will be called for this date.
- (IN)
- (a) Letter, together with first magazine and 'UFO EVIDENCE' was received from NICAP, in which the aims of this organisation was explained. These will be included, together with the magazine, in the December issue of the Journal.
 - (b) Letter from Mr. Lionel Beer, Secretary of BUFORA received outlining subscriptions, policies etc. This also will be included in the Dec. Journal.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER:

The President, on behalf of the committee, welcomed Miss Humphries to the committee in her capacity of Sighting Report Officer, following the resignation of Mr. M.L. Neale.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wallis, although absent, sent a written report to the President broadly encompassing the following:

- (a) Receipts to date total \$111.50
 - Payments 39.02
 - Balance 82.48
- (b) Twenty-nine financial members were now on the books.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported the following:

- (a) December Journal ready for issue mid-December
- (b) Bonus to December issue, Holiday Reading containing extracts from 'Incident at Exeter' completed and read for distribution.
- (b) Receipt of Anatomy of a Phenomenon, details of which can be found under SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ETC:

Following the letter received from BUFORA, moved Mr. J. Adams, seconded Mr. J. McCarthy, that Mr. Rock, on behalf of the Society, subscribe to the BUFORA bi-monthly magazine at the cost of \$1.1.0 stg per year. — carried.

Mr. McCarthy, who on behalf of the Society now subscribes to NICAP, reported that he had received the following:

- (a) The first copy of UFO Investigator, NICAP's bi-monthly publication. (To be included in the December Journal, thence to the Library for circulation).
- (b) NICAP's 1964 assessment, a 22,000 word document entitled 'UFO EVIDENCE' shortly to be included in the Lending Library Section.
- (c) An example of NICAP's sighting report form which was handed to the S.A.O. and S.R.O. for their joint perusal. (This document may be of help in compiling a new sighting report form should the need arise).

Mrs. Ross reported that she had received 'Anatomy of a Phenomenon' which has now been put into the Lending Library section and is already on loan.

Prior to the next meeting, the Secretary was asked to gather information on the British Interplanetary Society for possible consideration. Discussion of membership, pending information received, will then take place.

DISCUSSION GROUP:

Following Mr. Eichhon's kind offer the following arrangements have been made:

- (a) The Theatre Annex has been booked by the Secretary through Secretary WERI for Thursday evening, 1st December.
- (b) Notice to members, via telephone, pending Mr. Eichhon's confirmation to be made as soon as possible.
- (c) Letter plus cheque for hire of hall (\$1) to be forwarded to Secretary WERI as soon as possible.
- (d) Supper for this evening has been arranged as follows:
Miss Humphries, Mrs. Ross sandwiches, and iced tea.
Mrs. Rock, small cakes and iced tea.
- (e) Letter of invitation has already been sent to Mr. Z. Clark to attend.

ADDITION TO OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to the Librarian, Mrs. A. Holmes, on resignation prior to impending departure from the area.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The President asked that the next committee meeting to held within the next three weeks, thus clearing up 1966 business prior to Stand-down period.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the President at 1315 hrs.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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Secretary,
Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society,
c/- Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA

1st November, 1966.

File Ref. 56/483

Superintendent,
Col. J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes for the S.T.A.R.S. Committee meeting held at 1230 hours, Thursday 27th October, 1966.

Yours faithfully,

(P.J. Ross)
Secretary



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MINUTES

of the

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society, held Thursday 27th
October, 1966 at 1230 hours.

Those Present:

President: Mr. J. McCarthy
V. President: Mr. M.O.V. Rock
Secretary: Mrs. P.J. Ross
Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallis
S.A. Off: Mr. G. Mickleburgh
S.R. Off: Mr. M.L. Neale
Committeemen: Mr. J. Whitmarsh
Mr. L. Bear

Apologies:

Mr. J. Adams
Mr. J. Russell
Mrs. A. Holmes

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1235 hours.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Following the reading of the minutes for the last committee meeting held on the 4th October, moved Mr. G. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock that they be accepted. — carried.

Business arising from the minutes.

JOURNAL:

The Secretary reported that part one of 'Case for the UFO' has been included in the November issue of the Journal. A full list of committee members now appears on the opening page as directed at the last meeting.

SIGHTING REPORTS:

The revised sighting report form was issued to members, together with a news-letter, on October 13th. Members were asked to scan same, note any suggested amendments at the bottom of the form and return this to the Scientific Advisory Officer. The S.A.O. advised that a full-scale map, together with maps for inclusion with the sighting report forms were well under way. A master copy of both these will be produced and reproductions then made.

AFFILIATION WITH WERI:

The President, after speaking with Mr. Armstrong, (A WERI representative) on the possibility of the Society's affiliation with the above group, ascertained that, as WERI gave no assistance to the purchase of periodicals etc. for Society use, that affiliation at this stage was not desirable. The matter was put into abeyance for possible consideration at a later date.

RESIGNATION AND REPLACEMENT OF SIGHTING REPORT OFFICER:

Following Mr. Neale's resignation from the position of Sighting Report Officer submitted at the last committee meeting, moved Mr. Neale, seconded Mr. O. Rock, that Miss L. Humphries be seconded by the committee to fill the above position. — carried.

ADDRESS TO SOCIETY:

The President sent a letter of enquiry to the Superintendent asking permission for Mr. Homer Eichhon of the American Sparta Team to address the Society on his personal experiences with UFOs.

The Superintendent's letter, dated 17th October, gave permission underlining the following:

'Your speaker should be made aware of the conditions under which you are permitted to operate as outlined in my letter of the 3rd June, 1966.'

Following discussion the following points were decided:

- (1) The Secretary was asked to inquire on the availability of the Theatre Annex for a Discussion Group to be held on Wednesday, 16th November.
- (2) Upon confirmation from WERI of November 16th, an invitation will be extended, in writing, to Mr. Eichhon to address the Society. This invitation will include conditions as laid down by Supt. Wra. in his letter dated 3rd June, 1966.

(Mr. Bear advised that Mr. Eichhon would be free most evenings and would be pleased to come along. Upon telephone confirmation of the above date, with Mr. Eichhon, the Secretary will then send the formal letter as outlined above.)

- (3) When the above has been accomplished, invitations will then be circulated to members, advising them of the forthcoming discussion group, together with advice of Mr. Eichhon's address.

New Business

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Mickleburgh reported that he had received a circular from the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch), advising annual subscription rates etc. As the cost is \$4.20 per year, and only two magazines are issued annually, (the contents mainly being clips from Australian newspapers) the committee decided against subscription. We now subscribe to a news-clipping service which adequately covers the contents of the above magazine.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mr. Wallis, reported that cash at bank at the moment stood at \$66 with \$3 in petty cash. Membership to date stood at 23.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The Secretary reported that :
- (1) Pamphlet on the recently published book, 'The Flying Saucer Story' by Brinsley Le Poer Trench was to hand
 - (2) Pending decision by the committee, a copy of 'Anatomy of a Phenomenon' by Jacques Vallee would be to hand in approximately two weeks.
 - (3) First three clippings had been received from the Australian Press Cutting Agency and these had been included in the November issue of the Society's Journal
 - (4) The November issue of the Journal was complete and ready for distribution on November 1st.

SOCIETY PURCHASES:

- Moved Mr. Neale, seconded Mr. Mickleburgh, that the following publications be purchased for the Society:
- (1) 'Flying Saucer Story' by Brinsley Le Poer Trench to be purchased, at the Society's expense, by Mr. G. Wallis
 - (2) 'Anatomy of a Phenomenon' by Jacques Vallee be purchased by Mrs. Ross at the Society's expense.
 - (3) Mr. Bear will, at the Society's expense, subscribe to 'Flying Saucer Review' for the Society's use. (Annual subscription 30s stg.) Mr. Bear's address for this purpose, to be Box 296, P.O., WRA.— carried.

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The President and committee extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams on their recent sad bereavement. A card will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Adams at the earliest opportunity.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Pending travel programming, the next committee meeting will be held in three to five weeks. Telephone confirmation will be made at a later date.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1315 hrs.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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Col. J.D. Honeysett

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17th October, 1966

Mr. J. McCarthy,
President,
S.T. & A.R.S.,
C/o Senior Mess,
WOOMERA, S.A.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th October, 1966, I have no objection to Mr. Eichhon of the American Sparta Team talking to your Society on his personal experiences with UFO's.

2. However, your speaker should be made aware of the conditions under which you are permitted to operate as outlined in my letter of the 3rd June, 1966.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel,
SUPERINTENDENT.

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Mr. J. McCarthy,
President,
Scientific, Technical &
Astronomical Research Society,
c/- Senior Mess,
WOOMERA

13th October, 1966.

File Ref. 56/483

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Superintendent,
Col. J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

At a recent S.T.A.R.S. Committee Meeting, it was learned that Mr. Homer Eichhon, a logistics officer with the American SPARTA team, has had some interesting personal experiences with UFOs, and the question was raised of the possibility of his addressing the Society concerning these experiences.

The Society would be grateful for a ruling concerning Mr. Eichhon, in the light of paragraph (d) of your letter, ref. "publicity on the formation of a club in Woomera", dated 3rd June, 1966.

Yours faithfully,

J. McCarthy
J. McCarthy,
President



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Scientific, Technical &
Astronomical Research Soc.,
c/- P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA

13th October, 1966.

File Ref. 56/483.

Superintendent,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Technical Services Area,
Range Headquarters Building,
WOOMERA

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of our minutes of our monthly committee meeting held on Tuesday, 4th October, 1966.

Together with the above, I enclose a copy of our latest Journal for your perusal. Should you wish future copies of the Journal submitted to your office we would be only too happy to pass these on.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick J. Ross

P.J. Ross,
Secretary

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A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'SW', written in blue ink. It consists of a stylized 'S' followed by a 'W' and a large, loopy flourish below it.

MINUTES

for

Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society

held at 25 Carcoola St., Tuesday 4th October, 1966.

Those Present:

President: Mr. J. McCarthy
V. President: Mr. O. Rock
Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
Scientific Advisory Off: Mr. G. Mickleburgh
Sighting Report Off: Mr. M.L. Neale
Librarian: Mrs. A. Holmes
Committeemen: Mr. J. Whitmarsh
Mr. L. Bear

Apologies:

Mr. J. Russell
Mr. J. Adams
Mr. G. Wallis

The Chairman, Mr. J. McCarthy, declared the meeting open at 2005 hours.

MINUTES: Following the reading of the minutes of the last committee meeting held on Tuesday, 13th September, moved Mr. M.L. Neale, seconded Mr. J. Whitmarsh, that the minutes be accepted. — carried.

Business arising from the minutes.

JOURNAL: The Secretary reported to the committee that due to the unavailability of the book, 'The Case for the UFO', it was not possible to include the first section of this serialisation in the October issue. The committee recommended that a full list of the committee be carried on the front page of the next and subsequent Journals, thus enabling members to 'know their committee'. 'Phone numbers for the Scientific Advisory Officer and Sighting Report Officer will be included in this list.

HIRE OF HALLS:

The Secretary presented to the committee a list of halls available for hire for discussion groups within the Woomera Area together with the cost per evening for each hall. Following discussion, moved Mr. L. Bear, seconded Mr. G. Mickleburgh, that the Theatre Annex, at the cost of \$1 per evening, be used for future discussion groups. (Facilities are available in this hall for supper if required; i.e., hot water etc.)
— carried.

SIGHTING REPORTS:

The Scientific Advisory Officer and the Sighting Report Officer presented the revised format of the Sighting Report Form to the committee for discussion. It was decided that copies of the revised format be submitted to all Society members for comment and any suggested improvements. Maps to be attached to the Sighting Report Form are not yet complete but will be available for perusal at the next committee meeting.

AFFILIATION WITH W.E.R.I.:

The President advised the committee that, to date, he had been unable to contact the Chairman WERI for a fuller explanation of affiliation, but hoped to do so in the near future.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mr. Wallis, approached the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales with the following results:
(a) An account has been opened with the above bank in the name of Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society (S.T.A.R.S.)
(b) The Manager, Mr. A. Moore, has agreed to act as the Society's Auditor when the need arises.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Secretary and Treasurer advised the meeting that all letters and monies involving magazine subscriptions had been posted.

NEWSCUTTINGS:

A letter of enquiry into the possible subscription by the Society to a newscutting service had been posted.

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POSTAGE RATES FOR MAIL (SECOND-CLASS AIRMAIL) FROM U.K. AND U.S.A:

The Post Master Woomera advised the Secretary that he was unable to supply the incoming rates from overseas, however Mr. Neale advised the committee that second-class airmail rates from the U.K. were 10d sterling per bundle. (Providing this bundle did not exceed the wrapper).

New Business.

LIBRARY:

Following books now held by Society:

2 copies of 'Flying Saucers over Australia' by J. Haldge
(donated by M.L. Neale and P.J. Ross)

June Reader's Digest containing an excerpt from John G. Fuller's
'Incident at Exeter'.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Following the receipt of a letter from 'Australian Press Cutting Agency' outlining cost of 12-monthly newscutting service (\$8 per 100 clippings, \$50 per 1,000 clippings, to expire either at the end of the twelve-monthly period or fulfilling of the stated number prior to this), moved Mr. Neale, seconded Mrs. A. Holmes, that the Secretary submit a letter to the above Agency accepting their '\$8 per 100 clippings' contract. If this scheme proves to be satisfactory the committee will then take steps to renew the subscription at the appropriate time. (A Cheque from the Treasurer for \$8 will be included with this letter). — carried.

RESIGNATION:

A letter from Mr. M.L. Neale, addressed to the Chairman, was read to the Committee by the Secretary. In this letter Mr. Neale gave notice of his pending resignation to take effect from Monday, 7th November, 1966.

Vote of Thanks

The President moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Neale for his valuable help in establishing the Society and his continued interest in the Societies activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wallis, although unable to attend the meeting personally, submitted the following written report:

- (1) 12 members have so far paid \$4 subscription fees.
- (2) \$1 paid for hire of hall for A.G.M.
\$5 Petty Cash paid to Secretary
- (3) \$9 draft to NICAP for magazine subscriptions paid.
- (4) In round figures, \$33 cash in hand at Bank.

ADDRESS TO SOCIETY:

Mr. Bear mentioned to the committee that an American, Mr. Homer Eichen would be willing to address the Society on UFOs and associated subject, on which he has had considerable experience. Security-wise, the above subject is currently under investigation.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Pending Trials Programming, the next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25th October. Confirmation by telephone will be given at a later date.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2140 hours.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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OCTOBER '66

S T O P P R E S S

Another Sighting near Mt. Gunstan by local resident.

On the evening of the 23rd September, at approximately 10.30 p.m., local resident, Mr. D.P. McGregor, sighted a circular object coloured like that of a car headlight, beyond Mt. Gunstan on the Port Augusta road.

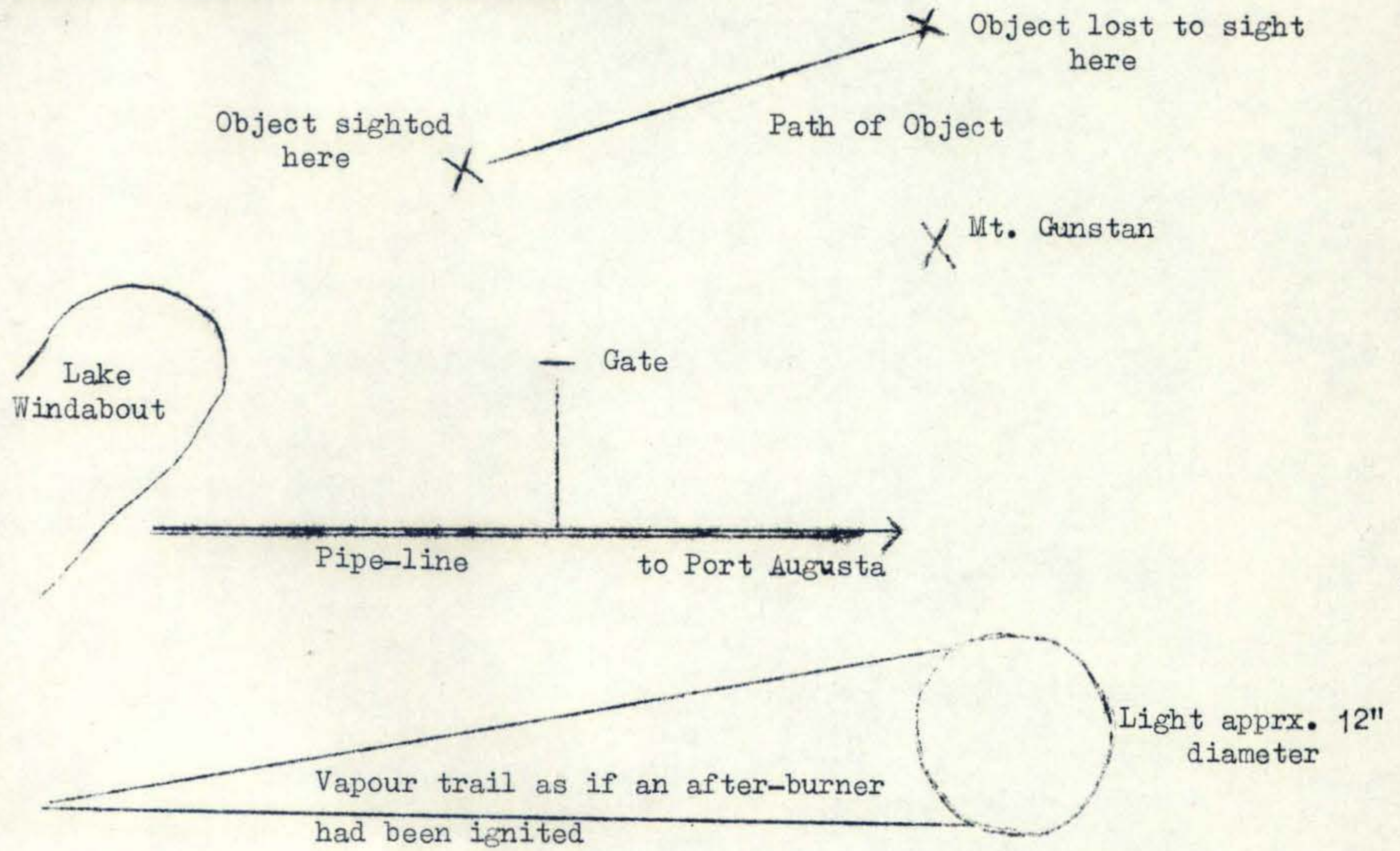
No cloud was evident, the moon was high, no other object was in the sky at that time and the object was sighted with the naked eye. Illumination was visible and the object travelled in straight flight behind Mt. Gunstan toward Port Augusta. It was approximately 12" in diameter and appeared to have a vapour trail of approximately 6' (as if an after burner was ignited - observer's comment).

A sketch of the location of the sighting and object sighted appears below.

Members may recall that a similar sighting in approximately the same vicinity was made in our newsletter issued to members prior to our Annual General Meeting held on 31st August.

Following is the description of the first object sighted in this area.

"July 30 at approx. 1930 hours. The object was first sighted on the Port Augusta road at Wirrapa, looking in a S.Easterly direction towards Mt. Gunstan. Clear sky and bright stars. The object was round, bright blue phosphorescent light with an apparent fiery-coloured jet-stream trailing it. It travelled horizontally along the top of trees in the area in a S.Easterly direction and was apparent for full traverse of field of view. No aircraft were reported in the area at this time. No sound was heard. Five witnesses.



No aircraft were reported to be in the air at the time the sighting was observed, and investigation to date has not been able to establish the identity of the object.

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Journal for October, 1966. Vol 1, Nr.3

N.B.: The views expressed in the following articles are not necessarily those held by the Society.

Local News: Since the 28th August, no local sightings have been reported.

UNIVERSE THAT RUNS BACKWARD from the News, late August.

