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CHANGES TO INVESTIGATION OF UFO POLICY

1. Enclosed herewith is the policy for investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects.
2. The main purpose of the changes is to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort and to streamline the process of investigation. Under the new conditions, Department of Air will deal directly with bases/units and thus eliminate unnecessary work by officers of both Commands.
3. The RAAF is responsible for the investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in Australia and the Trust Territories. The main purposes of the investigation of any UFO is to establish whether or not the subject of the report poses a threat to the security of Australia. The identification of the cause of the UFO report and its classification is mainly for the benefit of members of the public whose interest may have been aroused by the report.

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4. It is considered that the authority best suited to the investigation of a UFO report is the nearest RAAF base or unit, where local weather conditions, natural phenomena and aircraft movements are well known. Therefore, anyone who sees, or thinks he sees an aerial object which he cannot identify, should contact the nearest RAAF base and if this is impractical his nearest civil airport or police station.

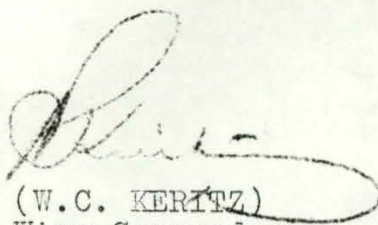
5. The investigation of a report of a UFO is to be based on a questionnaire which is shown at Annex E and is designed to record all necessary details of the observation and provide the information on which an investigation can be based.

6. On receipt of a report of a UFO sighting, Officers Commanding are to appoint a responsible officer to initiate inquiries. Normally this officer should interview the observer and complete the pro-forma. In cases where the remoteness of the area of observation would make the procedure impractical or the Officer Commanding is satisfied from the initial inquiry that nothing would be gained by such a procedure, he should arrange for the pro-forma to be sent to the person reporting the sighting, for completion.

7. When the completed pro-forma is received at a RAAF base, Officers Commanding are to ensure that an adequate examination of the report is carried out and Part 2 of the UFO pro-forma is completed with as much detail as possible. The UFO pro-forma and investigation findings, if any, are to be dispatched without delay direct to Department of Air, with an information copy distributed to the appropriate command.

8. Requests from members of the public for information on UFOs received by commands or bases may be answered directly. Requests of this nature are to be dealt with by distributing the pro-forma (Annex E) and the summary of UFO sightings (at Annexes B, C and D), to the enquirer. The superscript and subscript of the pro-forma (Annex A), with an introductory paragraph, is to be completed by the base or unit.

9. Only that information contained in Annexes A, B, C, D (or E) may be released to the public. Enquirers who are not satisfied with the information received are to be instructed to direct further enquiries to the Secretary Department of Air. Requests for speakers at symposiums, conferences etc on UFOs are to be refused and the person or organization wanting a speaker to be given copies of Annexes A, B, C and D.



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For Air Officer Commanding

- ANNEXES:
- A. Standard letter to observer/enquirer
 - B, C, D. Summary of sightings
 - E. Questionnaire pro-forma

The investigation of reports of U.F.O.s in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force, Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, at the Department of Air in Canberra. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report and the majority of observers are interviewed by selected RAAF personnel.

Between 23rd January 1960 and 30th December 1971, the RAAF received 595 U.F.O. reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

The United Kingdom Air Ministry has stated that on an average, 90 percent of the sightings it investigates are explainable by causes ranging from meteorological balloons and meteors to aircraft lights. The other 10 percent probably remain unexplained because of lack of reliable information.

In 1966 the University of Colorado, under contract to the U.S.A.F., spent two years processing and investigating all American reports. Its findings have been published by Bantam Books as the 'Condon Report'. Its general conclusion is that 'nothing has come from the study of U.F.O.s in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge' and that 'further extensive study of U.F.O.s probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby'. A panel of eminent scientists, chosen by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, has examined and endorsed the Condon Report.

The U.S.A.F. 'Project Blue Book' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analysed 7,641 U.F.O. reports. It concluded that :

- a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects;
- b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation; and
- c. three percent were unidentified.

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U.S. and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. It seems that the Mariner series of space exploration to Mars has proved it a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life, then, would have to be in another 'solar system'. It would seem, therefore, that whilst it may be possible for extra-terrestrial life forms to visit Earth, it is improbable.

Enclosed are three summaries of U.F.O. sightings occurring in Australia between January 1960 and December 1971.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

SUMMARY NO 1

JANUARY 1960 - DECEMBER 1968

SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT
OF AIR, CANBERRA, ACT, FROM 1960

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sightings	Possible Cause
23 Jan 60	Twin Yellow Lights over Launceston, Tasmania. Elevation 20° - 30°.	Refraction of light
1 Feb 60	Bright object emitting flashes, moving W to E over Melbourne, Victoria.	Astronomical
26 Mar 60	Spherical, silvery object, elevation 80° - 65°, over Canberra, ACT.	Astronomical
13 Jun 60	Flashing red light and fixed white light over Mangalore, Victoria.	Aircraft
26 Jun 60	Explosion of light with spark showers, elevation 40° en route Melbourne, Victoria, to Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
18 Aug 60	Bright flashing object travelling E to W, 160 miles N of Mullewa, WA	Astronomical
2 Oct 60	Crescent shaped object, horns lighted, 5° above southern horizon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
4 Oct 60	"5 flying saucers and a mother ship" cigar shaped, 4 vertical bands, over Cressey, Tasmania.	Astronomical
13 Oct 60	White light, angle of elevation 45°, Mackunda Downs, Queensland.	Astronomical
25 Oct 60	Downs, Queensland.	Astronomical
15 Oct 60	UAS traversing sky, W to E over Launceston, Tasmania	Met balloon with light attached
18 Oct 60	Slow moving cigar-shaped object similar to aircraft - bright orange rear portion, rest dull grey.	Probably TAA aircraft Viscount VH-TVG
27 Oct 60	Mysterious explosions, Cressy Area, Longford, Tasmania - orange coloured ball hovering in sky, also described as cigar-shaped.	Astronomical