London, Today (AAP) - The universe may be surrounded by another invisible one in which time runs backwards, says an article in the scientific journal, Nature.

The author, Dr. F.R. Stannard, a physicist of University College, London, argues that, while the known universe experiences time as a one-way process, this apparent lop-sidedness could be illusory.

Nature, he says, could be deeply symmetrical so that the universe is balanced by another, governed by the same physical laws, but in which time is reversed.

This could account for some queer features of physical laws and explain some peculiar phenomena emerging in sub-nuclear physics.

Dr. Stannard suggests that the postulated time-reversed universe could be called "Faustian," with undetected matter existing all around, and with Faustian galaxies in the sky absorbing, rather than emitting light, and therefore not observed by astronomers.

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He says we might try to observe them by fitting a telescope with a heat-sensitive device, searching the sky for "cold spots" - places where energy is being sucked into a kind of cold hole rather than being radiated outwards.

Dr. Stannard suggests that the existence of a Faustian universe could explain some peculiar behaviour of atomic particles called K-mesons, currently a major mystery in physics.

These particles normally decay rapidly into other particles, but some seem to live much longer than they should.

This could be explained by K-mesons doing a "time-flip" into the Faustian universe where they would grow younger before time-flipping back again.

If communication with the Faustian universe could be extended, some unnerving paradoxes would arise.

Younger

The inhabitants of a Faustian universe would appear to be getting younger. Their lives would be terminated by birth, and parents would always outlive their children.

They could inform us of events lying in our future (which would be their past) and vice versa.

Dr. Stannard concludes his paper by mentioning "the interesting possibility that if some means exists for the transfer of matter between the Faustian universe and ours, a perpetual state of mutual regeneration could be established."

(In the Middle Ages Faust, or Faustus, was known by legend as the arch-magician, but in the nineteenth century, as in Goethe's drama, he symbolised the unsatisfied yearning for the human intellect for "more than earthly meat and drink.")

WHY UFOs GO by Major Donald D. Keyhoe

Extracted from the January edition of "True" magazine.

Editor's note: Major Keyhoe has been writing about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) in this magazine and elsewhere for over 15 years. From the outset he has insisted that flying saucers are real and interplanetary, and many authorities have come to agree with him. Now he claims that control over gravity itself is the only explanation for the astounding maneuvers which saucers are said to make. Some physicists dismiss this theory as fundamentally erroneous. But, as you will read, there are others who find Major Keyhoe's latest chapter in "The Great Flying Saucer Story" important and plausible.

One night last February, over the North Pacific, a Flying Tiger airlines crew had a startling aerial encounter. What they saw is a clue to a fantastic technical mystery. In its solution lies a prize so great that six government agencies are searching for it right now. The answer may not be far off. What they are searching for is

the secret of gravity control.

About midnight, on February 15, the Flying Tiger plane, carrying a military group from the U.S. to Japan, was four hours out of Anchorage. Suddenly the cockpit radar picked up three fast-moving objects. The plane captain and his crew looked out at the side and saw three huge oval-shaped ships, glowing red in the night.

An Air Force captain who was a passenger on the plane was called forward to confirm the sighting. His signed report is in the files of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

According to the captain's report, the unknown machines slowed down to the airliner's speed and flew in close formation. Five miles away, by radar range, they leveled off to pace the plane. The Air Force captain computed their length as much more than 700 feet. It was plain that the giant UFOs had an unknown type of propulsion. No jets, no exhausts were visible. For 30 minutes, still in formation, they climbed and continued to pace the plane. Then, swiftly accelerating to 1,200 knots, they climbed out of sight in seconds.

This startlingly swift acceleration is a maneuver that could not be duplicated by any ship now made on Earth. What makes it possible for UFOs? According to many scientists and engineers, there is only one possible answer. The answer is antigravity: artificial gravity fields and control of gravity power.

Control of gravity is something that men have been dreaming about for centuries. Now it appears that we are on the threshold of achieving it. Its value, to the country that first attains it, is incalculable. Our government, hoping for a technical breakthrough, has set up 46 different research projects on various aspects of gravity control. The Air Force is running 33 of these projects and the others are divided among five other agencies.

Included in the 46 government projects are experiments and research at two Air Force Laboratories (Flight Dynamics and General Physics Research), Radio Corporation of America, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and several technical engineering centres. In addition, official projects are being carried out at Barkley and Dexter Laboratories, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa; Stevens Institute of Technology; the universities of California, Denver, Harvard, Indiana, Manchester (England), Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Purdue, Stockholm (Sweden), Syracuse, Texas, and two New York schools — Queens College and Yeshiva Graduate School of Science.

And, of course, some government agencies have projects so secret that they are not publicly registered and cannot be revealed without permission.

Private industry is also looking at the question of gravity control with new seriousness. A large number of giant corporations, including Bell Aerospace, General Electric, Hughes Aircraft, Boeing, Douglas and many others, have set up gravity projects.

If you add up all the known gravity programs being run by the government and private industry, you get somewhere between 65 and 70 projects. This means there is a heavy concentration of scientific and engineering brains working on the problem.

One leading scientist who is convinced that UFOs are spaceships using gravity control is Dr. Hermann Oberth. Dr. Oberth, a recognized authority, was co-designer of the V2 rocket and later a U.S. special consultant at Huntsville, Alabama, one of the installations where important antigravity research is now under way.

"With ordinary propulsion," Dr. Oberth told me in 1961, "such violent accelerations and maneuvers would endanger the ship. Also, the force would crush any creatures aboard against the rear or sides of the machine. But with an artificial gravity field the force applies simultaneously to the passengers and the spaceship. Even in swift changes of speed and direction, the ship is not strained and the passengers feel nothing."

Today, Dr. Oberth is willing to go further. He is now of the opinion "that energy, inertia and gravitational fields are only aspects of one and the same thing" and that it will prove impossible to separate them from each other. What he has in mind he says, is "not yet known fields of force" which can be used to accelerate material objects in a way similar to the force of gravity.

Another noted authority who agrees that UFOs are using artificial G fields is William P. Lear, Sr., (see "Hard-nosed Gambler in the plane game" in this issue), multimillionaire inventor, pilot, designer of air and space equipment and builder of jet aircraft. Lear, who once sighted a UFO from his executive plane, predicts that future U.S. vehicles will also use artificial gravity. "The people on board would probably not feel any more effect," Lear says, "than they do from the tremendous speed of the Earth as it rotates and orbits the sun."

Several years ago, Glenn Martin's vice-president for advanced design, G.S. Trimble, predicted that by 1985 practically all airliners would be using artificial gravity, flying at almost unbelievable speeds. At about the same time, future airliner speeds of 10,000 mph or more were pictured by Dr. Walter Dornberger, then Bell Air-

craft's chief guided-missile scientist and now president of Bell Aerospace.

Grover Loening, pioneer aircraft builder and consultant to the Air Force, said it even more strongly. "I believe that before long man will acquire the ability to build an electromagnetic contragravity mechanism that works," he stated.

A top official of Bethlehem Steel, Jesse V. Honeycutt, has indicated some of the results we can expect if Loening is right. "Serious research is being concentrated in an attempt to solve the mystery of gravity and bring about a control of its power . . .

"It would bring about a greater revolution in power, transportation and many other fields than the discovery of atomic power," he stated.

Antigravity? It seems inconceivable. Yet, the search goes on and many responsible men believe the answer will be found. And, to my mind, it is the only possible explanation for the performance of the UFOs.

The stakes are so high that no clue can be overlooked. The Air Force Technical Intelligence, hunting for overlooked leads, is carefully checking hundreds of verified UFO reports. Hopefully, some of them will help us find out how these strange vehicles operate.

Four days before Christmas, 1964, a round, metallic craft about 125 feet in diameter was observed to make a brief landing in a field near Staunton, Virginia. Two Du Pont scientists later took Geiger counters to the site.

"It was 'hot' -- highly radioactive," Du Pont engineer Lawrence Cook reported. "We checked for 45 minutes -- it was definitely 'hot'."

In Puerto Rico, near dusk on December 26, 1964, Ramey Air Force Base radar spotted two large discs. As A4D jets streaked up to pursue them, the discs accelerated to terrific speed. Making instant right-angle turns -- impossible for any known aircraft -- they vanished over the Atlantic.

On March 21, 1965, Capt. Yoshiaki Inada, piloting a Toa Airlines Convair on a domestic Japanese flight, was chased by a "mysterious, elliptical luminous object." Flying close to the plane, the UFO blanked out his radio and "violently interfered" with his automatic direction finding equipment.

Puzzling earlier cases also being rechecked are: On July 1, 1954, an AF F-94 -- a two-man jet -- was scrambled to chase a UFO near Walesville, New York. When the pilot tried to close in, a sudden, unbearable heat filled the cockpit. Half-dazed, the pilot and radar officer bailed out. The jet crashed in the street, killing two children and their parents.

These odd phenomena, high radiation, mysterious heat and electrical interference may be side effects of gravity control devices.

Like most people, you probably took gravity for granted before space flights began. Now you know, for example, that one "G" is the Earth's normal gravitational pull. This is what holds you to the seat of your chair -- and more important, keeps you from being tossed into the air by the earth's rotation. You feel two or three G's in a roller coaster or a stunting plane -- a mere hint of what our astronauts have to endure during blast-off and acceleration.

But gravity causes a lot of trouble and expense we seldom think about. Aircraft and rocket builders have to provide heavy engines, huge weights of fuel, just to offset gravity. In construction of buildings, bridges, and in a hundred other ways, G affects our lives and adds billions to the cost of work.

Gravity control could reduce or end many of these problems.

How soon can we expect antigravity?

Some researchers say it may take a long time. Others believe there may be a sudden breakthrough. If that happens, there will be some fantastic results.

First, obviously, our space programme would take a big leap forward. Instead of our present wasteful rockets, we could build spaceships matching the UFOs high speeds and maneuvers. With such advanced ships, we could make swift flights to the moon and the planets.

Recently, Alexander de Siversky stated that "with abundant energy available, we will move in space with constant acceleration or deceleration. Accelerating half-way to our goal and decelerating the rest of the way at one G or 32.2 feet per sec., the moon will be reached in three and a half hours, Venus in 36 hours, Mars in two days, Jupiter in six."

According to Oberth, German physicist Burkhard Heim and other scientists, gravity control will enable spaceships to reach even greater speeds than these; with such advanced machines, we could explore the nearest star systems a century or more ahead of our present timetable.

Using carrier or "parent" ships with short-range probes, we could fully explore a planet -- either by remote control or direct observation -- before attempting to land. Many cases are on record in which large UFOs have launched small units, apparently for close observation of the Earth, then retrieved them in swift, precise operations.

In one such case (an official AF Intelligence report), groups of small UFOs flying at 5240 mph were seen and tracked by the crew of an AF B-29. One group, after abruptly slowing to pace the bomber, resumed its speed within seconds. The small UFOs were then seen to merge with or go aboard a huge carrier which accelerated to more than 9,000 mph before it disappeared.

Because of G-craft's tremendous speeds, the picture of possible military operations becomes hair-raising. Let's take as a basis the figure in a documented case at White Sands Proving Ground, where Navy scientists saw and tracked a UFO flying at 18,000 mph.

Such terrific speeds could put bombers back into the picture in place of missiles. Attacks by G-bombers from bases near major targets would take less than five minutes. If a "brush-fire" war broke out halfway around the world, a huge transport carrying a fully armed division -- or even an army -- could be on the scene in 40 minutes, or less.

Another effect of gravity control will be a big change in air travel. Here's what a G-liner trip would be like, according to several researchers. Let's say you are making a flight from New York to London. You go aboard a large ship -- probably disc-shaped, from present indications. Your seat has no safety belts -- none are needed. The ship takes off vertically, accelerating at incredible speed, you feel weightless but you feel no motion.

The airliner arcs up into a great circle course, silently, with no "bumps" -- no rough air. In 10 to 15 minutes, London suddenly takes shape below. There is no long approach, skimming over rooftops. You descend vertically and land. If traffic is heavy, your pilot would stop the ship in midair and hover until cleared.

In spite of the speed, you'd be safer -- especially in regard to many of the strange eddies which have thrown jet airliners into uncontrollable dives.

In probing the riddle of gravity, project scientists try widely different approaches -- some even contrary to accepted natural laws.

Under an Army contract, a University of Detroit team has built a 4,000-pound, specially wired rotor which spins at 100,000 rpm. With this unique device, scientists are testing gravitational radiation theories searching for a possible key to G control.

Using gravity meters based on new principles of physics, Air Force teams make frequent flights around the equator and over the poles, to speed up worldwide measurement of the earth's gravitational pull. Tied in with this is a network of gravity stations and special projects all over the world.

Though no breakthrough has occurred (unless in highly secret projects) two significant facts have been established.

1. The Earth's G field is relatively weak compared with the pull of gravity between planets and the sun.

2. There is a connection between gravity and electromagnetic fields.

Igor Sikorsky, discussing the colossal force of spatial G., says a steel cable about 8,000 miles thick would be needed to hold the Earth in its orbit -- if it were not for gravity.

But, fortunately for our anti-G search, the Earth's gravity pull, for objects on the ground or at average flight altitudes, is fairly small. Likewise, the force required to cancel its pull would be relatively small -- if a method can be found.

Using various barriers we can shield ourselves from heat, light and sound waves, but, so far, no way has been found to create a gravity shield. Some scientists still call the gravity shield idea a "lunatic fringe" notion. But many now refuse to say that such a thing is completely impossible.

Are UFOs using a gravity shield? In an effort to find out, the Air Force is renewing its attempts to capture a UFO. If we could get one on the ground, undamaged, it might make possible a big shortcut in our gravity research and save us years of slow, tedious scientific work.

In the past, many Air Force pilots have tried to down UFOs without success. But the Air Force has new reason for hope now, based on the recent increase in low-altitude UFO approaches and "touch landings."

On the night of Jan. 12, 1965, an officer of a federal law enforcement agency had a close encounter. As he was driving his official car toward Blaine Air Force base, in Washington, a flying disc 30 feet in diameter hurtled down at his automobile. At the last moment the disc arced up steeply, avoiding collision. When the officer jumped out, he saw the UFO hovering overhead. After a minute, it shot up into clouds, at high speed. A short time afterward, the UFO -- or a similar one -- was seen landing in a field near Blaine, melting the snow and scorching the ground before it took off. When the AF questioned the federal officer, they said they had tracked the UFO by radar as it raced down toward his car. This officer, like many other UFO witnesses, was warned by his superiors not to let his name be used in connection with the sighting.

On Jan. 27, 1965, two NASA engineers sighted a UFO which touch landed near Hampton, Virginia. One witness was Maj. John Nayadley, a retired AF jet pilot. The other was A.G. Crimmins, who saw the strange machine maneuvering toward the ground.

"It was zigzagging as if searching for a landing spot," said Crimmins. "I watched it through 20 x 50 binoculars and I could see flashing lights. They appeared to be on the rim of a rapidly rotating disc."

Before anyone could reach the spot, the flying saucer took off and rapidly climbed out of sight.

The step-up in UFO chases was demonstrated at Washington, D.C. on Jan. 11, 1965, when AF jets pursued several flying objects over the city. The chase was confirmed by an Army lieutenant-colonel and a group of Army communications specialists.

If jets had been near any of the "touch" sites, they might have swarmed down and kept the UFO from getting away. But records of previous attempts to capture UFOs indicate it will be a tough job.

Whether we capture a UFO or not, the search for the elusive secret will go on. The connection between gravity and electromagnetic fields may provide the key to the mystery.

For several years, Burkhard Heim, director of the German Research Institute of Field Physics at Goettingen, Germany, has been searching for the answer to the gravity riddle. Finally, Heim revealed that by direct experimentation he had discovered a positive lead to antigravity. The discovery involved an intermediate field, neither electromagnetic nor gravitational.

The results, Heim stated, if applied to space flight, would be direct levitation, conversion of electricity into kinetic energy without any waste, and "immunizing the occupants and the structures of such vehicles against any effects from acceleration of the vehicle, however great and violent."

After the first shock, several scientists examined Heim's claims.

"His approach is not in conflict with known laws of nature, and it agrees with the quantum theory," A.R. Weyl said in an analysis for the British magazine, *Aeronautics*. "If Heim were right, the amazing properties commonly ascribed to the 'Mysterious flying saucers' would be, in fact, sound physics and proper engineering."

Heim's work toward the goal of an actual antigravity device using "field inducers" has evidently been put under official German security. He has refused to divulge the key to his formula.

Heim's findings would indicate that antigravity researchers may discover new scientific laws and that their work may invalidate old theories. Some scientists are already saying privately that Einstein's famous "general theory of relativity" may turn out to be totally fallacious. Newton's law has also come in for attacks. However, Robert Forward, G. expert of Hughes Aircraft Company, uses the Einstein theory to show that it is possible to partially nullify the Earth's gravitational field. The amount of nullification obtainable with present-day technology is extremely small, however. Forward predicts that some day, when our technology is greatly advanced, we will be able to "create artificial gravity fields at will."

With a real all-out effort this could happen a lot sooner than the 10 or 20 years many scientists have in mind.

But getting enough top men to work in the field is a problem. One scientist says, "Scientists are sensitive about their reputations and many of them still think antigravity is a joke. If they knew the facts, they'd be eager to get into it."

Fear among scientists is partially due to the Air Force censorship of UFO reports. Air Force censors not only hide the facts but also belittle those who publicly report UFO sightings.

One recent victim was Dempsey Bruton, chief of satellite tracking at NASA's Wallops Island station in Virginia. On Jan. 5, 1965, Burton saw a strange round object flying at terrific speed toward the station. After it passed overhead, the UFO shot straight up out of sight. Using the elapsed time - six to nine seconds - and angles and times reported by other witnesses, Bruton said the speed was definitely "several thousand miles per hour, possibly 8,000 mph. or even higher." The AF, implying he was incompetent, rejected the report and said it was not evidence of any technically superior machine.

But AF policy notwithstanding, the drive to get the secret of antigravity is well underway. It can't be stopped now. But it can be speeded up. We are already spending billions on the space program - on the race to the moon, to Mars. Harnessing gravity could put us years ahead and save us enormous sums of money.

With control of the universe at stake, a crash program is imperative. We produced the A-bomb, under the huge Manhattan Project, in an amazingly short time. The needs, the urgency today are even greater. The Force should end UFO secrecy, give the facts to scientists, the public, to Congress. Once the people realize the truth, they would back - even demand - a crash G programme.

For this is one race we dare not lose.

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THE MADRID LANDING by Antonio Ribera.

On February 8, 1966, the whole Spanish press published the following report, which had been sent to the newspapers by the CIFRA Agency:

"Madrid: February 7. It was about 8 p.m. yesterday, Sunday, when in the suburb of Aluche, near the Casa de Campo, an object which was unidentified but which, from the descriptions given by witnesses, corresponded to the characteristics of the so-called 'flying saucers', touched down in the grounds of the 'El Relajal' property and took off again a few seconds later, vanishing in the sky.

"There remain, as vestigial evidence of the presence of this object, an area of ground -- not very extensive -- that almost has the appearance of having been burnt, and the emphatic statements of various witnesses of the occurrence. One of the witnesses was unwilling to give his name, for fear of publicity; the other witness who watched from a window, the arrival and the departure of the strange object, is Vicente Ortuno. Their descriptions agree in affirming that 'an orange-coloured disc came down, landed, and then took off again at great speed'. All this at 8 p.m. yesterday, Sunday.

"The witnesses, no doubt put off by all the stories that have been told about the 'flying saucers', were unwilling to say that the episode involved one of these machines. But they do agree in stating flatly that it was neither an aeroplane nor a helicopter. We, for our part, neither confirm nor deny this report which, once again, reads as though it might well belong in the realm of science fiction tales.

"The concrete and undeniable fact, however, is that there are two witnesses and an area of scorched earth, all testifying to the appearance of a strange flying object yesterday in Madrid. And, as a final point, we must add that when we got in touch with the Madrid Observatory and the Barajas observation tower, both these bodies advised us that at the time in question they had detected the presence of no unidentified object over Madrid."

To begin with, all the information I possessed about this case (which presented considerable semblance of being true) consisted merely of what had appeared in the Spanish press. The CIFRA report only named one of the witnesses, but without an address so that any investigation was a bit difficult. But a few days later my friend and fellow-worker Dona Cecilia C. de Puig told me that the review Porque for February 16 had an article on the case and giving the address of Senor Jose Luis Jordan, one of the two witnesses.

So I bought a copy of it and read the article by Jose Luis Pimentel, their special correspondent who had interviewed this witness and two others. The rest of the article consisted of 'far-out' statements by a fourth person interviewed - a 'professor' according to his own designation - who devotes himself to rapturous speculations concerning the 'Space Beings' with whom he claims to be in telepathic contact, and who keep him posted as to their own comings and goings (inclusive of course of the particular landing of the saucer in question, about which he knew four days previously. What a magnificent missed opportunity to deliver a prophecy!)

After interviewing Sr. Jose Jordan, the Porque reporter saw two other witnesses, namely a lady named Dona Maria Ruiz Torres, of Aluche, and the watchman Juan Jimenez Diaz, who likewise saw the mysterious craft appear.

The interview with Dona Maria Ruiz follows:

"I was sitting quietly at the window when suddenly I saw something very strange dropping silently from the sky. I watched closely, thinking it was some kind of aircraft, but when I saw it nearer, I was petrified."

"Why?"

"I realised it was something quite exceptional. I became more frightened."

"Could you distinguish anything special about it?"

"Yes, I kept my eyes glued on it, and I could see a gigantic eye through the glass of a window, or at least it seemed to me to be a window."

The watchman Juan Jimenez Diaz made the following statement:

"If you want to know, I did not move from the spot where I was. I realised right from the very first moment what it was."

"What?"

"Something not of our world."

"But what do you base yourself on?"

"If you had seen it, you'd have understood all right. It was a most peculiar machine, something very striking. I think whoever was in it tried to land."

"How do you know that?"

"I saw a sort of door that started to open, but then I didn't know why, it closed again and the thing flew off."

At this stage in the proceedings, Eugenio Danyans and I decided to write to Sr. Jordan, for, if his reply proved favourable, I intended to include his case in the book I am now writing.

In addition to the general features of the case that seemed quite typical and

'classical', there was one other fact, known only to Danyans and myself, which seemed to endorse the authenticity of the story. This was that my friend Baltasar Ruodulfo had told me that a certain Jorge Forcada was in Madrid on February 6, and that this gentleman found that the compass he always carries on him was showing curious perturbations, as if it were in the vicinity of a powerful magnetic field. Only much later did he learn about the 'landing' without at first attributing any relationship to these two facts.

In reply to his enquiry, Danyans received from Sr. Jordan a long letter dated February 26 and posted in Madrid. In this letter, Jordan started off by expressing his displeasure that the newspapers should have revealed his address, as this had exposed him to much annoyance. He then went on to describe, in the fullest detail, the episode of which he had been a witness. I reproduce here almost in toto in view of its extraordinary interest:-

"At about 8 p.m. on the night of February 6, I was coming home from the housing estate of Casilda De Bustos, where I had been that evening to visit friends. Night had fallen, and I was driving towards 'Housing Estate C' at Aluche, with my headlights on. Something suddenly struck my attention very forcibly. At first I thought I could identify it as a helicopter, but I altered my opinion straightaway, since so far as I am aware the rotor blades of helicopters aren't usually lit up. At first what I saw was a white disc, but its colour switched to yellow and then to orange as it approached. (This may not be the precise sequence of the colours, but that is how I seem to recall it). By then I had already stopped the car and got out, so as to be able to watch the 'peculiar aircraft'. I confess that, due to my inclination to put it down as a helicopter, the idea had not even entered my head that it might be one of those 'flying saucers' that the newspapers were constantly talking about last summer.

"The disc was approaching at what seemed to be a very great speed. (I don't venture to make any comparisons as regards the speed, for I am ignorant in aeronautical matters.) When the things passed over, almost right above my head, though still at a great height, its apparent diameter seemed to be about equivalent to the diameter of the steering wheel of a car. It was moving in a direction almost perpendicular to the runway of the Aeroclub. At that moment the idea came to me to remain right there where I was. About twelve metres behind me, or perhaps a bit more there was another man - I think he had a girl with him - and he too was looking upwards.

"When I looked at the disc again, I was puzzled to see that it was apparently coming down near the end of the road that I was on. I admit though that it did not at first surprise me, and in my own mind I at once found a logical explanation. We must bear in mind that the well-known Aero Club is not far from there, so there was nothing strange in the idea that they should be testing some aircraft prototype or other in the area. This was my first and immediate idea. But my curiosity was not satisfied, and this caused me to get in again and start up the car, to go to the place where the landing was going to be. And so it was that, being back in the car, I did not see the actual landing take place.

"As I was driving along, I noticed a small road leading off towards the Aero Club runway, and I felt that this would lead me right to the spot. Then, while I was still approaching the place - I was still in the car, and I applied the brakes suddenly - I saw the enormous disc rising again from the ground.

"I repeat, it was enormous, that is to say enormous in contrast to what I had been expecting to see. Its diameter must have been not less than 10 or 12 metres. I was so affected by the sight, that I can still remember even now how for some minutes afterwards my tongue remained dry and 'biscuity'.

"What shook me was not so much its great size as its astonishing luminosity. It would be more exact if I compared it with the brightness of those fluorescent paints used on road-signs, but much more vivid and intense. (There were no lights in the vicinity that could have caused this luminosity.) It gave out a steady muffled sound that reminded me of the hum of some electricity generating turbines that I visited some time ago in the marshlands of Jaen Province.

"The take-off, steady and uniform, was extremely fast, and I threw myself out of the car so as to be able to watch it though, I admit, my legs were trembling. I very much regret that the powerful shock I had experienced prevented me from noticing details, dazed as I was by the astonishing sight.

"It is useless to ask me whether I saw doors, or windows, or auxiliary instruments, or the precise outline of the machine. I noticed just one outstanding detail (apart from the support-legs which I will describe later.) This was that in the centre of the disc (i.e., in the 'belly' or lower part) there seemed to be what I imagine could have been a vent or an escape-hole for gases.

"Three big points struck out from the machine (almost certainly forming the

vertices of an equilateral triangle). I am certain of this, for the newspaper Informaciones, and also many witnesses, all declared that they saw the marks that were left, equidistant some 6 metres from each other. (See Informaciones, Feb. 9, 1966). These 'legs' or 'landing gear' ended in small squares or rectangles which were also luminous.

"I could describe several possible models for those support-legs, without however daring to go so far as to identify precisely any of them as being the actual thing.

"I am in much the same fix about the edge and outline of the disc. I regret to have to confess that I am not very much sure of my first idea, which I identified as a sort of triangle with curvilinear sides.

"But was this the product of an optical illusion when seeing the discontinuity caused by the bases of the three feet? Was the outline absolutely circular? My hesitations on this point may perhaps seem to you to be either the result of, or an indication of, a fraudulent story. But you are asking me for a detailed description, and I prefer to be guided by a sincere standard of judgement of this, devoid of anything fictitious. (I am giving you two sketches of the machine, without however accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the shape. Somebody asked me if it had a cupola. I told the newspapermen that I had not noticed a cupola, though it is a fact that the upper part of it was very visible to me).

"The colour of the luminosity was orange, beyond any manner of doubt . . . Just as I am also positive that this sort of fluorescence could not be confused with the light emitted by an incandescent body.

"The machine rose and then - an astonishing fact - it vanished just as though it had suddenly 'gone out', like a light.

"There is not much else to tell. I went to a house nearby (I learnt from the newspapers that this was the 'El Relajal' property), and there a gentleman listened to my agitated story. (I now know from the newspapers that he was the husband of a lady named Dona Herminia Pelaez Blanco.)

"I was still unaware that there had been numerous other witnesses. A few minutes after the thing had taken off, I ventured, still pretty shaken, to take a look at the spot again. All I found there was a white Renault car whose occupants - a pair of lovers - assured me that they had seen nothing, and further off there was another car near which two mechanics were working. They moved away from the vehicle when I approached them. (The reporter from Informaciones had told me a story about those two mechanics that is so 'fantastic', so 'strange', that I refuse to believe it.)

"My opinion about the episode? Well, right at the start I soon perceived that my object was not a helicopter, and I assume - here my certainty is absolute - that it was not a meteorite, as one 'learned pundit' stated in the newspapers. But it is still a very long way from that to saying that it was a machine from Outer Space. I confess that I am dreadfully confused about it all and that I have no capacity for judging the event in its true proportions. But do not let us forget that the Aero Club is nearby, though the Aeroport people did deny that it was a machine from there, and although, furthermore, an Air Force officer came to see me saying that he too had witnessed the landing. Nevertheless, since the nature of the craft remains unknown to us, we must not totally reject the possibility that it was some top-secret experiment being carried out by the American Forces stationed in our country."

POSTSCRIPT: In a subsequent letter to Danyans, Senor Jordan added the following very important details regarding electro-magnetic effects:

"I should add that an Air Force officer who visited me made a remark that coincides with the reference that appeared in the review Europa. (A Danyans article in which he quotes the Forcada observations - Editor). A magnometric team from the Barajas Airport registered several perturbations on that night.

"Likewise two of the traffic (radio-traffic? - Editor) receivers recorded, on the same band, some static effects of radio-electric perturbations on an unusual frequency, and having very unusual features. All this attracted attention, and was commented on by the technical personnel. The time - which coincides to the time in the story as known to us - and the frequencies registered, are all on the record at the Control Tower."

The Air Force officer in question said his name was 'Pleza', which could well be a pseudonym. Danyans and I will continue our investigations with a view to establishing the identity of this officer and the truth of his statements, though, on the other hand, these do give an impression of truth.

(Translation - G. Creighton)/

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In addition to the above article in Porque, there were also reports in this case in the following Madrid papers: Informaciones, February 7, article giving a brief

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account of the landing. Also photographs of site.

Pueblo, February 8, denies the popular idea that the machine was a saucer.

Ya, February 8, and EFE Agency report of the landing.

Informaciones, February 9, on-the-spot report, with photos of the marks left by the machine and a sketch drawn by J.L. Jordan.

Informaciones, February 12, further report on the case.

The following are sketches, made by Sr. Jordan, of the object he saw.



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

The article, "The Madrid Landing" was extracted from the May/June edition of "Flying Saucer Review."

ARGENTINA 1963/1964 by Gordon Creighton (credit: Flying Saucer Review)

In the first three parts of this article I have surveyed the major UFO events in Argentina - and the occasional incident in a neighbouring country, as reported in Argentine newspapers - up to the early days of June 1964. Throughout the series I have had to ignore the more mundane 'fly-overs'; even so, demands on space have been so great that a fourth part is required to complete the amazing picture.

Metan-Tucuman Road

The newspapers La Cronica and La Gaceta for June 14, 1964, describe how, at 9.30 p.m. a few nights before, three prominent Salta citizens - a lawyer, an engineer and a business-man - were travelling in a station-wagon along this road when a most peculiar rectangular UFO, reddish-orange in colour, dived down several times in front of them. The first time the UFO caused such tremendous condensation on all their windows that they saw very little of it, and had to stop and wipe the windows. But when the thing re-appeared they saw that it was some 16 feet high, 20 feet wide, and had what seemed to be "two big paddles" or "blades" that were revolving clockwise around it as it sailed along silently above the road. They had already noticed that some distance ahead of them there was a stationery rectangular dark red light which looked like a lantern, and to their astonishment they now saw the larger machine pick up this "lantern" (apparently about 50 cm square) and vanish at high speed.

Commenting again on the case next day, June 15, La Gaceta reviewed the tremendous number of UFO sightings recorded in that same district over the past two years. According to the columnist, it was now clear that the area north-west of Tucuman, and south-east of Salta, (included the vicinity of Choromoro, on Highway 9, where this particular thing was seen) is for some reason a region of special importance for the UFOs. Have they bases there or in the nearby high-altitude desert, the Puna de Atacama? Or are they interested in some local mineral deposit, perhaps uranium? The paper goes on to mention that there are wild rumours that the 'visitors' have built a fantastic subterranean city beneath the Puna de Atacama.

Metan (Province of Salta)

According to the newspaper El Mundo of June 25, 1964, a flotilla of five discs was seen flying over the Metan district.

South Atlantic coast of Argentina

Under the headline "Sea Mystery: Bengal light, meteorite, comet or flying saucer?" the newspaper Democracia of July 30 reported that at 11.24 pm on July 28, the Argentine authorities at Puerto Madryn (at the head of Golfo Nuevo) reported a reception of a radio message from the Argentine tanker "Cazador" that they "had seen a flare on the sea just after 9.00 p.m. and, while making a search, had heard voices close by". Their position was 45° 56' S, 64° 00' W, roughly on a line with the port of Comodoro Rivadavia. A little later, a second message from the "Cazador" said that they and a second Argentine tanker, the "San Antonio", were searching over a five-mile radius.

Meanwhile, the newspaper goes on to say that on July 29 the Norwegian vessel "Sumber" had docked at Puerto Madryn and its captain had told the authorities there that at about 9.00 pm on July 28 they: "had seen a meteorite or small comet, flying horizontally to the earth and in a north-easterly direction. It had a luminosity which now and then became intense", the Norwegian captain added: "It might also have been a flying saucer!"

The newspaper observes that the Argentine tanker "Cazador" and the Norwegian ship were very near each other and had evidently seen the same thing, and that had it been a flare or rocket its trajectory would have been a parabola and in no possible circumstances could it have been horizontal. Meanwhile, the Argentine shipping authorities had continued to carry out an intensive search, but up to July 30 no explanation had been found for the intensely luminous object seen in the sky or for the voices heard in the sea.

(This report should be read in conjunction with my article in Flying Saucer Review for July/August 1964, which contained a reference to weird stories of "mystery submarines", and of flying saucers seen entering and leaving the sea in this same region in 1960 and 1962. Several press-clippings received from Argentina have shown that the inhabitants of this South Atlantic coast area seem to take it for granted that the "Martians" have under-water bases here).

Rocha (Uruguay)

The newspaper Cordoba published in the Argentine city of the same name (August 10) carries a report of an astonishingly brilliant UFO which circled about in a clear sky above the Uruguayan town of Rocha at 8.30 pm on the evening of August 9. Hundreds of people saw it and declared that it lit up the night sky as if it were daylight. Some witnesses said it was as bright as hundreds of mercury gas lamps all combined. It returned over Rocha at about midnight.

The Sighting had created such a sensation in Rocha that the Uruguayan paper Accion - from which the Argentine paper took the report - now revealed details of an episode that had occurred several months before. A Senor Roberto Domingues and his wife and mother-in-law were driving from San Carlos to Rocha, and saw in front of them an intensely luminous, almost spherical object which "was moving about, up and down, as though dancing". (This is the famous 'ballet dance', of which both Aime Michel and Jacques Vallee have spoken). They stopped the car, imagining that they were perhaps suffering from a hallucination or optical illusion, but the ballet dance still went on, and so it continued until they reached Rocha. In describing it they said: "when the object moved upwards, it expelled, downwards, a jet of thin sort of smoke, as though from an engine". They also said they could distinguish clearly two separate antennae projecting on the upper part of it.

Arrived in Rocha, they found that the object had now vanished, but while they were telling their friends there all about it, they looked up again and saw that it was once more there, now hanging stationary, now gambolling about, in the northern sky.

Salta

According to the Salta daily, El Tribuno (September 6, 1964), a Senor Chafredo Dagota, of Pueyrredon, Salta, had reported that at 9.00 pm the previous evening, at a nearby place called Cofico, he had seen a flying saucer touch down briefly. It appeared to stand on a kind of 'pillar' (a feature frequently mentioned in recent years) and gave out a blinding light. Near it he caught a blurred glimpse of two figures moving about.

Patagonia

Jornada, a newspaper published in Rawson, near Golgo Nuevo, on the Atlantic coast of Argentinian Patagonia, reported on September 21, 1964, that saucers had been seen repeatedly around Trelew. For example, at 4.45 am on September 8, four important businessmen were travelling near Rawson, at a spot only 60 km. from the coast, where so many people claim to have seen UFOs leaving or entering the sea. Immobilised because their car had broken down, these men saw a huge shining object, with what looked like a "chimney" on top, stationery in the sky towards the coast. After they had watched it for three minutes it began to approach, giving off a vivid fluorescent light, red on top, yellowish at the base, these colours changing intermittently to blue and violet respectively. The object came to within an estimated distance of three kilometres of them, and now appeared to be "like the Planet Venus, but six or seven times as big".

San Miguel (Province of Buenos Aires)

From the newspaper Los Principios (Cordoba) September 16, we read that at the Adarra Observatory in San Miguel, where, on January 7 and 9 of 1964 the amateur astronomer Luis Ferro and his scientific associates reported excellent sightings of UFOs another impressive sighting was recorded at 10.55 pm on September 14, 1964. The flying object, its apparent size being twice that of the Moon, was seen with the naked eye passing across the constellation Lira. The central part of it was white and fiery green, while the rear seemed to look like half-rings of an intense blue colour. Its speed was estimated at three times the speed of sound. The

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sighting lasted for three minutes, the object moving through the constellation of Lira in the direction of Jupiter. The witnesses were astronomers Luis Ferro and Renato Matteassi and three students of Astronomy.

According to a slightly fuller report of this sighting given in the Jamaican Daily Gleaner for November 17, the astronomers admitted that, whatever the object was, it could not possibly be an artificial satellite inasmuch as it had flown across the sky and then reversed.

San Juan

From the daily Tribuna, published at San Juan, (in the Andes and due east of Cordoba), October 13, 1964, comes yet another important account.

On the night of October 10, four women, all school inspectors, had a harrowing experience when travelling in a country bus from Angualasto to San Juan. At about 9.10 pm, near Villicum, a tremendously powerful 'light' appeared in the sky and split up into two portions which dived down at the bus. Two more lights then joined them. They were all as big as a full Moon and the terrified women begged the driver to put his foot on the accelerator, and began to pray. "They were most powerful, burning lights, which gave out red flashes, and they put us in mind of many things, so that our only recourse was to pray and entrust ourselves to God . . . I do not believe that these lights were any natural phenomena", said one of the women.

The driver gave a vivid description of his mad dash down the Andean mountain road from Villicum at 50 mph with a broken spring, with the huge UFOs flying above the creaking bus and bathing it in over-powering light. The authorities made an investigation, and established that there was no other traffic anywhere on the road at the time, and that there was no machinery or road equipment anywhere in the vicinity that could possibly account for the 'lights'. The driver, who had done the same journey scores of times, had never experienced anything like it before, but he told the press that two of his friends had seen the powerful 'lights' at precisely the same spot about two months before.

Patagonia

On October 21 the daily paper Esquel, published at Chubut (not far from Rawson) reported that at 5.30 am on October 15, at a spot some fifteen kilometres from Trelew, the driver and passengers in a country bus saw a saucer hanging motionless beside the road, at a height of some fifteen feet. From the under part of the machine a trail of smoke was being given off. They estimated the machine's diameter at about ten feet. The driver stopped the bus and got out to take a better look, and then entered the bus again and set out for Trelew, whereupon the saucer joined them and accompanied them almost into Trelew.

When the affair was made known in Trelew, it became apparent that numbers of motorists and truck-drivers had already seen precisely the same things at the same spot, but that nobody had taken their reports seriously.

Lima (Peru)

The Buenos Aires newspaper La Razon of October 16, 1964, carries a report from Lima stating that farmers in the Lampian Valley, sixty kilometres north of Lima, say that almost nightly during the previous month, they have been seeing whole formations of discs passing overhead at enormous heights. Sometimes the discs were moving very fast and sometimes slowly, and leaving behind them a luminous orange trail. They say that the saucers appear from the Pacific side, vanish beyond the Andes, and then invariably appear once more from the Pacific and make a second run, but this time more slowly and at a lower altitude, so that it can now be clearly seen that they are round and silvery. The farmers add that at times the craft remain stationary for a while, giving out orange coloured flashes.