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
27 Oct 60	Orange/blue/red round object, trailing cloud of sparks, exploded at Poatina, Tasmania.	Astronomical
15 Nov 60	Orange translucent ball, approx 70 ft in diameter at altitude 35,000 ft heading 140° at high speed.	Astronomical
27 Nov 60	Light in sky over Poatina/Cressy, Tasmania	Astronomical
29 Nov 60	Point of blue/green/red light, just above horizon, rising slowly over Treveallyn, Tasmania.	Astronomical
7 Dec 60	Silvery, disc-shaped formation of 30/40 objects over Launceston, Tasmania, flying southwards.	Flight of pigeons.
21 Dec 60	24 grey/blue objects, moving southwards over Great Lakes, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
25 Dec 60	Star like object, 20 minutes to pass over ¼ sky over Campbell Town, Tasmani, west to east.	Satellite
5 Jan 61	Bright light in sky, Oatlands, Tasmania.	Astronomical
Early Jan 61	Bright, white sphere, 45° from vertical, over Campbell Town, Tasmania	Astronomical
18 Jan 61	Apparently controlled light, no sound, several sightings around Kerang, Victoria.	Astronomical
12 Mar 61	Bright lights, with tail of orange sparks over Indooroopilly Queensland, from N to S	Astronomical
9 Apr 61	Flashes of light west of Beaconsfield, Victoria, similar to lightning.	Astronomical
23 May 61	Large object like a meteor - position 32305 15240E object broken up	Astronomical
25 May 61	Dull silvery thermometer-shaped object - Devonport, Tasmania - seen through binoculars	Aircraft
5 Jun 71	Conical shaped object falling to earth - Darwin NT.	Astronomical
7 Jun 71	Oval shaped, red-glowing object, Cairns, Queensland, photographed through 4 in telescope	Temperature inversion, sighting of an aircraft.
31 Jul 61	Long white glowing object, flaming tail buzzed train on railway, 285 miles south of Darwin, NT.	Astronomical

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8 Aug 61	12 objects flying high, in pairs, dropping white substance - Meekatharra, WA.	Probably migrating "balloon spiders"
24 Aug 61	Red light, elevation 3.5° at Hobart airport.	Astronomical
Nov/Dec 61	Golden sphere with silver protuberances on either side - like motor armature, moving and rising in westerly direction, Koorda, WA.	Astronomical
28 Dec 61	Spherical object. emitting flashes of green and orange light - slow moving - Collarncy, NSW.	Astronomical
16 Jan 62	Fiery, rocket-like object across Caulfield, Vic.	Astronomical
23 Jan 62	Green fading to yellow object over East Sale, Vic	Probably private aircraft.
30 Jan 62	White spherical object, Manly, NSW.	Astronomical
25 Jan 62) 2 Feb 62) 13 Feb 62)	Bright white, planet-like object, sometimes orange and occasionally zig-zagging or changing direction, Fremental, WA.	Astronomical.
3 Mar 62	White spherical object with metal lustre, Manly, NSW	Astronomical
11 Mar 62	Star-like object, 73% elevation to SSW of Flinders Island, Tasmania.	Astronomical.
13 Apr 62	3 objects, 2 with firey trails, moving from NW direction over Tennant Creek, NT.	Astronomical
5 May 62	White object, zig-zagging, Redcliffe, WA	Astronomical
5 May 62	Contrail and metallic preceeding contrail, over Richmond, NSW	Aircraft
7 May 62	Dark glinting object leaving 4 condensation trails - climbing vertically over Holbrook, Victoria.	Aircraft
25 May 62	Light, travelling across sky, stops, changes course and gradually disappears, Lucinda Point, Queensland.	Astronomical
25 Jun 62	Glowing red object, great size and speed at Kurrajong, NSW.	Astronomical
22/23 Aug 62	Silver-coloured object over Yass, NSW.	Astronomical

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16 Aug 62	Star-like object, red/green/blue - slowly moving up/down/right/left over Kimberley, Tasmania.	Astronomical
31 Aug 62	Bright star-like object moving across sky over Denmark, WA.	Aircraft.
Aug 62	Starlike object, stationary in sky over Cressy, Tasmania.	Astronomical
Aug 62	Moving, star-like object Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
23 Sep 62	Bright cluster of lights moving from S to N - aircraft en route Christchurch, NZ, to Sydney, NSW	Astronomical
13 Oct 62	Aircraft like object high over sky, leaving yellowish trail - Canberra ACT.	Aircraft
30 Oct 62	Large object with red front emitting thick orange coloured exhaust - over Goulburn, NSW.	Astronomical
3 Nov 62	Bright metallic glinting needle shaped object flying in straight-vertical path over Cressy, Tas	Aircraft
8 Dec 62	Yellow, star-like object from S to N in straight path, over Cressy, Tasmania.	Probably
17 Dec 62	Cylindrical object, with 2 vertical projections travelling NNE/SSW over Norfolk Island.	Aircraft
Jan 63	Apparently spherical object, white vapour emitted. Moved downwards in sky over Penna, Tasmania.	Astronomical
15 Feb 63	Grey, rotating object descending and then moving over to West - gave off swishing sound, Moe, Vic	Tornado like meteorological manifestation
Feb 63	White, spherical object, illuminated, in level flight over Maitland, NSW.	Satellite
27 Feb 63	Two bluish/green lights, oval in shape, oscillating in sky in tandem, Braybrook, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
4 Apr 63	Two bright objects, star-like, side by side, stationary, Tasmania.	Refraction of light.
7 Apr 63	Long slender, silvery-white pencil-like object - soundless, Forster, NSW	Aircraft
19 May 63	Bright red/white object, rising vertically, looked like bulldozer, Mt Cambier, SA.	Astronomical