Rosario

La Tribuna, a daily newspaper published in Rosario, on November 2, 1964, reported that Sr. Ariel Ciro Rietti, president of the Argentine Commission for the Study of UFOs (CODOVNI), recently had a press conference in Buenos Aires to inform local newsmen of the latest developments. The most interesting point mentioned by him was that his group were engaged in studying the frequency of sightings in one particular region of the Argentine, namely the zone running from Salta, via Cordoba, to Bahia Blanca, with particular relation to gravity and the magnetic declination throughout this zone. He gave an outline of the theory of the Frenchman Lt. Leplantier concerning the possibly magnetic propulsion of the saucers, and said that his group was working on a study of this whole question.

(Leplantier's theory is fully explained in Aime Michel's, "The Truth about Flying Saucers", available from the public library — S.T.A.R.S. Ed.)

Mansilla (Province of Entre Rios)

According to a report published in the newspaper La Cronica for November 11, two residents of Mansilla, Sr. Nestor Reynoso and Sr. Orlando Marosini, were travelling in a truck between Victoria and Mansilla at night (on November 10, 1964) when a huge luminous UFO approached them. They turned their lights off, at which it receded from them, equally rapidly. But when they started up the engine again and turned on their lights, it came shooting back, giving off blinding blue and white flashes, and at one point came down to about five feet from the ground at a spot only about fifty yards in front of them. Its brightness was so intense that it was impossible to make out its exact shape. They continued their journey with their lights off, but the UFO made several more close passes over them before disappearing.

San Miguel (Province of Buenos Aires)

At midnight, between Saturday and Sunday, November 14/15, astronomers at the San Miguel Observatory saw an elongated flat reddish-orange disc which crossed the heavens first from east to west and then back again, at a speed estimated at approx. 4½ times that of the satellites usually seen. Nor was this the first observation, as scientists at the San Miguel Observatory had already experienced two similar sightings.

Ezezia International Airport, Buenos Aires

According to El Mundo of July 9, 1965, the appearance of a large UFO and several smaller ones at 9.00 pm on July 3 when they were very clearly seen — though at a distance of many kilometres — from Ezezia International Airport, aroused much interest, and led to the revelation that on some unspecified date during the last few months of 1964, one of the observers saw a similar large luminous object in the vicinity of Ezezia. It was accompanied by two smaller ones. These approached it, one on each side, and were seen by the witness to be "absorbed" into what was evidently the "mother-craft". At the moment at which this process took place, the luminosity of the large object increased greatly, only to diminish rapidly afterwards. The witness used the familiar simile of "a lamp being suddenly turned off in the sky". The whole phenomenon had vanished.

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The next article has been extracted from the May/June edition of Flying Saucer Review and is a follow-up to page 5 of our September issue "60 Watch UFO Land".

MICHIGAN FURORE by Charles Bowen

The UFO sightings in the vicinity of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on and after March 20, 1966, aroused such a storm in a teacup that one can hardly be blamed for imagining that it would need a much larger earthenware receptacle to contain the tempest. Despite the fuss, the sightings were really quite minor ones, yet they earned the tag "Best Verified UFO" in the New York Herald-Tribune of March 22, not only because of the number of people who witnessed them, but also because of the status and standing of those people.

The first newspaper item to reach me was a clipping from the Houston Chronicle of March 21. This was so interesting that it was immediately set aside for our World-round-up columns. For a day or so little more happened until the London Evening News of March 30 put me on my guard with its headline "New Flying Saucer Scare Sweeps the U.S." Their report paid scant attention to the incidents that aroused the furore in Michigan, but it did mention circular indentations that had been discovered in the State, that charcoal-like granules had been found on this site, and that geiger counters had 'jumped' in the vicinity of the spots.

It was as well I was on my guard. Even while I was preparing to write to our correspondents for further material, we were deluged with items drawn, so it seemed, from almost every newspaper in the States.

Frank Mannor's experience.

An early-comer was the Detroit News of March 21. From this, and the Houston Chronicle, we learned the story of Frank Mannor, a grizzled outdoor type of 47 years, father of ten, fond of hunting, fishing and shooting, who lives beyond the edge of the small community of Dexter, seven miles north-west of Ann Arbor.

At 7.30. pm on March 20, he saw lights approach the top of nearby trees, first red, then blue, then white. With his son Ronald, 19, he ran into nearby familiar swampland towards the light. His wife telephoned the police on their ten-party line — the story quickly got out!

Mannor stated that when he was some 500 yards from the thing (the name applied

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by some to our Warminster phenomenon seems to have caught on in America where it is now frequently used — and with a capital 'T') he saw that it was pyramid-shaped. The length of a car, it had a hazy mist under it as it hung above ground level. There were 'a light here, and a light there, and what looked like a porthole', although it didn't resemble a flying saucer. It had a coral-like surface.

Young Ronald yelled to his father to "Look at that horrible thing", and at that point the lights went out.

Mrs Mannor described how she saw the object 'rise from the ground and hit the tree-top awhile, and fall back to the ground'.

Mannor returned to the house, and he and the family heard a high-pitched screeching over the roof, rather like a bullet ricochet. Down in the swamp, however, the noise had been more like a siren.

Police witnesses

By now the police had responded to the call. Dexter police chief Robert R. Taylor and Patrolman N.G. Lee saw the sight from a nearby hill. They said that it was a pulsating red light, and when they arrived at the spot and proceeded on foot with flashlights, it disappeared. They heard a noise — 'like an ambulance', said Lee. The time was 9.00 pm.

Robert Taylor, 16, son of the police chief, claims he saw a red-lit vehicle in the sky, moving slowly in the east at 10.30 pm. As he watched, it accelerated and sped off to the west, flashing red and white.

Washtenaw County Deputy Sheriff Bashroe, who had responded to the Mannor call, was returning towards Ann Arbor when, at 11.00 pm, he too saw lights to the south; flashing bluish green, red and white. In his car, with other officers, he turned and followed the object which 'looked like an arc' and was 'round'. After a five-mile pursuit the police car gave up the chase. "We lost it in the trees. Either the lights went off, or it took off with a tremendous burst of speed. It was about 1,500 feet above the ground. It moved at about 100 mph. We were doing 70 . . ." said Bushroe.

Frank Mannor said he and his son have good sight, that they couldn't be wrong, and that he knows every inch of the ground.

At the police H.Q. at Ann Arbor a composite drawing of the object was prepared. A copy of this is displayed on our front cover. (reproduced at the end of the article here . . . STARS Ed.)

It should be noted that in the Houston Chronicle report the Mannors are quoted as favouring a (rugby, or American-type) football shape, made of 'waffled material, with blinking lights and antennas'. The original pyramid shape seems to have been discarded. They also described the object as like two elliptical bowls cupped together, with a globe on top, brownish in colour.

Hillsdale incident

While the New York Herald-Tribune told how the Air Force in Washington was stating that it had no report, and the Washtenaw County Sheriff was announcing that Air Force investigators were on the spot, a new incident hit the headlines. Among others, the New York World Telegram and Sun and the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal of March 22 told how an assistant dean of Hillside College, 87 'coeds', and a local Civil Defence Director, William van Horn, had watched a glowing object 'zip past a college dormitory . . . and hover over a swamp for hours' on March 21.

Mr. van Horn said the object 'dimmed its lights when the police cars approached, brightened again when they went away, and dodged an Air Force beacon light'.

The shape described by some of the students was roughly that of a (rugby) football.

From the same report we learned that the Air Force had despatched Professor J. Allen Hynek, director of Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern Unives., to investigate the two sighting claims which the New York Daily News chose to refer to as "Flying Oddballs. . . ."

Oddities

The DuluthNews Tribune of March 23 records how hundreds of persons armed with cameras and binoculars braved the icy rain in the hope of catching repeat performances. They were doomed to disappointment, as also was the man who played a violin in the hope that visiting 'pilots' would hear and come to earth, and the man who sat in his car blinking his headlights in a code for the 'universal equation PI' — his explanation — which he claimed is known and understood throughout the Universe. Small wonder ridicule of our subject persists.

DOCTOR'S diagnosis

On March 25, after a hurried investigation, Dr. Hynek held a news conference. We have been fortunate enough to obtain a transcript of his statement, and this will be found following this article. Briefly he was of the opinion that the witnesses

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had observed the spontaneous combustion of marsh gases -- methane, etc -- and declared that a 'dismal swamp (was) a most unlikely place for visitors from outer space' to land (Christian Science Monitor of March 28). It is hardly surprising to learn that this aroused a storm of protest. The Mannors and others declared roundly that they knew their marsh gases ('will-o-the-wisps') when they saw them. In fact, the Mannors stated categorically that they saw an object (Duluth Herald of March 28). Mr. van Horn claimed that he and the coeds saw a white and red object about 20 feet across.

Reader Robert E. Rymas of Warren, Michigan, asks "How can a cloud of gas give the distinct impression of a vehicular form such as that represented by the composite drawing. . .?" All in all, Dr. Hynek seems to have had a bad press, with talk of white-washing, and covering-up for the Air Force, although some newspapers steered well clear of the rising note of hysteria. The Denver Post of March 27, for example, asks whether methane glows, and answered its own question with a note from a Dr. W. McKinnell of Marathon Oil Company, who said that it doesn't, unless enough heat is applied. The same scientist was also puzzled as to how such ignition happened so widely in the Michigan swamp areas, although he himself had seen swamp gas flares -- in Michigan. The Denver Post stated sensibly that the whole UFO business is a fascinating scientific problem that deserves much research, a line also taken by the Christian Science Monitor of March 30. This great newspaper is glad that Dr. Hynek, a distinguished astronomer, carried out the investigation, because unlike many of his colleagues he takes these studies seriously. I feel we must echo these sentiments, (although not always in agreement with him, as will be seen later), for he has been studying the problem in his present capacity, we are told, for some 18 years. If he had no time for UFOs he would have lost interest long ago: it must be remembered that he has investigated many interesting cases, among them Socorro (April 1964) and Damon, Texas (Deputies Goode and McCoy), and has declared that objects involved in those cases were definitely unknowns. And if one takes a close look at the Hynek press statement, one cannot fail to notice that he says: "In my capacity as Scientific Consultant, I have recommended that competent scientists quietly study such cases when evidence from responsible people appears to warrant such study". I do not think the Air Force Scientific Consultant has been deliberately covering up. He has been very strict in his investigation, and this does not go down too well with those folk who are inclined to see more in some incidents than is warranted by the evidence.

Reactions

On the other side of the fence, the Mannors must be given credit for knowing the swamp and its habits and they claim to have seen something solid. Everyone, including Dr. Hynek, acknowledges that Frank Mannor, poor but proud, is a solid type of citizen. Life magazine of April 1 (Life international of April 18) carried an article summarising the incidents. Mannor is quoted as declaring "I seen what I seen and nobody's going to tell me different. That wasn't no old foxfire or hulla-billusion. It was an object". The same issue of Life also ran articles with superb colour photographs of UFOs.

As for the object, a frenchman, Aime Michel has drawn my attention to the similarity between the composite drawing of the Dexter object and the Valensole object, which in itself betokens a similarity to the Socorro UFO.

The view expressed by Dr. Hynek that a swamp is an unlikely place for an extra-terrestrial ship to land is open to dispute. There have been several reports of landings in such areas, none more recent than that at Tully, Qld -- unverified I agree, but with plenty of evidence to support the view that something very strange went on in a swamp even nastier than those in Michigan. Swamps are usually lonely, out-of-the-way places, and just the location for uninterrupted landings. If the UFO techniques are as good as we think they are, then swamps can be but minor hazards to them. Also, what about the mass of reports of UFO comings and goings in the oceans of the world? Can anything be nastier, or wetter, than our storm-swept seas?

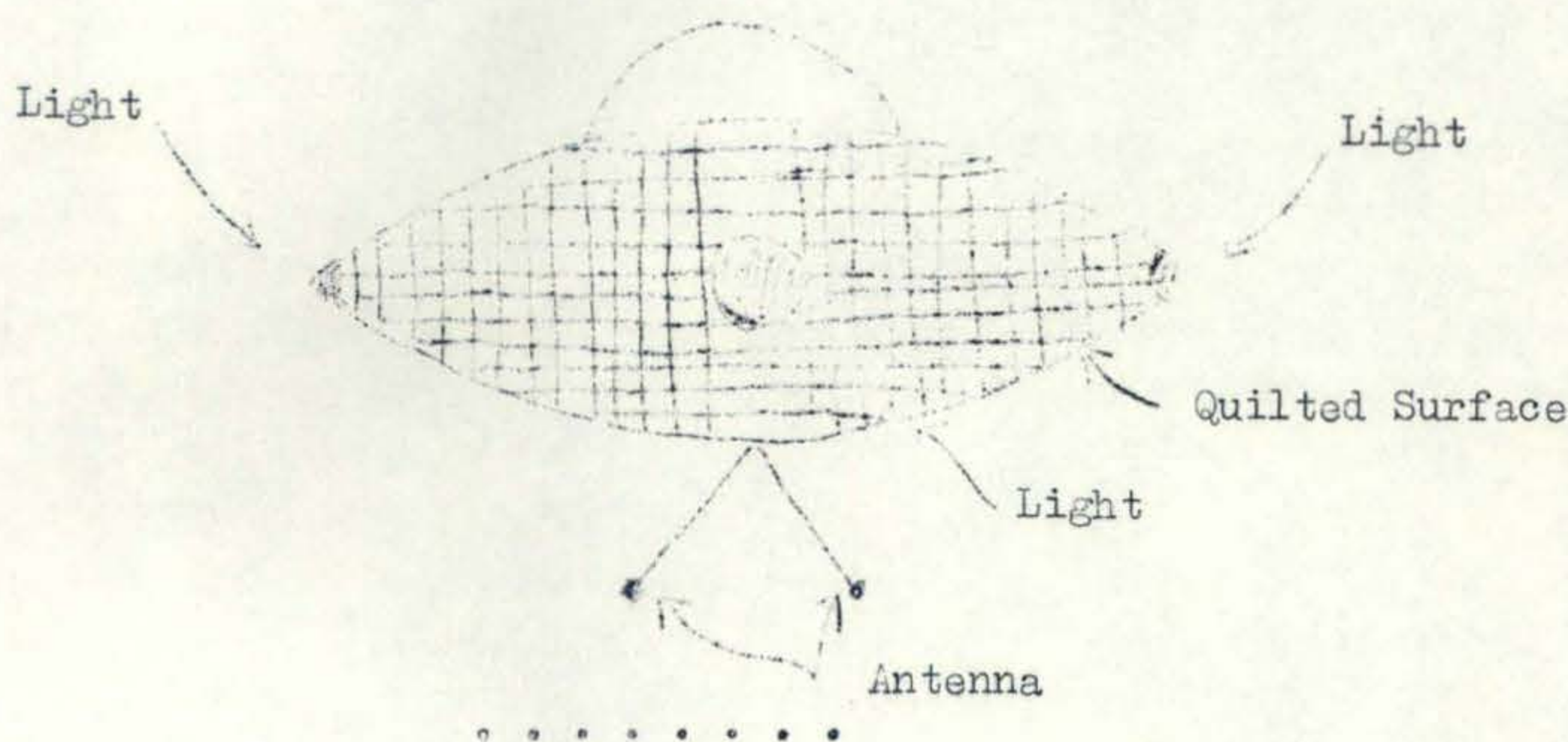
Final Round-up

I note that at his news conference, Dr. Hynek held up a copy of the first Adamski photograph, and declared that it was a picture of a 'chicken feeder' (Christian Science Monitor of March 28). Presumably the professor has not read the statements of the photographic expert reported by the late Wavenev Girvan in his Flying Saucers and Common Sense, and I doubt whether he would change his opinion if he had. Reader W.J. MacLean of Edinburgh writes to ask if Dr. Hynek can produce a chicken feeder of 1952 vintage resembling an Adamski saucer, and he wonders what chickens could want with portholes! Mr. MacLean also produced a newspaper photograph (The news of Adelaide, South Australia, January 27, 1966) in which a similar object was snapped as it passed over a flock of sheep in Queensland. Which forces him, and me too, to the conclusion that Australians keep chickens as well as sheep.

While headlines throughout the United States proclaimed further sightings, and questions in the House by Congressman Ford, and new demands for Congressional enquiries by Major Donald Keyhoe, the Duluth Herald of March 30 reported that the U.S. Air Force denies "squelching reports" (a lovely description!) of UFOs. From the New York Journal American I see that Major Quintanella of Project Blue Book states "Our files are open to any accredited newspaperman, or anybody writing a book," which seems to be borne out by the fact that Jacques Vallee has drawn considerably on that source for material for his two books Anatomy of a Phenomenon and Les Phenomenes Insolites de L'Espace.

Finally, the New York Journal American of March 29 reports the investigation, by Mr. van Horn of Hillsdale, of circular indentations found in a gravel pit -- which is where I came in with my copy of the Evening News.

The Following sketch is one as detailed by Mr. Frank Mannor:



The Tully Nests by Judith Magee
Flying Saucer Review March/April

That flying saucer sightings occur mostly in well-defined waves is a well-known fact. That Australia figures predominantly in the world UFO scene is another fact that is now being hammered home. What seems even more remarkable is that the 'flaps' which are becoming more frequent than ever before, now seems to be heralded by outbursts of activity in and around our sub-continent. UFO researchers are generally agreed that the great wave of mid-1965 died away, to all intents and purposes by October. Now were forced to enquire whether or not another wave is commencing.

It is probably sheer coincidence, I know, but I venture to suggest that in view of the latest reports, Northern Qld. may well be the kicking-off spot for bursts of activity by our visitors. Admittedly one cannot afford to be dogmatic on that score, but these are early days. Still, wishful thinking or not, I have a hunch we are in for another intriguing spell. Time alone will tell.

Here are the latest facts, summarised from the host of press cuttings we have collected, and from our private sources.

Landing reported

One of the earliest accounts of the new rash of incidents appeared in the Townsville Daily Bulletin of January 21, 1966, which told how on Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, at about nine o'clock, a Mr. George Pedley was driving his tractor from the small town of Tully to a banana plantation some eight miles to the south. When approaching Mr. Albert Pennisi's farm, he heard a loud hissing noise. His first reaction was that something was wrong with one of his tyres, but as the hissing grew so loud that the sound was many decibels above the noise of the tractor, he glanced around in mild alarm. It was then that he saw a circular object above some trees about 40 yards away. The newspaper item continues: "The object seemed to dip a little, then took off at high speed and soon disappeared. As he continued to drive the tractor, he saw the big depression in the tall green grass in the swampland. The swamp contained about five feet of water, with long green grass and bull rushes growing through it. The grass had been pushed flat in an area about 30 feet by 20 feet.

"On Thursday, the officer in charge of Tully police (Sgt. First Class A.V. Moylan) went to the area and inspected the depression in the swamp grass. He said the grass in the depression was still lying flat and had browned off, although it did not appear to have been burned. Mr. Pedley had said that the previous day, when he saw the huge mark, the grass was quite green.

"Sgt. Moylan said there was no sign of any marks having been made by cattle or

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other animals. There were no tracks leading in or out of the depression, and the grass had been flattened smoothly. "I do not believe in flying saucers -- not yet", said Sgt. Moylan. "I have to see one first. But the peculiar mark in the swamp grass seems quite inexplicable. "It occurred to me that it may possibly have been made by a helicopter, but to the best of my knowledge there has been no such aircraft in the area". "Sgt. Moylan said that smaller type helicopters commonly put down when their fuel supply was nearly exhausted and refuelled themselves from drums carried on the craft.

"But against the helicopter theory, he said, was the fact that the depression in the swamp grass was in very close proximity to trees, and a helicopter pilot could have found a much better landing spot in a clear area about 100 or 200 yards further out".

Mr. Pedley's description of the object was also given in the report. He said: "the object looked like two saucers joined together with a small cabin at its top and another small projection underneath. He said it was about 24 or 25 feet long, nine feet deep, and was greyish blue in colour.

The Landing

"The object had hovered about 30 feet from the ground for at least a minute before rising straight up and flying off towards the south-west".

For those readers who are not too familiar with Australian geography, Tully is situated to the south of, and not over-far by Australian standards, from Cairns. They will remember that this is a region which featured prominently in the opening gambits of the May/July 1965 flap, which I reported in my article UFO activity along the North-East coast of Australia in the September/October 1965 edition of the Flying Saucer Review. It is worth noting that the district is blessed by an annual rainfall in the order of 100 inches, and it is not surprising that interspersed between the farmsteads there are many swampy areas, with abundant long grasses, reeds and rushes.

The Pedley story burst into the big Sydney newspapers on Jan 23. The Sydney Sun-Herald added spice with an enormous page 1 banner headline: "More Flying Saucer Nests!" and went on to say that in addition to the find by 27-year-old Pedley, who had reported seeing a vapour-like saucer take-off, there had been new discoveries in the Horseshoe Lagoon area near Tully. These were by a Mr. Tom Warren, a cane farmer of Euramo, and a Mr. Hank Penning, a Tully schoolmaster, who were taking a walk around the lagoon when they discovered the two new depressions. One appeared to be some days old, but the other, only a few feet away, seemed reasonably fresh. They were about 25 yards from the first one, but hidden by dense scrub. The fresher one was only eight feet across, and the reeds were flattened in an anti-clockwise direction. In the first (Pedley) disc they ran in a clockwise direction. All the reeds were dead, but they had not been scorched.

After reporting that the RAAF had asked police to collect samples of grass and soil in the area, the report goes on to say that: "Dozens of cases of flying saucers have been reported in the Tully area during the past two months. So many sightings have been reported that an UFO club had been formed in Tully (pop. 2,500).

"Shortly before Christmas people claimed to have seen what they believed were two flying saucers, or "flying basas", hovering on top of a hill less than a mile from the town. "Mr. J. Zonta, a banana grower, told Mr. Pedley that on two or three occasions recently he had heard similar hissing noises to the one Mr. Pedley described, but could see nothing. Other residents have reported seeing objects described as brightly lit saucers some of which fired flaming balls".

A pity they had to label them 'nests', but I suppose the use of the name was necessary, as far as the newspapers were concerned, for it has more sensational appeal than the more prosaic term 'landing place'. 'Nests' certainly gave the cartoonists plenty of scope, and they made full use of the chance.

More sightings.

The Sunday Telegraph of Jan 23., told not only the Pedley story, but two others as well. One was a report by cooktown Police Sgt. R. Hagerty who, while driving on a lonely road on Thursday night (Jan. 20), saw unusual 30 inch bubbles floating above the road. He drove over them, and later expressed the opinion that they were weather balloons. The RAAF however, stated they had no explanation for this, or any of the other incidents.

The second report concerned a Mrs. M. Hyde of Marreba, who told police that she had spent every night for a week watching a large object in the sky. The account tells how: "She said it appeared in the eastern sky about 10 pm and remained until 2 am.

"Sometimes it turned over and its lights went out. Then it shot off at high speed, but soon reappeared again".

The Sun of Monday, Jan. 24, after headlining the RAAF order to carry out tests,

told how our friend Roy Russell of the Qld. Flying Saucer Research Bureau said that similar samples were being flown on Jan. 25 to Qld University Physics Dept. for private tests. Professor H.C. Webster, an expert on radiation and the medical uses of radioactivity, said they might try to oblige Mr. Russell. The Professor added that: ". . . .any vehicle hurtling through space to earth would pick up a small amount of radiation.

Tests at his department would not detect radiation in such small amounts as this".

A similar story appeared in the Melbourne Age of Jan. 24, and in addition there was a piece about the obtaining of the samples:

"Yesterday Mr. Pennisi clambered into the five foot deep swamp to retrieve some of the grass which is said to have been touched by a flying saucer.

" 'I had trouble getting samples of the grass roots and mud which normally lie on the bottom of the lagoon . . . they were floating on the top of the water, which is most unusual.

" 'They must have been sucked up by something', Mr. Pennisi said tonight. He said they would be flown to Brisbane today",

A disclosure

The Sun-Herald of Jan. 23, had the following report, which may, or may not, have some significance. Mr. Pedley was talking to reporter John Dickson:

"... on my way home to Tully that night I met Albert Pennisi, who owns the property where I saw the saucer.

" 'He believed me straight away and told me he had been dreaming for a week that a flying saucer would land on his property.

" 'He said that about 5.30 am on Wednesday his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off towards the lagoon' ".

So much for the newspaper angle. I have now received a letter from Roy Russell (dated Jan 25, 1966) in which he says that the fact that the Qld. Flying Saucer Research Bureau was on the ball, even before the RAAF could carry out official tests, made news. "Radio, television and newspapers" he writes "were on the hook right up till today. The upshot was that Stan Sears spent most of today mixed up with newsmen at the University, and appeared in all three TV networks (news sections) and on every radio news session throughout the day (all stations).

"Last night Stan and I drove to the airport and collected samples of reeds, mud, water from the depression ('nest'), and also of grass from nearby. We arrived at Qld University at 9.20 pm. The owner of the property (Mr. Pennisi) did an excellent job air-freighting well packed and labelled samples.

"Result: Radioactivity test was negative. Nil on gamma, nil on beta. The alpha equipment wasn't working. The absence of radioactivity didn't warrant any more sophisticated scientific tests. Final finding of Mr. G. Taylor of the Physics dept., who did the test, was that the radioactivity count was only 1/100 of that registered by the average luminous watch. Samples are now in the hands of the Botany dept. to find out what killed the reeds. We think the explanation could be that whatever pressed down the reeds kept them down, submerged in water, for an unknown period. So the reeds could have been drowned, since this type of plant - like most - needs air, and dies when submerged. No vegetation was burnt: just dead. No soil was obtained - just mud, since there is five feet of water under the landing spot, which makes the 'drowning' explanation feasible".

Observations and Speculations

The tests at the university found that the reed and mud samples contained no radioactivity, not that the plants died of natural causes. Again, I would never call it a 'natural cause' which pulls the roots up from under five feet of muddy water, and has them floating in clockwise and anti-clockwise patterns on the surface.

I believe that this business of two secondary 'nests' both 8 feet in diameter, with reeds swirled in an anti-clockwise direction is very important. Could there have been two smaller objects, remotely controlled, which, when rotating in the opposite direction to the larger (parent) object, would have been attracted back to the parent? In the same way for example, as unlike poles of magnets attract each other. Wild speculation, no doubt, but we have to start somewhere.

POSTSCRIPT: I quote an extract from an article entitled 'Strangers from Outer Space', which appeared in the Woman's Day of Feb., 21, 1966 -- (George Pedley is talking to a reporter).

" 'A day after I saw the saucer, a neighbour called my attention to some tracks on the soft earth between the bananas' George told me. 'I'd say they were made by a sharp, horny foot, about 3 inches long, with a soft frog in it. And I'd say they were made by something that had two feet, not four. They were straight in front of one another, about a pace apart, and in line with the nest. I've been a stockman for ten years and I have never seen tracks anything like these. But before the experts could be called in, the tracks were washed away by the start of The Wet.' "

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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With the publication of the following article by Mr. J. Russell, it is hoped that members will be encouraged to submit their own contributions of their views on UFOs and associated subjects. We look forward to publishing your views in our next and subsequent Journals.

SOME THOUGHTS ON UFOs by John Russell

Upon hearing a report of a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, to my mind immediately comes the thought, "with all the logical and technical explanations possible, will this one be explained and categorised"?

You may wonder why this thought first comes into my mind . . .

Firstly, is what I believe I think, true! That is, 'are we of such uniqueness and so placed in the vast infinite reaches of the Universe, that we, as the human race, are the only intelligence capable of the advancement, science and technology of our present day standards!'

Intelligence exists in many forms on our Earth, but none so highly developed as that of mankind, but who is to say that in other galaxies or perhaps within our own galaxy, parallel evolution has taken, is taking or even surpassed our own growth in the fields of science and technology similar to ours. This does not make me believe in what in the popular conception is known as "Bug eyed Monsters", and I hasten to point out to the reader that when I draw a similarity in evolution -- I mean a similarity!

Surely to an open minded, reasonably intelligent thinking person, the fact that there are so many galaxies containing so many solar systems within the Universe, each containing suns and planets of their own, that surely similar conditions could exist to that of our own system. Any good modern reference book will tell you that there are millions upon millions of suns and planetary systems throughout the Universe, (our own galaxy containing 300 million systems at the very minimum), hence my thought "are we unique?" So to my original statement 'is what I believe I think, true!' and that belief is, "There are other intelligences in our Universe, we are not unique, and our technology and science relatively speaking, is still in its infancy!"

Now for an ordinary sort of person, this is a very bold statement to make, but I make it, with no proof, no thought of converting you to a new way of thinking, but, with what I hope "an open mind." So, for confirmation of my belief, I would like to see, as an outcome of this line of reasoning, peaceful contact with an intelligence outside our own sphere of development and technology.

Mankind in this day and age is surmounting unimaginable difficulties in his endeavour to place his kind on our own satellite -- the moon. Surely this in itself is proof that intelligence that has evolved in a similar manner to this way of life, must have reached the stage of curiosity in regard to other heavenly bodies -- so would not another intelligence, although alien to our solar system be just as curious about their neighbouring solar systems and galaxies? And who knows, with the cold war at present being fought on this planet and two or more of our nations all striving toward the conquest of space, what could be achieved through a united effort? Perhaps even this factor alone could be the deciding factor between an early and much later conquest of space! But mark you, the conquering of space will be achieved by mankind, but when, is another matter. Perhaps another intelligence has already achieved this unification of effort.

Secondly, if we would like to accept the theory of another intelligence, and if they are further advanced than the intelligence predominant in all fields on this Earth -- would not they be curious about our advancement -- would not they be studying our structure -- could they have been monitoring our development over a vast period of time? All these questions leave a large gap to my mind -- and they leave me curious as to the possible outcome of this reasoning.

Let us now look at the Phenomenae of UFOs, report of Unidentified Flying Objects, go back to the earliest records of man -- this is true -- many records of civilisations and intelligent races prior to our own, have recorded sightings of UFOs, perhaps 90% of these can now be logically explained, but you must agree the other 10% warrant a lot of thought. If you are interested enough you can check these reports yourself in any current stable book that deals straight-forwardly with reports alone -- with no attempt to explain them in any way -- i.e. purely factual reporting. (This of course only deals with the 10% afore-mentioned).

By now the reporting of UFOs has become commonplace, a lot of this information is distorted through the media of today's reporting and recording of information suitable to the palate of the general public. But -- how does one explain the photographs and bonafide reports of individuals and groups of responsible intelligent people -- how does one explain the reams of facts and figures available in both books and brochure form today. Reports from people of all walks of life have been pouring in

over the last ten years, some of those can be dismissed as hysteria, publicity seekers and even sensationalists — but here I point out, when eminent scientists, responsible airline pilots and numbers of other personnel high in the structure of our modern society, swear to these sightings — there must be more to it than publicity, sensationalism or hysteria!

The question then presents itself — what are these sightings! Groups all over the world are now attempting to collate and look from a purely constructive point of view at these, most of this information is available for asking and I feel the possibility of hoaxing and genuine sightings is now becoming clearly defined, and you may or may not have noticed that hoaxers are now definitely quite rare.

Most of our pictorial magazines have run articles on UFOs complete with statements and pictures, so the point to be resolved now is, are they terrestrial or extraterrestrial? I leave that to you.

Finally, to round off my thoughts, if UFOs are of an intelligence alien to earth, if they are so advanced that they are studying our civilisation, if they and their predecessors have been studying our evolution, are we suitable for contact with them? My answer is no. Otherwise contact would have been made long before this. Admittedly we have had reports of contact, but the method and supposed secrecy surrounding these contacts, and the fact that the person contacted was selected because of certain unique qualifications, all tend to discredit the person reporting them, so I tend to disregard these reports. Similarly, if the structure and development of our civilisation has been studied, then a more adequate means of contact would have been determined and contact made in this manner.

What are UFOs? — you tell me!

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BOOK REVIEW

Two New Books on UFOs

The most recent of new books on UFOs is by one of the longest-serving and most valued contributors to Flying Saucer Review. In fact none other than Antonio Ribera, our friend from Barcelona in Spain. As one can gather from the title *El Gran Enigma de los Platillos Volantes* (published by Editorial Pomaire of Santiago de Chile, Buenos Aires, Mexico and Barcelona; 435 pages, including appendices), Senor Ribera takes his readers with a broad sweep through the saucer story of the last 20-odd years. In numerous appendices he looks at the historical and biblical aspect of the subject, the problem of satellites of Mars, the Mariner IV and Moon photograph comparisons, and so on.

The author is well known as a sound, objective researcher, with a vast capacity for work — and we learn from the fly-leaf that he is also one of the leading Spanish experts on submarine exploration. In this latest book, which should have not only great appeal in Spain, but should also be more than welcome in South and Central American countries, some of his chapter headings give an idea of the scope of the work: Are we alone in the Cosmos?; Appearances of flying saucers on the scene; Possible methods of propulsion, and probable origin; Secrets of the USAF; Adamski, and those who have followed him; The great French wave of 1954; The Spanish wave of 1950; The great summer wave of 1965; Submarine bases?; The arrival on the scene of Jacques Vallee's second book *Les Phenomenes Insolites de L'Espace* Editions de la Table Ronde, 40 rue du Bao, Paris, France, this time in co-authorship with Janine Vallee, his wife, is without doubt the first of several appearances. In fact an English language version (translated by Gordon Creighton) is due to be published by the Henry Regnery Co. of Chicago towards the end of the year, when a full appreciation will appear in Flying Saucer Review.

For the present, suffice it to say that the Vallees whet their readers' appetites with an introductory survey of the great American wave of UFOs which started early in 1964. They then analyse many other significant cases, take a new look at old alignments, discuss various great waves and cycles, and, thanks to the cooperation of the U.S. Air Force, release for the first time the details of the surprising case at Lock Raven Dam in Maryland U.S.A.

French Students of UFOS, and others too, have already welcomed this new book. The English versions will be eagerly awaited.

UFOs Over Australia

There has long been need of a general work on UFOs, detailing the principal Australian sightings, recording the history of Australian UFO investigation and serving as an introduction to readers new to the subject.

"UFOs over Australia" by James Holledge to some extent fulfills this need. So far as it purports to be "a compilation" of sightings and events it is reasonably successful in its aims. However, in venturing into some of the more controversial fields of ufology the book is often both irrelevant and irrational.

The first chapters of the book deal concisely with many of the early Australian sightings, and with the evaluations made by both official and civilian UFO investigative bodies. The chapters on the Cill, Browning and Brew incidents are particularly well presented.

When the author ventures into the domain of the contactee he is on less secure ground.

Since it is obvious that UFOs are spaceships "it is really not very difficult to go a little further and believe experiences such as are claimed by Adamski and Allingham" the reader is assured.

Further, "most Australian ufologists were ready to accept the (fact) that Adamski had really made the historic meeting with a being from outer space", an assumption that is as glib as it is unfounded.

No less than 24 pages are devoted to recounting Adamski's alleged experiences, rehashing ground that has been covered more cogently in numerous other UFO books and publications.

More seriously, the author, is guilty of considerable partiality towards Adamski. For example, no mention is made of the formidable NICAP investigation into the Kansas City train incident which blew Adamski's credibility to ribbons. This partiality is the more serious since the book is more likely to be read by the general reader than by the informed expert.

Following Adamski is a section on the Allingham contact claim, the evidential value of which is as tenuous as its relevance to the subject of flying saucers over Australia.

by Peter Norris. (President, V.F.S.R.S.)

Paul Thomas: Flying Saucers Through the Ages (translated by Gavin Gibbon)

Few topics have the power to excite universal imagination more than that of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. Whether the mass of readers is convinced about the existence of flying saucers is not necessarily relevant, for even where doubt persists, interest is more likely to be sustained.

But what must be regarded as important is the standard of intellectual inquiry that is published on the subject. Some articles and books can be claimed as useful instruments in the pursuance of truth; others do little but hinder and confuse. "Flying Saucers Through the Ages" is one of these. The contents bear little relation to the title. Anyone searching for logical discussion will find this work incomprehensible, and for the reader acquainted with theology (and greater part is critical of Biblical scholarship) it is a private viewpoint punctuated by isolated quotations, apparently chosen by method of random selection.

Writing under a non-de-plume, Paul Misraki seems to have drawn inspiration from recent verification by science that the origin of organic material may be outer space. From this assumption a challenge is attempted and directed mainly against doctrines of Divine Revelation through scripture - a challenge quite legitimate if done with some degree of competence. The manner of attack here is by means only of inadequate expression of superficial observations, reminiscent of the emotions of an evangelist propounding against the theory of evolution. Could be, that evangelists and writers of popular music like Misraki possess one common trait - the tendency in the modern world of wanting to deny men their rights to objective critical faculty. There are times when this art of hoodwinking is legitimately practiced and undoubtedly welcomed; but here the reaction is one of irritation.

At the outset, it is extraordinary that a book bearing this title should, within the total space of less than 200 pages between its covers, devote whole chapters in quite redundantly informing the reader that Angelos is derived from the Greek 'message', reminding him that the end of the world has not yet taken place. A half chapter goes to a fable; another two chapters to Fatima and to the Vatican respectively. The author seems either reluctant or quite inadequate to tell us much about 'the ages'.

To be fair, ancient civilisations do earn mention. Chaldea, for instance, has a couple of sentences worth. Rejecting historical opinions concerning mysteries surround Babylonian mathematical genius, he offers no opportunity to meditate the worth of his own alternative view. No mention is made of points in secular history that one might expect to be presented as advantageous to his cause. Some of these could include the apparent pre-occupation in science generally, and for astronomy in particular, among those ancient peoples; the wonders and beginnings of Mesopotamian Ziggurats, Egyptian Pyramids together with their associated 'light' cults, sky-chariot beliefs, and geometrics, which involved so much time and energies along a whole chain of civilized communities of the period. On page 16, the author ann-

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enced an intention to "fit the pieces of a jigsaw together, to examine the facts," but the pieces are never produced, the facts never mentioned.

In the light of modern scholarship and of serious research, opinions cannot be expounded from an academic vacuum. "If evidence of the visitations is more numerous than was at first thought", he says, "it is essential to alter our viewpoint". Despite that grammatical error contained within this sentence (the translator's fault no doubt) the truth of it remains, nevertheless - it only remains for someone other than Misraki to produce the evidence. For through him, even Biblical commentary is mishandled. Like a grasshopper in a paddy-field, he hops hither and thither attempting nibbles at various grains of scriptural information - the result being confusion and the progress aimless, as one endeavours to reason out the connection between Cosmoa and Angelos, of the logic in attempting to equate the Greek language with primitive Hebraic religious national development through a thousand or so years before the process of Hellenisation. And time leaps about the book - back and forth - starting at the beginnings of things, then landing on the post Mac-cabean period before returning to Moses via the circumstance of Ezekial's wheels; then more tempting, but oft abuses, New Testament quotations.

Apart from the bewildering sequences of events, Misraki's biblical knowledge appears shaky, fragmented and superficial, and culminates in an interpretation of Messianic tradition without first consideration for growth of Hebrew ideology, examination of the role of the prophets, or the reasons underlying Palestian rejection of Herodian influences for a life of Messianic purpose.

Whatever the author's intentions and views, he has failed to communicate them.
— by W.B. Gill.