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1 Jul 63	Explosion of light in sky over Melbourne, Vic	Astronomical
3 Jul 63	Bright greenish/blue light over Iron Range, Qld	Astronomical
19 Jul 63	Bright star-like object, red, stationary over Deloraine, Tasmania.	Astronomical
25 Jul 63	Light grey, circular object, noise like jet engine heard, hovering above Warragul, Victoria.	Tornado
8 Aug 63	Shower of lights over Darwin area, NT making swishing noise..	Astronomical
20 Aug 63	Explosion in sky Turner Station/Ord River Station, SA. Silver spot or streak sighted before explosion.	Re-entry of Cosmos 2.
23 Oct 63	White starlike object, bulbous front and elongated tail - Mt Dandenong area, Victoria.	Astronomical
19 Nov 63	Bright orange light, jet engine noise - from W to NW, Moorabbin, Victoria.	Astronomical
26 Nov 63	Pinkish/brown starlike object oscillating over Beaumaris, Victoria. Rotating in circular manner towards south.	Astronomical
24 Dec 63	Marks on negative of photo taken at RAAF, Darwin.	Static charge on photo during loading of camera.
23 Jan 64	Seen at sea by crew of a vessel NE Point of Groote Eylandt, WA. Large lights in water, made compass go 'Haywire'. Shadow in centre of lights rotated clockwise, causing lights to pulsate.	Unknown.
24 Feb 64) 2 Mar 64) 8 Mar 64)	Bright light like bushfire, Balladonia, WA, Eyre Highway (178 mile peg).	Astronomical.
3 Mar 64	White, planet like object, bright light, Bridport, Tasmania.	Astronomical
22 Mar 64	Cigar shaped, travelling sideways, brown colour, at Armidale, NSW.	Astronomical
9 May 64	Two moving lights, yellowish, Pascoe Vale,	Refraction of light.

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24 Jul 64	Formation of whitish objectivs over Longreach, Qld.	Astronomical
1 and 2 Aug 64	Bright headed object, glowing tail over Onslow, WA.	Astronomical
2 Aug 64	Rocket like object, with windows in side, yellow/orange, above Wittenoom Gorge, Hammersley Ranges, WA.	Astronomical
12 Aug 64	White light moving across sky over Kavieng, Papua and New Guinea - like bright star.	Satellite
17 Aug 64	Bluish star like object, moving in circles over Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
2 Sep 64	Two silvery solid oval objects seen on flight Melbourne/Canberra.	Refraction of light.
22 Sep 64	Object like exploding meteorite - lit up surface of sea, Cambridge Gulf, WA.	Astronomical
8 Nov 64	Light at horizon, Lowhead Lighthouse, Tasmania.	Astronomical
8 Nov 64	Long and narrow, red/orange object - travelling fast over Point Sorrell, Victoria.	Astronomical
4 Dec 64	Strip of scrub 600 yds wide, 4½ miles long subjected to extreme heat, Queensland.	Bushfire
13 Jan 65	Apparent aerial objects, with vapour trails, flying in formation over Taxman Sea.	Astronomical
17 Jan 65	Elongated light with tail - oscillating in sky over Treveallyn, Tasmania.	Astronomical
17 Jan 65	Two red lights and line of apparent cabin lights - stationary over Mentone, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
23 Feb 65) 30 Mar 65) 1 Apr 65)	Orange lights in sky over South Cottesole, WA.	Probably Vampire aircraft from RAAF Pearce.
19 Mar 65	Yellow spherical object moved from overhead to horizon in SE direction - Lakes Entrance, Victoria.	Astronomical
19 Mar 65	Orange spherical object, West Tamar, Tasmania.	Astronomical
21 Mar 65	Sphere with red dome on top; 3 illuminated tails - moving Southwards over Malvern, Victoria.	Weather balloon
22 Mar 65	Yellow steady light from spherical body moved about the sky.	Astronomical

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24 May 65	2 objects, one above the other, silvery, moved from SSW over Geelong area, Victoria.	Refraction of light.
21 Apr 65	Dark grey/black amorphous object over Pakenham East Victoria - moving erratically up and down.	Tornado
5 May 65	Banana shaped, white/orange object over Mowbray, Tasmania	Astronomical
5 May 65	Green changing to orange to green light over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Astronomical
13 May 65	Slightly elongated, brightly lit, broke into several pieces, over Griffith, NSW.	Astronomical
13 May 65	Greenish/yellow light travelling fast over Queanbeyan, NSW.	Astronomical
25 May 65	Blue light emanating from object coloured red - through to green - wavered in sky. Emanated light sufficient to illuminate beach - Sehulea Papua and New Guinea.	Unknown.
3 Jun 65	Bright starlike object, increasing in size, Bowen/Prosperpine area, Queensland.	Astronomical
13 Jun 65	Yellowish ball with tail. Emitted brilliant bluish-white flash on disappearing over horizon, Mudginberri Station NT.	Astronomical
17 Jun 65	Bright object, emitting red light directed to earth. Passed over Sewtaimai, Papua and New Guinea.	Astronomical
24 Jun 65	Star shaped object, yellowish/white, moving over Youngtown, Tasmania.	Echo 2 Satellite
24 Jun 65	Saucer shape - cone top and rows of lights across front and along side - bluish white, red trail, Daunia Station, via Nebo, NT.	Astronomical
24 Jun 65	Bright light, oscillating from L to R - Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Astronomical
29 Jun 65	Blue to green, cigar shaped object, red glow at rear Lindisfarne, Tasmania.	Astronomical
29 Jun 65	Bright object with short tail, moving E to W over Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
29 Jun 65	Vivid light blue, circular shape, travelling NS, Longford, Tasmania.	Astronomical

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3 Jul 65	Loud humming, flowing object, yellow/white light emanating from object illuminated herd of cattle, Kimberley, Tasmania.	Astronomical
5 Jul 65	Bright white light, near Elliot, Queensland.	Satellite
5 Jul 65	Bright light over sea, Tewetewa, Papua and New Guinea.	Satellite
12 Jul 65	Bright light oscillating from L to R, Bwaruada, Papua and New Guinea.	Astronomical
15 Jul 65	Brilliant white light in sky at moon rise over Murella Park, NT.	Astronomical
15 Jul 65	White spherical object, Canberra, ACT.	Astronomical
17 Jul 65) 18 Jul 65) 19 Jul 65)	Red glowing cylindrical object, moving from L to R (oscillating) emitting 'diesel-engine' sound, Nivani Plantation, Samarai, Papua and New Guinea.	Astronomical
22 Jul 65	Bright light, turning from red, through white to green and red, Dalby, Queensland.	Astronomical
30 Jul 65	Silver coloured object - disappeared with flash, 70 miles west of Cook, SA.	Astronomical
Aug 65	Saucer shaped object with bluish green glow at rim, grey in colour, Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, NSW.	Tornado
1 Aug 65	Bright green/red/white light, Woodstock, NSW	Astronomical
3 Aug 65	Two starlike objects over Frankston, Victoria.	Met Balloons
4 Aug 65	Silvery sphere with aerial on top, Orange, NSW	Met Balloon
24 Aug 65	Red/orange body, leaving trail of white, came from SW Lat 1048 south long 13315 East, Western Australia.	Astronomical
26 Aug 65	Flashing light travelling NSW, Goomalling, WA	Astronomical
26 Aug 65	Spherical, starlike objects, Launceston, Tas	Astronomical
14 Sep 65	Flashing red, green, white, flying object, Ganawe, Papua and New Guinea.	Astronomical
19 Sep 65	Streak of light, Dubbo, NSW.	Astronomical
15 Sep 65	White object sighted west of Port Moresby, Papua and New Guinea. Moved westwards, slowed then sped northwards.	Unknown.

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27 Sep 65	Bright light in sky WSW of Goroka, Papua and New Guinea. Intensity of light fluctuated. Later disappeared below horizon.	Satellite
2 Nov 65	Dull vertical narrow beam ascending from sea offshore Bunama Point, Papua and New Guinea.	Water spout
27 Nov 65	White, apparently triangular in shape, stationary in sky, under moon, Launceston, Tasmania.	Astronomical
2 Dec 65	Bluish-through-to-reddish light, larger than star 20° above horizon. Disappeared below horizon after about 10 minutes. Popondetta, Northern Territory.	Satellite
13 Dec 65	Bright object high in sky moving N to S for about 10 minutes at Taroom Tasmania.	Satellite
1 Jan 66	Bright flash high in sky for about 5 minutes which left a smoke trail. Aitape TPNG.	Meteor
17 Jan 66	Unusual light effects on two 35 mm colour slides taken at night in Perth WA.	Camera lens aberration
8 Feb 66	Star shaped light 25 degrees above horizon for about 30 minutes at Mitcham Victoria.	Astronomical
8 Feb 66	Light in sky 45 degrees above horizon for 3 hours at Melbourne Victoria.	Astronomical
20 Feb 66	Light moving rapidly from E to W for about 8 seconds Essendon, Victoria.	Meteor
21 Feb 66	Bright object at great height moving from S to N for 6 minutes at Richmond NSW.	Satellite
28 Feb 66	Star shaped bright light moving from SE to NW for about 3 minutes at Franklin, Tas.	Satellite
2 Mar 66	Moving light high in sky for about 20 minutes at Rosetta Tas.	Satellite
26 Apr 66	Star shaped light moving for about 30 minutes at Toorak Victoria.	Incomplete data
5 May 66	Radar plot from Melbourne Control Tower held for 9 mins. Contact travelled SW at 87 kts.	Crop dusting aircraft
6 May 66	A light moving steadily in ENE direction near Ballarat.	Satellite