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SOCIETY NEWS

LIBRARY:

The following books are available on loan from the Woomera Public Library:

- "Flying Saucers come from Another World" by J. Guieu
- "The Truth about Flying Saucers" by A. Michel
- "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" by D. Keyhoe
- "Worlds in Collision" by E. Velikovsky

"Worlds in Collision" does not concern UFO's directly, but may be of interest to some members.

In the near future it is hoped to have more publications on UFOs and associated subjects available for the use of members. Look for news in your next Journal.

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Cover designs for future editions are sought. It would be appreciated if these could be outlined on foolscap paper as they would then be ready for direct trace.

Our next publication will be ready for distribution early or mid-November, so until then -- KEEP WATCHING

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Space Visitors in Ancient Egypt

by Roberto Pinotti

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" In the third month of winter of the year 22, at the sixth hour of the day, the scribes of the House of Life found that there was a circle of fire coming in the sky. (Though) it had no head, the breath from its mouth had a foul odour. One rod (about 150 feet) long was its body and one rod wide, and it had no voice. And the hearts of the scribes became terrified and confused and they laid themselves flat on their bellies . . . (lacuna) . . . they reported to the Pharaoh. His Majesty ordered . . . (lacuna) . . . has been examined . . . (lacuna) . . . and he was meditating on what had happened and which is recorded in papyri of the House of Life. Now, after some days had gone by, behold, these things (the fire circles) became more numerous in the skies than ever. They shone more than the brightness of the sun, and extended to the limits of the four supports (quarters) of the heavens . . . (lacuna) . . . Powerful was the position of these fire circles in the sky. The army of Pharaoh looked on with him in their midst. It was after supper. Thereupon, these fire circles ascended higher in the sky towards the south. (Then) fishes and birds fell down from the sky. A marvel never before known since the foundation of this land (Egypt)! And the Pharaoh caused incense to be brought to make peace on the earth . . . (lacuna) . . . and what had happened was ordered by the Pharaoh to be written in the annals of the House of life . . . (lacuna) . . . so that it be remembered forever."

UFO researchers will remember this well-known translation of a badly decayed papyrus, found still untranslated with many others dating from the Middle Kingdom, among the papers of the late Professor Alberto Tulli, former director of the Egyptian Museum of the Vatican. Professor Tulli's brother, Monsignor Gustavo of the Vatican archives, had allowed Prince Boris de Rachelwiltz, one of the World's leading Egyptologists, to translate it, and so the papyrus, which begins with a broken off section relating to some other prodigy, could be identified as part of the Royal Annals of the Pharaoh Thutmose III (1483-1450 B.C.). This ancient writing, showing clear and impressive evidence of the presence of the UFOs in the past, reveals that unknown objects with same characteristics of the so-called "flying saucers" of today were often seen in the skies of Egypt in those days. In fact, in this papyrus there is a clear hint of some other occurrence which was "recorded in papyri of the House of Life", and it is stated that the mysterious fire circles became "more numerous in the skies than ever" -- evidently implying that such events were not new for the Egyptians.

The Papyrus also reveals that such sightings have always been given, (like other phenomena in the skies such as meteors, mock suns and moons or comets which our ancestors were not able to explain) a supernatural and religious meaning. Ignorance, superstition and fear, obviously distorted and coloured many mysterious events witnessed by mankind in the past. This explains why it is difficult for us to obtain a clear picture of the real meaning of the myths and prodigies of antiquity. Modern philosophy aims at getting rid of such "fantasies" in the name of reason and progress, but surely Shakespeare was right when he wrote in his Hamlet: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy". Man has been given irrefutable proof of this statement.

It is safe to say that our picture will never be perfectly clear, since too many details have been irremediably altered and facts misrepresented throughout the ages. Nevertheless, if we examine ancient records such as the Tulli papyrus, we can't help wondering if Extraterrestrial creatures visited our planet in the past, and if -- as some savants are now beginning to suspect -- most of our religions and mythologies were really originated by the deification of ancient space visitors who came down among men in far-off times. As a matter of fact, all our religions and mythologies state that mankind was ruled, at first, by divine beings from "Heaven" (in other words from the sky). And also the Holy Bible, as far as the Judeo-Christian scriptures are concerned, produces in Genesis (Chapter VI, verse 2) irrefutable evidence of the existence of these mysterious "Sons of Gods" ("Beneha-Elohim" in Hebrew -- remember "Elohim" is a plural term and its real meaning is not "God" but "Gods"). They and the two hundred fallen angels called "Watchers" in the Coptic

"Book of Enoch" and "Gregoroi" in the Slavonic "Book of the Secrets of Enoch" who came down among men in the days of Jared to mate with the "daughters of men" and rule the earth are evidently the same.

We must remember that beings with their same characteristics are the protagonists of several myths of Greece, Egypt, Lesser Asia, Mesopotamia, Persia, India, Tibet, and Japan, as well as of a number of Celtic, Roman, Australasian and pre-Columbian Legends. Were our ancestors really ruled by an alien race of super-men and by their descendants? Whatever one may say, such myths could prove to be too important not to be examined and studied in the light of all the aspects of the UFO enigma.

As far as Egyptian mythology is concerned, we know that the first earthly dynasties succeeded Horus, the last "divine king" who had been chosen by the council of the Gods in Heaven to be the ruler of Egypt after the death of his father Osiris, who had been killed by his brother, Set, the usurper. "Manethosays" according to the Josephus "that Horus was admitted to the sight of the Gods" (Josephus, contra Apion Lib. i. p. 932). It is evident that this admission of Horus (who is here spoken of as a human and mortal king, as you see) to the sight of the Gods implies the use of a means of transport which could drive him to the Gods of Egypt, dwellers of the sky. In fact, according to Egyptian myths, this flying vehicle existed. It was the so-called "Eye of Horus", often referred to in several ancient texts, such as the "Book of the Dead" (Chapter LXVI) it is written: ". . . My name is Horus and I am from the Eye of Horus . . .". Obviously, this sky vehicle was given the unusual name of "Eye of Horus" since the deity riding it was evidently able to watch mankind from the skies. In fact, Horus (which is only the Latin name of this God) was originally named "hrw" or "hr", and the literal meaning of this ancient Egyptian word is just "he who flies high in the skies". Besides, it is interesting to remember that the vault of heaven (that is the starry Universe) was named after "Hat-hor", which means "the abode of Horus".

All this not only shows that the Egyptians firmly believed the "Eye of Horus" could easily reach outer space with its divine passenger, but also suggests that it might have been a sort of flying machine. Moreover, we know that in ancient India, where space flight was restricted to the Gods, as in Egypt, the mythical Garuda (a bird-like flying deity considered as man's earliest concept of an interplanetary vehicle) was evidently a symbolical representation of a flying means of transport. Are some researchers wrong when they wonder if the symbol of the "Eye of Horus" (the winged circle or disc), to which the Egyptians attached a very great importance, may be only a cross-sectional drawing, much simplified and stylised by many copyings of an ancient extraterrestrial spaceship? In this connection, surely the "fire circles" from "Heaven" described in the Tulli papyrus offer plenty of material for controversy. Do you think that their strong resemblance with the Biblical "Chariots of God" (Psalms, 68:17) described in the Book of Ezekiel (Chapter 1, verse 16) as flying "wheels" is merely coincidental?

Flying vehicles from "Heaven" are often referred to in both mythological and historical records of several peoples of the world, and were frequently given symbolical and fanciful representations. For instance, observe the ancient statue of Horus from the temple of Edfu. Though they were two different deities, Horus was often represented in the form of a gigantic hawk called Mekhentirty, connected with a forgotten astral myth, who was later given all his attributes and became his best known symbol. But what about the man who can be seen with the sacred image of the God? Surely he must have been a very important personage, for he was granted the privilege of being represented with Horus in a statue which was later placed inside the famous temple of Edfu. Who is this man? Surely he is not a Pharaoh or a member of the Royal Family, because the well-known image of the serpent, worn by all the Egyptian monarchs and their relatives, is not affixed to his head-dress. So far, as I have been able to find, this "helmet-like" headgear not only shows that this man cannot be a priest or scribe (who are always bare-headed in all their representations), but also that he cannot be a courtier (who would have been represented with the "nemes" — the Egyptian flax headgear — on his head, in the same way as any other rich man). Since Horus was worshipped as a war God in Edfu (his deeds were commemorated on the walls of the temple there) some savants could suggest that our man is only a warrior. Nevertheless they would have to admit that the garments which we can see in well-known images of Egyptian military leaders or warriors seem to be quite different from this.

Consequently, all in all, I think we have in this statue a double representation of Horus, in his divine (the sacred hawk) and human (the man) nature. In other words, this is an image of Horus with Mekhentirty, the sacred hawk with whom he was later identified, and whom many mythographers consider as the Egyptian equivalent of Garuda and Pushpaka, which in Vedic myth was the aerial chariot in which Kubera

usually travelled. (In the Tamayana it is told how it was stolen by Ravana and later recovered by Rama -- Egyptian and Hindu legends evidently refer to the same mythical event, since we know that the "Eye of Horus" was also stolen by Set and later recovered by Thoth).

Therefore, it seems safe to say that in our statue the hawk symbolizes the "Eye of Horus", the flying vehicle of the God, and the man its divine occupant, who is seemingly coming out of a door, as you can see

Such being the case, what shall we think? Is this statue a stylised image of an ancient spaceship and of its pilot? Remember that in the Book of the Dead, (Chapter LXVI) Horus says: ". . . I leave like the sacred hawk who flies away and rests on the forehead of Ra (the sun), on the prow of the boat of Nu(n) (the boundless dark void in which everything was created, in other words cosmic space -- also considered as the birthplace of all Gods of Egypt) . . ."

Those who are familiar with our subject will admit that these words could describe a scout ship (the "sacred hawk", or the "Eye of Horus") and its huge interplanetary spacecraft carrier orbiting around Earth in outer space (the "Boat" of Nu(n)). Can this be true?

Weigh the evidence -- then decide.

". . . Scholars should not shrink from translating difficult text", Sir Alan Gardiner wrote in the Journal of Egyptian Archaeology", . . . At the best they may be lucky enough to hit upon the right renderings. At the worst they will have given the critics a target to tilt at".

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Scientific, Technical & Astronomical
Research Society,
c/- Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

19th September, 1966

File No. 56/483.

SUPERINTENDANT,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of S.T.A.R.S. committee meeting held at 25 Carcoola Street, Tuesday 13th September, 1966.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

(P.J. Ross)
Secretary.

Encl.

for

Scientific, Technical & Astronomical Research Society

held at 25 Caroola Street, Tuesday 13th September, 1966

Those Present:

President: Mr. J. McCarthy
 V. President: Mr. O. Rock
 Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
 Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallis
 Scientific Advisory Off: Mr. G. Mickleburgh
 Committeeman: Mr. J. Whitmarsh

Apologies:

Mr. M.L. Neale
 Mr. J. Adams
 Mr. J. Russell
 Mrs. A. Holmes
 Mr. L. Bear

The Chairman, Mr. J. McCarthy, declared the meeting open at 2005 hours.

MINUTES: Following the reading of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31st August, 1966 -moved Mr. G. Mickleburgh, seconded Mr. G. Wallis, that the minutes be accepted — carried.

Business arising from the minutes.

NEWSLETTER (JOURNAL):

Moved Mr. Mickleburgh, seconded Mr. Rock that:

- (a) The title of the S.T.A.R.S. publication formally known as a "Newsletter, now be known as a "Journal".
- (b) The Journal will incorporate sighting reports, articles on UFOs and associated subjects, book reviews and the serialisation of the book by M.K. Jessup - "The Case for the UFO". (Approx. 2 chapters per month).
- (c) The Journal be issued monthly with an issue of a newsheet in the interim period should the need arise. (i.e. outstanding reports on local sightings etc).
- (d) The Journal be numbered in sequential order - Vol 1, No. 1 etc.
— carried.

Next Issue of the Journal:

Moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock, that a note be included in the next issue of the Journal to read as follows:

"Future Journals will be only transmitted to financial members."

— carried.

DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Following discussion by the committee, the Secretary was asked to make a full survey of halls available for hire and the cost of these halls per evening for the holding of discussion groups when the need arises.

SIGHTING REPORTS:

Moved Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Wallis that:

- (a) A map of the Village area be produced on a separate page and be attached to the sighting report form.
- (b) If the sighting occurs outside this area, a sketch of the sighting area be reproduced on the back of the map attached.
- (c) A sketch of the actual object sighted be shown on the back of the sighting report form.
- (d) The sighting report form be modified to include suggestions incorporated in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting. — carried.

Following Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting the President then carried on with items on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Following a letter from the Superintendent suggesting affiliation with W.E.R.I., and subsequent enquiries made by Secretary, STARS, a letter from the Chairman, WERI, was read to the committee outlining affiliation details. As this did not cover fully the questions of the committee . . . Moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Mickleburgh, that the President approach the Chairman of WERI on an unofficial basis for a fuller explanation of affiliation. - - carried

CAPIO CONFERENCE:

A personal letter to the Secretary was read to the committee which extended an invitation to her, as a member of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, to attend the CAPIO conference on Oct. 8th and 9th in Adelaide, bearing in mind Security regulations as laid down in para 14 of STARS constitution. The purpose of attendance is to gather information inconspicuously, which may be of use to the Society. (i.e. hire of films, slides etc.) Moved Mr. Rock, seconded Mr. Whitmarsh that the Secretary attend the above conference. - - carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved Mr. Rock, seconded Mrs. Ross, that the Treasurer approach the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales on the following:
(a) Establishment of an account for S.T.A.R.S. (i.e. on which would prove to be the most economical charges wise).
(b) Request the Manager to act as an auditor for the Society's book of account when the need arises.

Mr. Wallis will report personally to the President on the results of paras (a) and (b). - - carried.

To date the Society has \$20 in hand from subscriptions and \$1 outgoing for the hire of the hall for the Annual General Meeting.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The following committee members have been selected to subscribe, on behalf of the Society, to the following magazines:
Moved Mr. Mickleburgh, seconded Mrs. Ross, that the President subscribe to NICAP, which subscription will cover the special introductory offer as stated in their circular. - - carried.

Moved Mrs. Ross, seconded Mr. McCarthy that Mr. Mickleburgh send a letter of inquiry to the Australian Flying Saucer Review re magazine subscriptions and the number of magazines published annually. - - carried.

Moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock, that Mr. Whitmarsh subscribe to Probe magazine for one issue. This is to establish the contents of this magazine and of what use they would be to the Society. - - carried.

Moved Mr. Wallis, seconded Mr. Rock, that the Secretary write personally to Allens Book Shelf (U.S.A.) for a catalogue of books as advertised in the Flying Saucer Review May/June issue. This Book depot specialises in the stocking of books on UFOs and associated subjects. - - carried.

Moved Mrs. Ross, seconded Mr. Wallis, that Mr. Rock send a letter of inquiry to BUFORA magazine re the cost of yearly subscription and the number of issues published annually. - - carried.

NEWSCUTTINGS:

The Secretary was asked to make inquiries into the possible subscription by the Society to a newscutting service for reports on UFOs and associated subjects.

POSTAGE RATES FOR MAIL FROM U.K. AND U.S.A.:

The Secretary was asked to make inquiries from P.O. Woomera on the cost of second - class airmail postage rates from the above two countries.

LIBRARY NEWS:

The following books are available on loan from the Woomera Public Library:

- "Flying Saucers come from Another World" by J. Guieu
- "The Truth about Flying Saucers" by A. Michel
- "Worlds in Collision" by E. Velikovsky.

The last-listed book is not directly concerning UFOs but may be of interest to members.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next committee meeting, subject to trials programming, will be held in three to five weeks time. Notice of this meeting will be posted in accordance with para 5.5.3. of the constitution.

VOTES OF THANKS:

The President, on behalf of the committee, moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Rock for provision of supper at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Wallis moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Miss. P. Rock for baby-sitting for him, thus enabling him to attend the committee meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2150 hours.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera.

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02 September, 1966

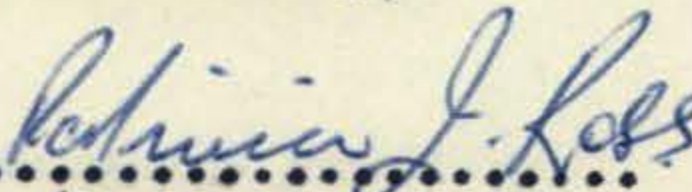
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Superintendent,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

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General Meeting held in the Theatre Annex on Wednesday 31st August
1966.

Yours faithfully,


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(P.J. Ross)
Secretary

Encl.



MINUTES

OF

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY.

GENERAL MEETING

held in the Theatre Annex, Wednesday 31st August, at 8 p.m.

Apologies: Mr. G. Wallace
Mr. A. Patterson
Miss L. Humphries
Mr. M.L. Neale
Mr. H. Belson
Mr. G. Horne

The Chairman, Mr. R.L. McGowan, declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held in the Woomera Area School on Wednesday, 27th July were read to the meeting by the Secretary. Moved Mr. P. Neale, seconded Mr. D. Hume-Cook, that the minutes be accepted. — carried.

Business arising from the minutes — nil.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

The letter from the Superintendent concerning operating conditions for the Society in the Woomera Area was read to the meeting by the Chairman, Mr. McGowan, for the benefit of those who had not previously been aware of the exact conditions.

ELECTIONS:

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of President. Mr. J. McCarthy was duly nominated and elected unopposed.

Upon the election of the President, the Chairman, Mr. McGowan, then asked the President to take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. The President then carried on with the election of office bearers.

A letter addressed to the Chairman from Mr. G. Wallace, stating his willingness to take any office on the committee if nominated and subsequently elected, was read to the meeting by the President.

Following nominations and voting the following persons were elected to the committee:-

- Vice-President: Mr. O. Rock
- Treasurer: Mr. G. Wallace
- Secretary: Mrs. P. Ross
- Librarian: Mrs. A. Holmes
- Scientific Advisory Officer: Mr. G. Mickleburgh
- Sighting Report Officer: Mr. M.L. Neale
- Committeemen: Mr. J. Whitmarsh
- Mr. J. Russell
- Mr. J. Adams
- Mr. L. Beare

NEWSLETTER:

The first S.T.A.R.S. newsletter was read to the meeting by the Chairman and discussion of sightings reported contained therein then followed.

Mr. Russell asked the Chair what follow-up action was intended to be taken by the Scientific Advisory Officer and the Sighting Report Officer on sightings received. Mr. McGowan was asked by the Chairman to explain in more detail, the intention and aims of the Society.

NEWSLETTER (CONT):

Moved Mr. R.L. McGowan, seconded Mr. Mickleburgh, that regular circulation of a newsletter be made available to members and to be posted on recognised notice boards.

Recommendation was made that information be contained in the newsletter as to "How", "When" and "Where" to place a sighting report. Numbers available for sighting reporting are:-

Scientific Advisory Officer, Mr. G. Mickleburgh
04297 or W487

Sighting Report Officer, Mr. M.L. Neale
04214 or W541

DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Moved Mr. Russell, seconded Mr, McGowan, that a discussion group be held for every ten sightings received. -- carried.

It was explained to the meeting that in the event of any outstanding increase in the number of sightings, or extraordinary local happenings, members would be informed by newsletter and by the posting of notices, that a discussion group would be called at the first available opportunity.

SIGHTING REPORTS:

Moved Mr. Russell, seconded Mrs. L. Beare, that a map of the area be obtained and positions of sightings plotted on this by the Sighting Report Officer and the Scientific Advisory Officer. Recommendation was made to the committee, following discussion, that the Sighting Report Form be redrafted to include more specific reference to known constructions and objects (both natural and man-made) in the sighting area.

Moved Mr. W. Holmes, seconded Mr. D. Hume-Cook, that a map of the area be printed on the back of the sighting report form. -- carried.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The President, on behalf of the Steering Committee, moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. R. L. McGowan for the work he did as Chairman of the Steering Committee, seconded by Mr. O. Rock. -- carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 10.05 p.m.

Copy: Superintendent Woomera

Scientific, Technical and Astronomical
Research Society,

c/- Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

18th August, 1966.

File No. 56/483

SUPERINTENDENT,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter dated 14th August, please find enclosed a copy of our Constitution in which your requested amendments have been recorded.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st August, and a copy of the Minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to you as soon as they become available,

Yours faithfully,

P.J. Ross

(P.J. Ross),
Secretary,
S.T.A.R.S.

Encl.

CONSTITUTION

for

SCIENTIFIS, TECHNICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY.

- 1. NAME: The Society will be known as the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society, it will be known hereinafter as "The Society".
- 2. AIMS: The aims of the Society are to promote interest in the investigation of Aerial Phenomena on a strictly scientific basis; to collect data on sightings both in Australia and overseas; in a long-term project attempt to analyse data collected through computer processing; subscribe to selected magazines both national and international for worldwide sighting report correlation; to hold discussion groups on the scientific aspect of aerial phenomena; to mount a skywatch at irregular intervals; to be available to assess local sighting reports (if requested).

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open to all interested persons living and/or working in the area controlled by Superintendent Woomera. Any person will cease to be a member of the Society on leaving the area permanently.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEE:

- 4.1 The Society membership fee will be \$4 per person, per year payable on joining (for shorter periods \$1 per quarter) and thereafter at the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 A General Meeting of members has the power to authorise the raising of a levy on members consistent with the aims of the Society should the need arise.
- 4.3 Only financial members are eligible to vote on any motion at the Annual General Meeting; to draw from the library any literature purchased by the Society for the use of members, and to take part in any activity planned by the Committee.

5. COMMITTEE:

- 5.1 The Committee will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Scientific Advisory Officer, Sighting Report Officer and four committeemen.
- 5.2 The Committee will have the power to second such member or members as it deems necessary to assist in the organising of particular activities.
- 5.3 The Committee will have the power to appoint a member or members to fill vacancy or vacancies caused by the resignation, posting or transfer from within the bounds of membership of a member of the Committee, if it is deemed necessary provided that, should one or more vacancies occur two months before the Annual General Meeting, the Committee is bound to make the necessary appointments.
- 5.4 Term of office: The term of office will be one year with all committee members retiring each year. They will be eligible for re-election.
- 5.5 Duties of the Committee:
 - 5.5.1 President. The President will act as Chairman at all meetings; will be responsible for the good order and conduct of all meetings. He will not vote on any motion except when a casting vote is necessary at all General and Committee meetings.
 - 5.5.2 Vice-President. The Vice-President will assist the President, and act for the President at any time the latter is unable personally to attend to the business of the Society.

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- 5.5.3. Secretary. The Secretary will prepare an agenda for all meetings; record the minutes of all meetings; originate and sign, at the committee's direction, outward correspondence; maintain a register of all members; advise all concerned of forthcoming meetings seven clear days before the meeting is called. The Secretary is to have the power to second assistants to write personally to other clubs or societies for information.
- 5.5.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer will receive all dues on behalf of the Society; bank all monies in the Society's Account within a week of receipt; keep all necessary books of account to record the Society's financial business; present a statement of income and expenditure at each regular General and Committee meeting; maintain in conjunction with the Secretary a petty cash imprest of an amount to be decided upon by the committee from time to time, which amount will not exceed \$5 without reference to a General meeting; to have the power to draw cheques or withdrawal forms for payment on any commitment agreed by the committee.
- 5.5.5 Librarian. The Librarian will be responsible for the filing, listing and safe-keeping of all journals, periodicals, magazines and novels owned by the Society; will ensure that when the above items are drawn by members that they are correctly stamped and recorded in the appropriate files, that time allowed for reading any of the above-mentioned literature will not exceed two weeks for a novel and one week for periodicals; if the time taken for reading exceeds the specified period that a fine of one cent per item per day be imposed for each additional day that the item remains on loan.
- 5.5.6 Scientific Advisory Officer. The Scientific Advisory Officer will be available for sighting report analysis; present scientific aspects of aerial phenomena at discussions; correlate data for long-term project analysis attempts as in Para 2. (Aims) of this Constitution and any other matter dealing with scientific aerial data.
- 5.5.7 Sighting Report Officer. The Sighting Report Officer will be responsible for sighting report form distribution and collection; the giving of any aid required for compilation of such reports; to keep a file of processed sighting reports; to collect newscuttings relating to aerial phenomena and to have the power to second members for collection of newscuttings.
 - 5.5.7.1 Range Sighting Reports. For clearance to gather such reports the Head of the respective Section in which the sighting was reported, together with the Security Officer, must be approached before any data is gathered.
- 5.5.8 Committeemen. The Committeemen will assist in all Committee matters, and table views of all members as they are received.
- 5.5.9 The Committee may suspend any member from the Society for such period(s) as shall be determined by the Committee, where the Committee is satisfied that the member's mis-conduct is prejudicial to the good order and conduct of the Society.
 - 5.5.9.1 Before any disciplinary measure is imposed on any member, that member will be given an opportunity of appearing before the committee to answer the allegations made against him.
- 5.5.10 The Committee is empowered to rule on all questions of eligibility of membership.
- 5.5.11 The Committee will be solely responsible for authorising the organisation of any Society function.

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- 5.5.12 The Committee will appoint an auditor and will promulgate the name of the auditor within one month of the appointment.
- 5.5.13 All accounts for payment must be authorised for payment by a simple majority of the Society Committee. This authorisation is to be applied to all normal activity and subscription accounts.

6. ELECTIONS:

- 6.1 Members will be elected to the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Committeemen etc. at the Annual General Meeting on receipt of a nomination which, after indications of acceptance, will be seconded.
- 6.2 If more seconded nominations are received than are required to fill the vacancies voting will be by secret ballot.
- 6.3 Any financial member may exercise one vote only on any motion put to the meeting, and one vote only for each of the required number of candidates.
- 6.4 The required number of nominees who individually gain the highest number of votes will be elected to the committee.
- 6.5 Two members who have neither nominated a member, nor themselves been nominated, will be appointed by the Chairman to act as scrutineers of the ballot.
- 6.6 The Annual General Meeting will elect in order, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Scientific Advisory Officer, Sighting Report Officer and Committeemen.

7. MEETINGS:

- 7.1 The Society's financial year will end on 31st July.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held within six weeks of the end of the Society's financial year.
- 7.3 The notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with the agenda and balance sheet, will be posted in accordance with para 5.5.3 of this Constitution.
- 7.4 Committee meetings will be held once per calendar month between Annual General meetings, and may be called at any time at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 7.5 Extraordinary General Meetings will be called by the Chairman at his discretion, or upon receipt by the Chairman, in writing, of a petition to hold such a meeting, which request will set out clearly the desired reasons for calling the meeting and must be signed by ten percent of the financial members on the register at that time.
- 7.6 A meeting to discuss the contents of the petition will be held within twenty-one days of the receipt of the petition. Notice of the date of the meeting, together with the agenda, will be distributed to all members in accordance with para 5.5.3 of this Constitution.

8. QUORUMS:

- 8.1 General Meetings. A quorum for all General Meetings will consist of twenty-five percent of all members on the register at that time.
- 8.2 Where a meeting is postponed for lack of a quorum, notice of the recalled meeting will be duly posted stating clearly that those members present at the recalled meeting will constitute a quorum.
- 8.3 Committee Meetings. A quorum for all committee meetings will consist of six members who will include President or Vice-President, plus the Secretary or appointed Deputy.

4 Where a Committee meeting is postponed for lack of a quorum, notice of the recalled meeting will be duly posted stating clearly that those members present at the recalled meeting will constitute a quorum.

9. RECEIPTS:

All receipts will be banked in the Society's Account to be determined by the Committee, and all cheques and other instruments drawn will be signed on behalf of the Committee by any two from the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

10. RESCINDING A MOTION:

No motion duly passed at a General Meeting of the Society may be rescinded within a period of twelve months unless notice of motion is posted in accordance with para 5.5.3 of this Constitution.

11. HONORARIA:

The Committee may decide from time to time to award honoraria to such people as, in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered exceptional service to the Society.

12. TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY:

Prior to the termination of the Society, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be called to decide the disposal of any monies or goods belonging to the Society at that time.

13. POWER OF VETO:

- 13.1 The Superintendent Woomera or his appointed Deputy has the power to veto any decision involving activities in the Woomera area or directly concerning Woomera area operations.
- 13.2 To safeguard the power of veto a copy of the minutes of any meeting will be sent to Superintendent Woomera (or his appointed Deputy) within seven days of such meeting.

14. SECURITY:

The security conditions for the operation of the Society within the Woomera Area will be as laid down in the Conditions of Entry to Restricted Areas, The Undertaking of Secrecy, and as directed by the Superintendent Woomera. These must be strictly adhered to at all times.

15. ALTERING THIS CONSTITUTION:

- 15.1 This Constitution may only be altered at a General Meeting.
- 15.2 A motion to alter the Constitution will be carried by a two-thirds majority of members present.
- 15.3 Notice of the motion to alter this Constitution will be posted in accordance with para 5.5.3 of this Constitution before such motion may be heard at a General Meeting.

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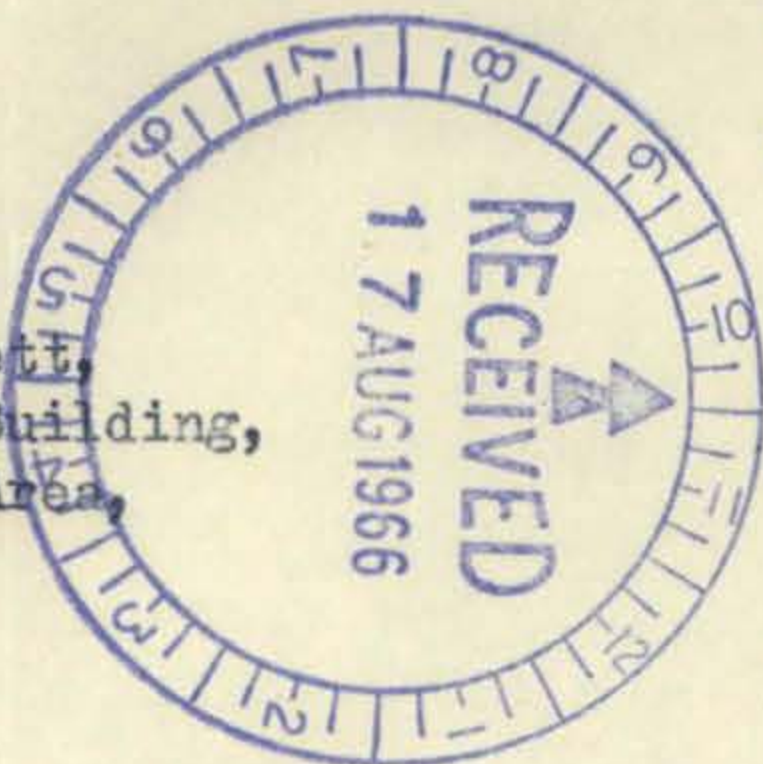
Scientific, Technical and Astronomical
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WOOMERA S.A.

14th August, 1966.

File No. 56/483.

SUPERINTENDENT,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.



Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 3rd August, 1966.

Thank you for your approval of the Draft Constitution in which your amendments will be incorporated as requested. A copy of the amended Constitution will be forwarded to your office as soon as it becomes available.

With reference to your suggestion of our affiliation with W.E.R.I., it is proposed to send a letter of enquiry to this organisation for further details.

Once again thanking you for your continued interest in our Society.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

(P.J. Ross,)

Secretary,
Scientific, Technical and Astronomical
Research Society.

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Please quote in reply.

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3rd August, 1966

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The Secretary,
Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society,
Flat 257, Block 2E,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA, S.A.

Dear Madam,

I acknowledge receipt of your draft constitution forwarded under cover of your letter of the 29th July, 1966, and have pleasure in approving it subject to the following minor amendments.

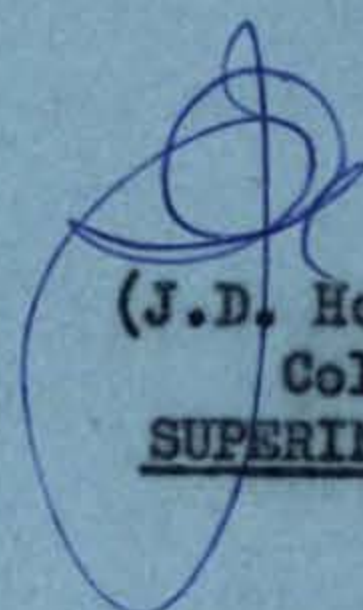
Paragraph 12 - I consider that the first four words of this paragraph should, for obvious reasons, be amended to "Prior to"

Paragraph 14 - This paragraph should be re-written as follows:-

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2. As well as the above comments, I wonder whether your Society has considered affiliation with the W.E.R.I. as this would no doubt obtain for the Society many benefits such as the provision of accommodation for meetings.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel,
SUPERINTENDENT.

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29th July, 1966.

Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Superintendent,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes for our meeting held in the Woomera Area School on Wednesday 27th July, 1966 at 8 p.m., together with a copy of our Constitution accepted at the same meeting, subject to your approval.

We await a reply at your earliest convenience,

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

(P.J. Ross, Steering Committee.)

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Supt Para 13 and 4 appear to give adequate protection. Perhaps attention should be drawn to Conventions of ESO as a subsidiary of Honeysett

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for

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 - 5.3 The Committee will have the power to appoint a member or members to fill vacancy or vacancies caused by the resignation, posting or transfer from within the bounds of membership of a member of the Committee, if it is deemed necessary provided that, should one or more vacancies occur two months before the Annual General Meeting, the Committee is bound to make the necessary appointments.
 - 5.4 Term of Office: The term of office will be one year with all committee members retiring each year. They will be eligible for re-election.
 - 5.5 Duties of the Committee:
 - 5.5.1 President. The President will act as Chairman at all meetings; will be responsible for the good order and conduct of all meetings. He will not vote on any motion except when a casting vote is necessary at all General and Committee meetings.

- 5.5.2 Vice-President. The Vice-President will assist the President, and act for the President at any time the latter is unable personally to attend to the business of the Society.
- 5.5.3 Secretary. The Secretary will prepare an agenda for all meetings; record the minutes of all meetings; originate and sign, at the committee's direction, outward correspondence; maintain a register of all members; advise all concerned of forthcoming meetings seven clear days before the meeting is called. The Secretary is to have the power to second assistants to write personally to other clubs or societies for information.
- 5.5.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer will receive all dues on behalf of the Society; bank all monies in the Society's Account within a week of receipt; keep all necessary books of account to record the Society's financial business; present a statement of income and expenditure at each regular General and Committee meeting; maintain in conjunction with the Secretary a petty cash imprest of an amount to be decided upon by the committee from time to time, which amount will not exceed \$5 without reference to a General meeting; to have the power to draw cheques or withdrawal forms for payment of any commitment agreed by the committee.
- 5.5.5 Librarian. The Librarian will be responsible for the filing, listing and safe-keeping of all journals, periodicals, magazines and novels owned by the Society; will ensure that when the above items are drawn by members that they are correctly stamped and recorded in the appropriate files; that time allowed for reading any of the above-mentioned literature will not exceed two weeks for a novel and one week for periodicals; if the time taken for reading exceeds the specified period that a fine of one cent per item per day be imposed for each additional day that the item remains on loan.
- 5.5.6 Scientific Advisory Officer. The Scientific Advisory Officer will be available for sighting report analysis; present scientific aspects of aerial phenomena at discussions; correlate data for long-term project analysis attempts as in Para 2. (Aims) of this Constitution and any other matter dealing with scientific aerial data.
- 5.5.7 Sighting Report Officer. The Sighting Report Officer will be responsible for sighting report form distribution and collection; the giving of any aid required for compilation of such reports; to keep a file of processed sighting reports; to collect newscuttings relating to aerial phenomena and to have the power to second members for collection of newscuttings.
- 5.5.7.1 Range Sighting Reports. For clearance to gather such reports the Head of the respective Section in which the sighting was reported, together with the Security officer, must be approached before any data is gathered.
- 5.5.8 Committeemen. The Committeemen will assist in all Committee matters, and table views of all members as they are received.
- 5.5.9 The Committee may suspend any member from the Society for such period(s) as shall be determined by the Committee, where the Committee is satisfied that the member's mis-conduct is prejudicial to the good order and conduct of the Society.
- 5.5.9.1 Before any disciplinary measure is imposed on any member, that member will be given an opportunity of appearing before the committee to answer the allegations made against him.
- 5.5.10 The Committee is empowered to rule on all questions of eligibility of membership.

- 5.5.11 The Committee will be solely responsible for authorising the organisation of any Society function.
- 5.5.12 The Committee will appoint an auditor and will promulgate the name of the auditor within one month of the appointment.
- 5.5.13 All accounts for payment must be authorised for payment by a simple majority of the Society Committee. This authorisation is to apply to all normal activity and subscription accounts.

6. ELECTIONS:

- 6.1 Members will be elected to the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Committeemen etc at the Annual General Meeting on receipt of a nomination which, after indications of acceptance, will be seconded.
- 6.2 If more seconded nominations are received than are required to fill the vacancies voting will be by secret ballot.
- 6.3 Any financial member may exercise one vote only on any motion put to the meeting, and one vote only for each of the required number of candidates.
- 6.4 The required number of nominees who individually gain the highest number of votes will be elected to the committee.
- 6.5 Two members who have neither nominated a member, nor themselves been nominated, will be appointed by the Chairman to act as scrutineers of the ballot.
- 6.6 The Annual General meeting will elect in order, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Scientific Advisory Officer, Sighting Report Officer and Committeemen.

7. MEETINGS:

- 7.1 The Society's financial year will end on 31st July.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held within six weeks of the end of the Society's financial year.
- 7.3 The notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with the agenda and balance sheet, will be posted in accordance with para 5.5.3 of this Constitution.
- 7.4 Committee meetings will be held once per calendar month between Annual General meetings, and may be called at any time at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 7.5 Extraordinary General meetings will be called by the Chairman at his discretion, or upon receipt by the Chairman, in writing, of a petition to hold such a meeting, which request will set out clearly the desired reasons for calling the meeting and must be signed by ten percent of the financial members on the register at that time.
- 7.6 A meeting to discuss the contents of the petition will be held within twenty-one days of the receipt of the petition. Notice of the date of the meeting, together with the agenda, will be distributed to all members in accordance with Para 5.5.3. of this Constitution.

8. QUORUMS:

- 8.1 General Meetings. A quorum for all General Meetings will consist of twenty-five percent of all members on the register at that time.
- 8.2 Where a meeting is postponed for lack of a quorum, notice of the recalled meeting will be duly posted stating clearly that those members present at the recalled meeting will constitute a quorum.

8.3 Committee Meetings. A quorum for all committee meetings will consist of six members who will include President or Vice-President, plus the Secretary of appointed Deputy.

8.4 Where a Committee meeting is postponed for lack of a quorum, notice of the recalled meeting will be duly posted stating clearly that those members present at the recalled meeting will constitute a quorum.

9. RECEIPTS:

All receipts will be banked in the Society's Account to be determined by the Committee, and all cheques and other instruments drawn will be signed on behalf of the Committee by any two from the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

10. RESCINDING A MOTION:

No motion duly passed at a General Meeting of the Society may be rescinded within a period of twelve months unless notice of motion is posted in accordance with Para 5.5.3 of this Constitution.

11. HONORARIA:

The Committee may decide from time to time to award honoraria to such people as, in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered exceptional service to the Society.

12. TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY:

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In the event of the termination of the Society, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be called to decide the disposal of any monies or goods belonging to the Society at that time.

13. POWER OF VETO:

13.1 The Superintendent Woomera or his appointed Deputy has the power to veto any decision involving activities in the Woomera area or directly concerning Woomera area operations.

13.2 To safeguard the power of veto a copy of the minutes of any meeting will be sent to Superintendent Woomera (or his appointed Deputy) within seven days of such meeting.