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8 May 66	Light reflection observed near Melbourne through field glasses. Est height 8,000' distance 20 nm. Noted for 10 mins, stationery at first, then descended to 4,500'.	Probably an aircraft
9 May 66	Circular shaped light with halo effect. Apparent slow movement. Seen near Sale, Vic for about 30 mins.	Astronomical
16 May 66	Object moving from E to W appeared to explode like a green flare and disappear. Duration 3 secs at Daly Waters.	Astronomical
17 May 66	Object observed near Daly Waters at 10.30 pm hovering between two stars for 10 mins.	Incomplete data
18 May 66	Met observer at Daly Waters saw object size and shape of met balloon at azimuth 243° altitude 40,000' moving 243°/46 kts. Noted reversal in track 1-1½ mins. Under magnification appeared to be two ballons touching. Time 9.45 am.	Probably met balloon from another station
26 May 66	Six red lights which appeared to be at 1500 ft were sighted at Lismore NSW at 10 pm.	Unknown. Reported too late for investigation.
29 May 66	Silver object glinting in sun seen near Melbourne for 5-8 mins. Steady object similar to aircraft climbing.	Probably an aircraft
26 May 66	Six red lights which appeared to be at 1500 kt were sighted at Lismore NSW at 10 pm.	Unknown. Reported too late for investigation.
2 Jun 66	Stationary light, which later appeared to move, was sighted at Lismore NSW at 9.50 pm.	Unknown. Reported too late for investigation.
4 Jun 66	Unidentified lights, which appeared to move slowly were sighted at Lismore NSW at 9.50 pm for about 2 minutes.	Unknown. Reported too late for investigation
7 Jun 66	Luminous white cloud like sky writer's trail. Flash of light at front end. Time 0845-0905 at Wangaratta Vic.	Aircraft
8 Jun 66	'Beeping' heard in early hours of morning by woman in Won Wron area.	Incomplete data

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9 Jun 66	Incandescent white sphere with a blue tail was sighted at Port Augusta SA at 7.30 pm for about 2 secs.	Meteorite
13 Jun 66	Near Springvale Vic at 8.05 pm. Flashing red green and white light proceeding E to W seen for 5 - 10 mins.	Aircraft
26 Jun 66	A moving red and white light was seen at Euola WA during pm hours.	Incomplete data
June 28, 29, 30 Jul 1,2,4, 6,7,14,22 23,26,27, 31 Aug 1,5	During pm hours at Balliang, Vic, some flashing lights were seen; esometimes only a single light, sometimes in groups just above the ground. All reports from same source.	Lights of aircraft and vehicles
9 Jul 66	Moving light sighted at Charleville Qld for about 5 minutes at 4.55 am.	Satellite
10 Jul 66	Moving light at high altitude was sighted at Kurnell WA for about 5-8 mins between 7.30 and 8.00 pm.	Probable aircraft
12 Jul 66	Moving bright light, at elevation approx 60° sighted Murarie Qld for about 1 hr at 6 pm.	Incomplete data
28 Jul 66	Moving light at elevation about 45° sighted Paddington NSW for about 15 secs at 4.40 pm.	Probable aircraft
17 Aug 66	Two moving red lights blinking steadily sighted Sunshine Vic for about 10 mins at 8.40 pm.	Aircraft
27 Aug 66	Aerial light followed by an explision with general movement from W to E sighted Madang PNG at 4.30 am.	Meteor
4 Sep 66	Stationary light near horizon seen at Yarram Vic for about 5 mins between 10 and 10.30 pm.	Astronomical
4 Sep 66	Stationary light near horizon seen at Yarram Vic for about 5 mins at 4.15 am.	Astronomical
6 Sep 66	Light which moved from horizon to horizon seen at Middle Park, Vic at 6.55 pm.	Satellite
6 Sep 66	Light moving in the sky at Elterwick at 7.05 pm.	Satellite
22 Sep 66	Bright light at elevation about 45°, seen at Gynea NSW for about 25 mins at 9 pm.	Astronomical
6 Oct 66	Moving lights at elevation about 20°, seen at Chadstone Vic at 8.30 pm.	Probable balloon

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7 Oct 66	Moving light at great height, seen at Murarie Qld for about 10 mins at 6 pm.	Satellite
10 Oct 66	Light estimated moving from SE to NW seen at Laverton Vic at elevation approx 15° for 43 mins at 8.22 pm.	Satellite
12 Oct 66	Very fast light moving from W to E seen at West Footscray Vic for about 5 - 10 mins at 8.35 pm.	Aircraft
19 Oct 66	Slowly moving light, at elevation approx 45°, seen at North Melbourne, Vic for about 5 - 10 mins at 7.45 pm.	Probable met balloon
19 Oct 66	Moving light seen at Pymble NSW for about 5 mins at 8 pm.	Incomplete data
20 Oct 66	Moving light, at extreme height, seen at Flinders Bay WA at 1.30 am.	Incomplete data
21 Oct 66	Stationary light, elevation approx 20°, seen at Canley Vale NSW for about 5 mins at 9.10 pm.	Astronomical
22 Oct 66	Moving light seen at Kangaroo Valley NSW for about 7 mins at 7.40 pm.	Satellite
23 Oct 66	Light at elevation about 80° moving from S to N seen at West Pymble, NSW at 7 pm.	Incomplete
26 Oct 66	Moving light seen in Port Headland WA area for about 15 mins at 7.55 pm. About 1½ hours later a light was sighted for a short duration.	Met balloon
26 Oct 66	Seven WA cattle stations reported a moving object rising in the sky between 7.30 and 8.00 pm.	Satellite
12 Nov 66	Lighted object moving fast from N to S for about 10 seconds at Brisbane, Queensland.	Meteorite or satellite
22 Nov 66	Object moving from N to S for about 2 minutes at Daly Waters, NT.	Probable met balloon
22 Nov 66	Moving bright red light for about 6 minutes at Willaura, Victoria.	Aircraft
24 Nov 66	Light moving from W to E for 20 minutes at Brisbane Queensland.	Incomplete data
27 Nov 66	Light with black mass on top during a severe electrical storm for 3-4 minutes at Eildon Weir, Vic	Electrical discharge phenomenon

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10 Dec 66	Star shaped point of light moving S for about 3 mins at Camberwell, Vic.	Satellite
15-18 Dec 66	Very high light moving from W to E for 15-20 mins at West Pymble, NSW.	Satellite
28 Dec 66	Very high light moving from W to E for 5 minutes at Yarra Glen, Victoria.	Satellite
30-31 Dec 66	Very high light in the sky, two sightings at Fingal Tas.	Satellite
4 and 6 Jan 67	Bright light moving from NW to SE for about 4 mins each sighting at St Kilda Vic.	Satellite
6 Jan 67	Light flashing very 8-10 secs moving SE to NW at great height for 90 seconds at Narribri, NSW.	Tumbling satellite
11 Jan 67	Moving light at Coolac, NSW.	Incomplete data
13 Jan 67	Lighted object moving W to E at about 1,000' for 7 seconds at Fawkner, Victoria.	Aircraft
13 Jan 67	Two red lights moving across sky for about 2 mins near Camden, NSW.	Aircraft
15 Jan 67	Light moving W across sky for 10 minutes at Springvale Vic.	Aircraft
17 Jan 67	Flash in sky, high speed descent of object, then puff of smoke for about 1 minute at Charleville, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
19 Jan 67	Very high light moving W to E for 45 minutes at Blackburn, Victoria.	Satellite
21 Jan 67	Object seen accompanied by loud humming noise for about 1 minute at Maitland, NSW.	Nearby debris airborne by Willy Willy
23 Jan 67	Moving lights, appearing and disappearing in low cloud conditions for about 20 minutes at Nambrok, Vic.	Light reflections of towns nearby
4 Feb 67	Light moving SSW to NNE for 8 minutes at Eildon Weir, Vic.	Satellite
6 Feb 67	Dull red light moving W to E at great speed for 3 minutes at Breamlea, Vic.	Astronomical
12 Feb 67	Orange light for about 5 minutes near Dampier, WA.	Incomplete data
13 Feb 67	Fiery object with tail for several seconds near Perth, WA (40 miles S)	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite

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15 Feb 67	Object about 20-30,000 feet moving SW to NE for about 10-15 seconds near Townsville, Qld (30 miles S).	Aircraft
19 Feb 67	Fiery light which descended and disintegrated above ground seen for several seconds at Fernvale, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
20 Feb 67	Bright light descended vertically for 15 seconds at Port Macquarie, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
21 Feb 67	Light moving from overhead to horizon near Macquarie Light, NSW.	Incomplete data
22 Feb 67	Lights moving W disappeared below horizon after 15 minutes at Box Hill, Vic.	Aircraft
16 Mar 67	Red flashing light then bright white light for several seconds moving E at Picnic Point, Qld.	Aircraft
16 Mar 67	White light appeared from behind cloud and appeared to move in and out of cloud at Cooperaroo, Qld.	Light reflection on clouds.
16 Mar 67	Light moving from W to E for about 30 minutes at Malvern, Vic.	Satellite
17 Mar 67	Bright light with tail seen from aircraft above cloud for 3-4 seconds about 100 miles N of Brisbane, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
19 Mar 67	Star shaped light in W sky for about 40 minutes at Currajong, Vic.	Astronomical
21 Mar 67	Object moving from N to S for 4-5 seconds at Forrest Hill, Vic.	Light aircraft
1 Apr 67	Slow moving red light for about 10 minutes at Darwin, NT.	Astronomical
12 Apr 67	Slow moving object high in sky for about 10 mins at Caulfield Vic.	Astronomical
17 Apr 67	Object sighted at 2000 hrs and two at 2200 hrs at Minto, NSW.	Incomplete data
22 Apr 67	Slow moving light in sky, SE to NW for about 7 minutes at Coolangatta, Qld.	Astronomical
3 May 67	Light moving across sky at about speed of aircraft for 5 minutes at Yarrambat, Vic.	Aircraft descending

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5 May 67	White light which left white trail moved from NW horizon to SE for about 2 minutes at Mowbray, Tas.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
6 May 67	Stationary light above horizon disappeared then re-appeared, but smaller in size, during 1 minute at Newnham, Tas.	Aircraft moving from observer
17 May 67	Star shaped object high in sky moving slowly NW to SE for about 1 hour at Thomastown, Vic.	Satellite
22 May 67	Light moving N to SE disappeared behind cloud seen for 5 minutes at Kew, Vic.	Aircraft
25 May 67	Object moving NW to SE appeared to slowly break up over about 30 seconds at Daly Waters, NT.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
27 May 67	Object over horizon appeared as bright light moving slowly for 7 minutes at Yagoona, NSW.	Met balloon
17 Jun 67	Slow moving red light for about 15 minutes at Burrinjuck NSW.	Incomplete data
24 Jun 67	Fire-like object about size of golf ball disappeared over horizon after 3 minutes at St Mary's NSW.	Astronomical
27 Jun 67	Between 2105 hrs and 2200 hrs, 21 separate sightings mainly over S and SE Victoria varying from 1 sec to 30 minutes referred to a bright star-shaped object which rapidly grew to about half full moon size. Most saw a ball of light, travelling horizontally across sky which slowly curved towards earth at shallow angle. Brilliant green or blue-green in colour during 75% of travel it then changed to 'hot orange' or 'reddish pink' culminating in a 'whitish-yellow-orange' bright burst of colour before disappearing. A vapour trail persisted over final path which changed shape and disappeared after 15 minutes.	Atmospheric entry of large meteor
8 Jul 67	Stationary object usually coloured, low in Western sky for about 30 minutes at Lindenow South, Vic.	Light reflections on low cloud
14 Jul 67	Stationary light in W sky about 10 degrees above horizon for 10 minutes at Harboard, NSW.	Met balloon
15 Jul 67	Stationary light in W sky for short duration at Barrenjoey, NSW.	Astronomical