14. SECURITY:

Security conditions for the operation of the Society within the Woomera area will be ^{as} directed by Superintendent Woomera and must be strictly adhered to at all times.

15. ALTERING THIS CONSTITUTION:

15.1 This Constitution may only be altered at a General Meeting.

15.2 A motion to alter the Constitution will be carried by a two-thirds majority of members present.

15.3 Notice of the motion to alter this Constitution will be posted in accordance with Para 5.5.3 of this Constitution before such motion may be heard at a General Meeting.

MINUTES OF

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

General Meeting

held at the Woomera Area School on Wednesday 27th July, 1966.

Those present:-

Chairman:	Mr. R.L. McGowan	Apologies:	Mr. J. Russell
	Mr. M.L. Neale		Mr. J. Adams
	Mr. P. Neale		Mr. A. Isherwood
	Mr. M. Neale		Miss L. Humphries
	Mr. O. Rock		Mr. D. Taylor
	Mr. G. Wallace		Mr. G. Horne
	Mr. A. Patterson		Mr. D. Hume-Cook
	Mrs. P. Ross		

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 8.10. p.m.

MINUTES.

Moved Mr. O. Rock, seconded Mr. L. Neale, that the minutes of the meeting held in the R.S.L. Hall on Sunday July 3rd, 1966 at 8.30. p.m. be accepted. — carried.

CONSTITUTION.

The Draft Constitution as prepared by the Steering Committee was presented to the meeting by the Chairman. Following discussion and agreed amendments to the Draft, moved Mr. L. Neale, seconded Mr. A.W. Patterson, that the Draft Constitution be accepted as the Constitution of the Scientific, Technical and Astronomical Research Society, subject to approval by Superintendent Woomera. — carried.

STEERING COMMITTEE.

Moved Mr. G. Wallace, seconded Mr. P. Neale, that the existing Steering Committee be authorised to carry on the business of the Society and be asked to convene the first Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution at which meeting the election of office bearers and Committee members will take place. — carried.

MEETING NIGHTS.

Due to lack of representation of interested persons at this meeting the Chairman asked the Steering Committee to choose a more suitable evening for the next meeting. (To be the Annual General Meeting).

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.47 p.m.

Copy to: Superintendent Woomera.

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Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

6th July, 1966.

Superintendent,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Range Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 4th July and in reply wish to extend our thanks for the information. Any further information that you may deem fit to release would be greatly appreciated.

Our Inaugral Meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Sunday evening July 3rd the minutes of which were forwarded to your office on Monday 4th July.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

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MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING HELD IN THE R.S.L. HALL

Sunday Evening, July 3rd, at 8.30. p.m.

Those present: Mr. B. West
Mr. R.L. McGowan
Mr. W. Holmes
Mrs. A. Holmes
Mr. O. Rock
Mr. H. Belson
Mr. G. Horne
Mr. G. Michelborough
Mr. O. Fey
Mrs. P. Ross

Apologies: Mr. M.L. Neale
Mr. D. Hume-Cook
Mr. A. Patterson
Mr. J. Evans
Mr. D. Taylor

Chairman
Proposed Mr. W. Holmes, seconded Mrs. P. Ross, that Mr. R. McGowan be asked to chair the meeting. Accepted by Mr. McGowan.

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading a letter from the Superintendent Woomera which outlined the proposed boundaries under which the Society would function as laid down by ruling from W.R.E., Salisbury. All present accepted conditions specified.

Formation of a Society
Following a discussion, Proposed Mr. B. West, seconded Mr. G. Michelborough, that an organisation be formed in Woomera, based on a strictly scientific aspect, for the investigation of Aerial Phenomena including Unidentified Flying Objects.

Steering Committee
Proposed Mr. W. Holmes, seconded Mr. H. Belson, that a Steering Committee be set up to draft a constitution to include the aims of the society, a suggested title for the society, nominal membership fee, and an outline for a future committee etc.

Members of the Steering Committee:
Mr. O. Rock nominated by Mr. R. McGowan
Mr. W. Holmes nominated by Mr. O. Rock
Mrs. P. Ross nominated by Mr. W. Holmes

The Chairman asked that the members of the above committee have a draft constitution ready for presentation and discussion in six to eight weeks.

Meeting Nights
All present agreed that Sunday Evenings, at the conclusion of Church services, were the most appropriate times for committee and general meetings.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30. p.m.

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DIST; Superintendent Woomera
Mr. H. Belson
Mr. R. McGowan
Mr. O. Rock
Mr. W. Holmes
Mr. G. Horne
Mr. G. Michelborough
Mr. J. Evans
Mr. M.L. Neale
Mr. A. Patterson
Mrs. A. Holmes

Mr. D. Taylor
Mr. L. Geenan
Mr. B. West
Mr. D. Hume-Cook
Mrs. P. Ross
Mr. J. Russel
Miss L. Humphries

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Col. J.D. Honeysett

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4th July, 1966

Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA.


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Dear Mrs. Ross,

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Enclosed herewith is the copy of the letter from the Warburton Ranges Mission, which was inadvertently omitted from our letter 2022 of 1st July, 1966.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel
SUPERINTENDENT

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1st July, 1966


The Superintendent,
Warburton Ranges Mission,
Warburton Ranges,
VIA LEONORA. W.A.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 24th June concerning the
siting by a group of natives of an unidentified object on 13th
June.

We have no record here as to what this might have been
but I am forwarding your letter to our local Unidentified Flying
Object Society.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
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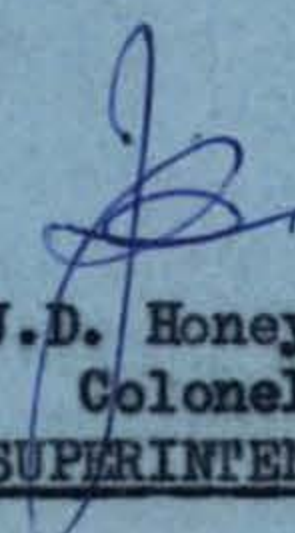
Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

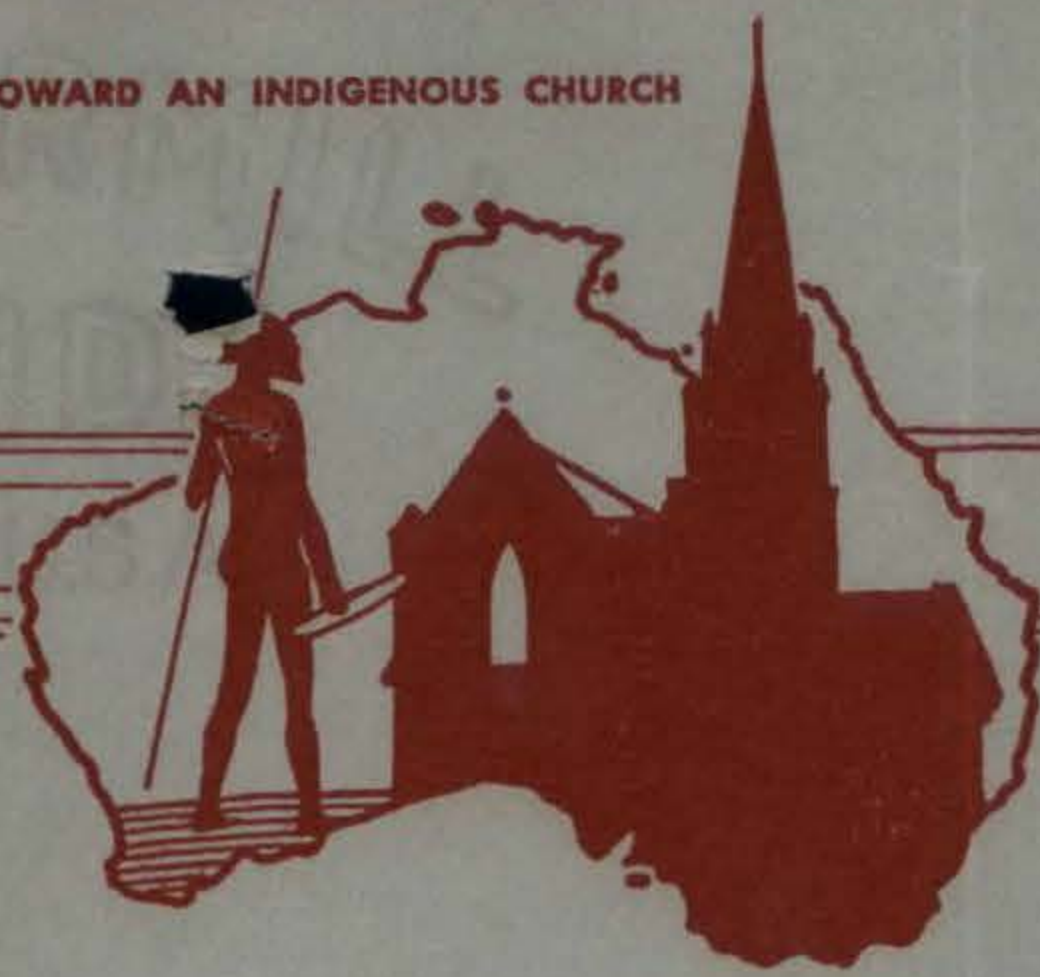
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Herewith a copy of a communication I have received from the Warburton Ranges Mission. It might be of some interest to your proposed Club.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel
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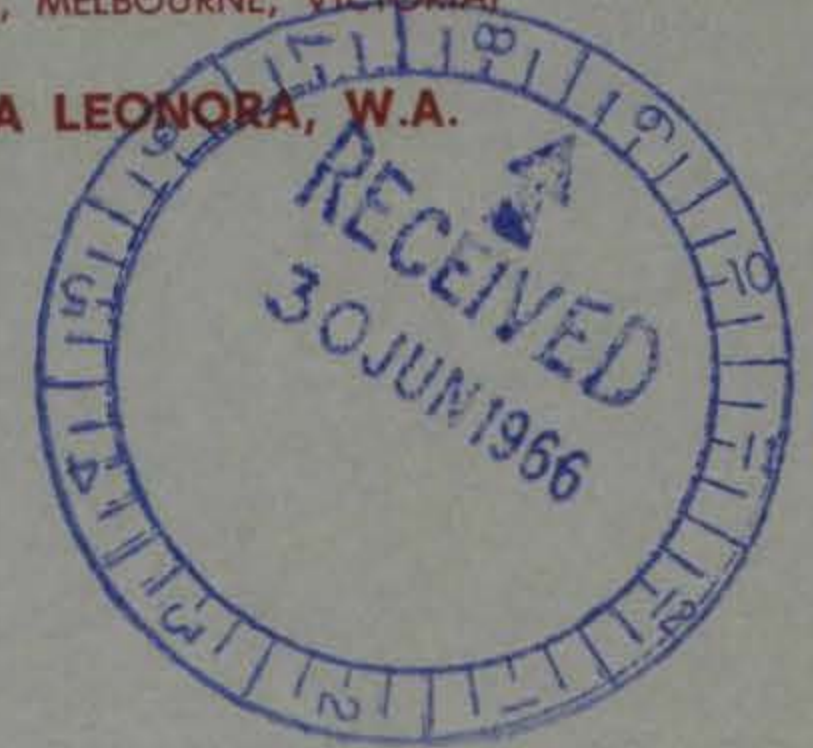


UNITED ABORIGINES MISSION

(HEAD OFFICE: 262 FLINDERS LANE, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA)

WARBURTON RANGES VIA LEONORA, W.A.

24/6/66



The Director,
Weapons Research Establishment,
Woomera. S.A.

Dear Sir,
re Unidentified Object sighted 13/6/66.

At about midnight on the above mentioned date a group of natives were hunting by spotlight for kangaroos some twenty miles north of the Warburton Ranges Mission. They have described to me an object sighted by them that we felt may be of interest to you. Their description to me was that it was some object of very large proportions, 'much larger than the moon', and was travelling from a Westerly direction to the East, at an altitude of about two eighths above the horizon. It appeared to be burning with a very red glow and with a very long tail, with large pieces burning and falling away in its trail. As it neared the Eastern horizon it appeared to fall to the ground. They say that they could hear nothing. They described it as being different from the 'Falling stars' with which they are familiar.

Should there be any further information that we could supply we shall be happy to do so. Several of the natives concerned are relatively well informed on the point that there are numerous objects (man-made) orbiting the earth, and they are willing to give you any information on this matter mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mollenhauer

S. Mollenhauer.

Ac/ Superintendent
Warburton Ranges Mission.

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21st June, 1966

Mr. D. Needham,
C/- E.L.D.O.,
LAKE HART.

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Dear Sir,

... The attached Sighting Report form has been received from a Woomera representative of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

Perhaps you would be good enough to complete the form in respect of the sighting made by you of a strange object on the evening of 9th June last and return it to the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society in the envelope provided.

Yours faithfully,

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(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel
SUPERINTENDENT

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Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E.,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA S.A.

16th June, 1966

SUPERINTENDENT,
Colonel J.D. Honeysett,
Headquarters Building,
Technical Services Area,
WOOMERA S.A.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 3rd June 1966, and in reply we wish you to know that we will form our club under conditions laid down by yourself. At the conclusion of our first meeting, as yet unscheduled, we will let you know the exact structure our proposed club will take and forward a copy of the constitution when this is available.

Further to this subject, please find enclosed a letter and Sighting Report Form received from Mr. C.O. Norris, Vice-President, The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Adelaide. This is being forwarded to you as the press release referred to by him was issued from your office. (A.B.C. News broadcast, 6.30pm Friday 10th June 1966).

Our assurance is given that any future correspondence of the enclosed nature will not be handled by the proposed club, but will be forwarded to you for your perusal and action.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and co-operation and trust in future, in matters such as the enclosed, your advice would be available,

Yours faithfully,

Patricia J. Ross

Patricia J. Ross
To further action

J. Neidham



The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Adelaide.

Address all correspondence to the

HON. SECRETARY, BOX 1457 G.P.O. ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

World wide association with similar research groups affiliated with C.A.P.I.O. Australia and N.I.C.A.P. Washington, D.C.

14th June, 1966.

Dear Mrs Ross,

I am writing to you as there was a report of an object up your way seen by two technicians of ELDO, and as we have had wonderful sightings down this way I have enclosed a report form.

The magazine is coming out this month and it should be very good, I feel Sydney has put a lot of time into it and we will send it up as soon as it arrives in Adelaide.

More people have joined the society and it has been good that the police have rang my home and work, but a chap rang and said that another number was given to him to ring a Mr Brand who is on the Fred Stone Group and I hope it does not confuse the public too much.

I had an early breakfast this morning and was out all day interviewing people and skipped lunch, but it was worth while as I spoke to the driver down the south east, the two lads out Yatala way and other people who saw the object on Thursday night.

So for now I will say good luck in having the form answered and once again lets hope we meet again soon.

Yours Sincerely,

C.O. Norris
Vice Pres & PRO.

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3rd June, 1966

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Mrs. P.J. Ross,
Flat 257, Block 2E,
Carinya Street,
WOOMERA.

Dear Mrs. Ross,

I understand you have made some queries concerning the possibility of the formation of a Unidentified Flying Object Club at Woomera.

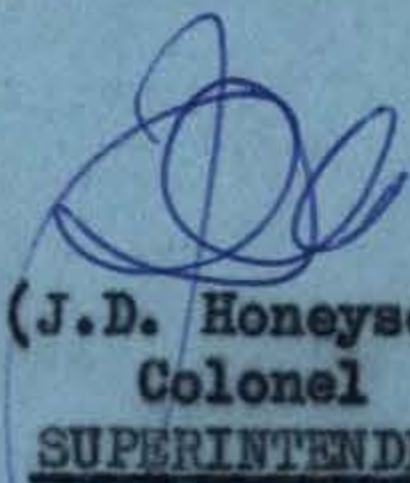
I have examined your request and have obtained a ruling from W.R.E., Salisbury, as a result of which you are advised as follows:-

- (a) There would be no restriction placed on any group of Woomera personnel getting together to foster their common interests.
- (b) However you should be advised that as Woomera is in a prohibited area, the disclosure of any information originating in the area is prohibited.
- (c) Under these circumstances then, you would not be permitted to publish any such information either locally or through any affiliated society such as the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.
- (d) Finally, should the existence of a club in Woomera be publicised you would no doubt be inundated and embarrassed by requests from other societies for information. I could therefore not permit any publicity on the formation of such a club in Woomera to be made.

Would you please advise me whether or not your club would be formed in Woomera based on the above conditions.

I regret I cannot be more helpful in this matter but I hope the above considerations will be clear to you and to the other interested members.

Yours faithfully,


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel
SUPERINTENDENT

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TO SUPERINTENDENT, WOOMERA	YOUR FILE No. 56/483
FROM (Branch or Establishment) W.R.E. SALISBURY	OUR FILE No. A766/1/12
	FOR ENQUIRIES REFER TO
	DATE 11 MAY 1966



SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CLUB

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 28th 1966. ^F

2. I agree that any proposal to form an Unidentified Flying Object Club in Woomera should not be supported officially. On the other hand, I doubt whether we can deny Woomera personnel getting together as a group of persons interested in such matters, and indeed there would be some merit in the Club being properly formed and operating 'in the open'.

3. However, I feel that such an organisation could place us in an embarrassing situation by reporting incidents and requesting information on incidents which we cannot publicise. Even if we were to excuse ourselves on the score of security, we would be admitting to the existence of classified activities at particular times and stimulate further interest.

4. In the circumstances, if you are approached officially on the matter, you should point out that Woomera is a prohibited area and the disclosure of information relevant to the area is prohibited. In the circumstances, any Club of this nature would not be able to pass information to the Australian Society or any other Clubs. ||

5. If the representations persist in the light of that advice, I would need to consider whether the matter should be considered by the Security Policy Committee.

DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR,
WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT,
SALISBURY.

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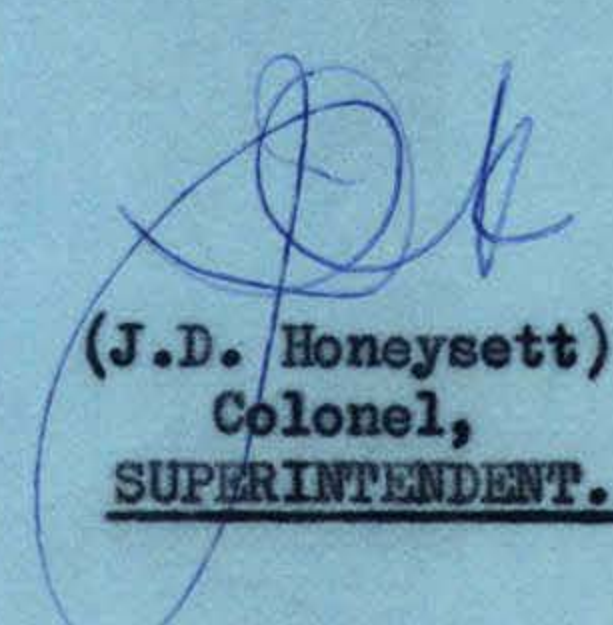
28th April, 1966

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CLUB.

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Officers of the Security Branch, Woomera, have been approached for advice regarding the formation of a local Unidentified Flying Object Club to be associated with the Australian or Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.

2. The proposal is not supported for the following reasons :-
 - (a) It would be impossible for personnel associated with Range activities to refrain from providing, even unwittingly, some classified information on what was seen or what could have been seen. Even negative information on activities could be of value, and,
 - (b) To allow such activity to reach Club proportions would mean publications and affiliation with other Clubs. It would not be possible to confine sightings to the Village only as many Members would be well aware of programmed activities at the Rangehead.
3. The Department of Air is the official Government body detailed to investigate Unknown Flying Object activity and a number of reports have already been forwarded from Woomera through official channels to that Department.
4. Submitted for direction.


(J.D. Honeysett)
Colonel,
SUPERINTENDENT.