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17 Jul 67	Light above S horizon descended and disappeared after 30 seconds at Wollstronecraft, NSW.	Astronomical
20 Jul 67	Silvery object with trail descended at steep angle at Karoonda, SA. Duration unknown.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
22 Jul 67	Lighted object seen moving for 7 seconds at Kinglake West, Vic.	Incomplete data
28 Jul 67	Very high star shaped light seen for 45 minutes Kalbar, Qld.	Astronomical
30 Jul 67	Large, steady, circular green light which disappeared into distance after 10 minutes at Muswellbrook, NSW.	Aircraft
31 Jul 67	Light changing from orange to white to green which descended steeply with dull red sparks during 10 seconds at Coffs Harbour, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite.
2 Aug 67	Red light larger than falling star which broke into pieces leaving trail during 10 seconds at Collaroy, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
3 Aug 67	Lighted object moving across sky for 20 minutes at Melton South Vic.	Aircraft
4 Aug 67	Light, high in sky, descending straight with smoke trail for 10 seconds at Dee Why, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
11 Aug 67	High bright light moving from S to N for 10 seconds at Brookfield, Qld.	Satellite.
11 Aug 67	Lights moving to NW and climbing for 5 minutes at Yarraville Vic.	Aircraft
15 Aug 67	Bright light above horizon in W sky for 5 minutes at Alberton Vic.	Astronomical
16 Aug 67	Bright light above horizon in W sky for 11 minutes at Yarran, Vic.	Astronomical
16 Aug 67	Light above horizon in W sky for 3 minutes near Foster, Vic.	Astronomical
28 Aug 67	Light moving from S to NE at altitude for about 20 minutes at Bondi, NSW.	Aircraft

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29 Aug 67	High bright light moving rapidly for about 5-12 seconds from SW to NE leaving trail. Four sightings at Ivanhoe, MacLeod, Rosanna and Foster in Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
1 Sep 67	High light in sky, moving W to E leaving trail seen for 5-7 seconds at Mount Egerton, Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
23 Sep 67	High light moving slowly for 3-4 minutes at Riverslea, Vic.	Astronomical
23 Sep 67	Small light, larger than a star, flashing orange to dull red, moving across sky for 2 minutes at Coogee, NSW.	Aircraft
4 Sep 67	Flash of light moving downwards just above eastern sky near Melville, WA.	Incomplete data
9 Sep 67	Flash of light then an object moving slowly to the north west at Alice Springs, NT.	Met balloon
12 Sep 67	Bright moving light with red and white light at rear near Dee Why, NSW.	Aircraft
23 Sep 67	Rapidly moving object which seemed to break into smaller pieces at Donald and Watchem, Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
8 Oct 67	Light at great height moving across sky at Perth, WA	Satellite
17 Oct 67	Trail with object in front at great altitude seen for 6 seconds at Gordon, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
22 Oct 67	Bright light which appeared to move rapidly downwards sighted for 2 seconds near Darwin, NT.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
22 Oct 67	Light at great altitude moving from northerly to southerly direction at Norwood, SA.	Satellite
23 Oct 67	Light moving from Carlton towards Essendon at Carlton, Vic.	Aircraft
24 Oct 67	Light moving near Ferntree Gully, Vic	Incomplete data
24 Oct 67	Light grey object moving to the south east sighted for about 15 seconds at Sunshine, Vic.	Aircraft
24 Oct 67	Light at great altitude moving to the east sighted for about 7 minutes at Toorak, Vic.	Satellite

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24 Oct 67	Object moving north disappeared into cloud sighted for about 30 seconds at Crowsnest, NSW.	Aircraft
28 Oct 67	Light moving just above horizon for 30 seconds near Box Hill, Vic.	Aircraft
4 Nov 67	Light at altitude moving from southerly to northerly direction sighted for 3 minutes near Altona, Vic.	Satellite
10 Nov 67	Light moving rapidly from north to south at Gympie, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
11 Nov 67	Object 50° above horizon moving south east at Paddington, Qld.	Aircraft
13 Nov 67	Light above horizon near Blakehurst, NSW.	Incomplete data
19 Nov 67	Light sighted for 5 secs moving rapidly to the south west at Sandringham, Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
19 Nov 67	Ten minute sighting of bright light moving towards the east near Ipswich, Qld.	Satellite
21 Nov 67	Lighted object over iron ore pellet plant Dampier, WA.	Local Atmospheric conditions.
22 Nov 67	Object moving in and out of cloud sighted for about 1 minute near Wiluna, WA.	Aircraft
23 Nov 67	Lights moving from east to north west sighted for about 10 minutes near Melton South Vic.	Aircraft
26 Nov 67	Lighted object moving along main road at about 25 mph which sudden disappeared near Kimberley Downs Station WA.	Not known
29 Nov 67	Bright light moving slowly from south to north for about ½ minute near Dalby, Qld.	Met balloon
29 Nov 67	Light moving from east to west at great speed leaving a trail sighted for two seconds at Darwin NT	Atmospheric entry of meteor
30 Nov 67	Object moving from east to west sighted for about 10 seconds near Perth Airport, WA.	Aircraft
6 Dec 67	Bright light 15° above horizon in the east sighted for several hours at Gynea Bay, NSW.	Astronomical

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13 Dec 67	Bright light moving across sky sighted for about 30 minutes at Currumbin, Qld.	Satellite
15 Dec 67	Object moving from west to east at great altitude near South Pritchard.	Satellite
30 Dec 67	Starlike light moving from north to south and sighted for about 5 minutes at Brisbane, Qld.	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Starlike object sighted for 20 minutes moving from west to east at Nedlands, WA.	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Object at great altitude moving from south west to north east sighted for 2 minutes at Cabramatta, NSW.	Satellite
31 Dec 67	Light moving at great speed from south to north in Botany Bay area NSW.	Atmospheric
1 Jan 68	Light moving rapidly across sky and breaking up into smaller lights at Rockhampton, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
8 Jan 68	Object at great height moving from west to east sighted for five minutes near South Yarra, Vic.	Satellite
13 Jan 68	Bright light with flashing red and green lights manoeuvring near Chadstone, Vic.	Aircraft
15 Jan 68	Light moving from west to east at great altitude at Mitcham, Vic.	Satellite
16 Jan 68	Red and green lights moving from west to east and climbing near Melton South Vic.	Aircraft
17 Jan 68	Light moving from north to south sighted for about 30 seconds at Zillmere Qld.	Aircraft
19 Jan 68	Object at great altitude moving towards the east sighted for 7 minutes at Penshurst NSW.	Satellite
19 Jan 68	Light at height moving rapidly from west to east and breaking up into smaller lights at Ashfield.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
20 Jan 68	Light with long trail moving rapidly from west to east for about 20 seconds at Wagga, NSW.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
22 Jan 68	Object moving from east to west near Morapoi Homestead, WA.	Met balloon

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27 Jan 68	Light like a star moving across the sky sighted for 15 minutes near Brahma Lodge, SA.	Satellite
27 Jan 68	Light at altitude moving from north to south at East Sale, Vic.	Satellite
31 Jan 68	Light at great height moving from north to south east sighted for 5 minutes at Dolans Bay.	Satellite
6 Feb 68	Lights moving from south to north sighted for about 15 seconds at Perth, WA.	Incomplete data
12 Feb 68	Light at great altitude moving towards south east for 10 minutes at Toorak, Vic.	Satellite
13 Feb 68	Bright light in eastern sky sighted for about ten minutes near Chadstone, Vic.	Astronomical
13 Feb 68	Time 0030 hours duration 90 mins. Weather fine. Light moving from south to north at great altitude at Barmera, SA.	Satellite
20 Feb 68	Time 1948 hrs. Duration $\frac{1}{2}$ minute. Weather fine. Light at great altitude moving from west to east at Cannon Hill.	Satellite
22 Feb 68	Time 1930 hours. Duration 5 minutes. Bright light very high, moving towards the east in a straight line at Zillmere, Qld.	Satellite
23 Feb 68	Time 0145 hours. Duration several seconds. Weather 6/8 low cloud. Light in sky which appeared to move slowly away from observer at	Mascot meteorological search light on cloud.
8 Mar 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 secs. Weather fine. Light appeared to be falling at great speed at Yass.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
19 Mar 68	Time 2000 hrs. Duration approx 40 minutes. Weather fine. Flashing red and green lights moving towards north west, at Sale, Vic.	Aircraft
21 Mar 68	Time 2055 hrs. Duration 5 minutes, light moving north west then turning to the south and fading during the turn at Armadale, WA.	Aircraft
24 Mar 68	Time 0100 hrs. Duration 10 minutes. Light accompanied by low humming noise travelling from west to east at Point Leo, Vic.	Aircraft

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1 Apr 68	Time 1917 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather fine. Light at great height moving from south west to north east at Bacchus Marsh, Vic.	Satellite
9 Apr 68	Time 1910 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Weather fine. Light moving north west then north at Williamstown, Vic.	Aircraft
9 Apr 68	Time 1905 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather cloudy. Light moving from west to east in a straight line at Thronbury Vic.	Satellite
10 Apr 68	Time 1850 hrs. Duration not known. Weather fine, $\frac{3}{8}$ cloud. Flashing red light moving in various directions and being lost at times due to cloud at Williamstown, Vic.	Aircraft
10 Apr 68	Time 1917 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Light moving in a straight line from west to east at Flinders Is.	Satellite
10 Apr 68	Time 1855 hrs. Duration unknown. Weather fine. White light at great altitude moving very rapidly from south to north at Williamstown, Vic.	Atmospheric entry of meteor
12 Apr 68	Time 1900 hrs. Duration 10 mins. Star like object moving at great height at Manly, NSW.	Satellite
22 Apr 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Bright light 5° above horizon moving in a straight line from north to south, at Newcastle, NSW.	Satellite
24 Apr 68	Time 0330 hrs. Duration 1-2 hrs. Light just above horizon moving upwards at very slow rate at Maffra, Vic.	Astronomical
25 Apr 68	Time 1800 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Weather fine. Light moving in a northerly direction at Longwarry Vic.	Aircraft
25 Apr 68	Time 0430 hrs. Duration about 1 hour. Light about 10° above horizon moving extremely slowly upward, at Wayfield, Vic.	Astronomical
3 May 68	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Weather fine. Light moving towards the east disappearing over the horizon at Smithfield, NSW.	Satellite
3 May 68	Time 2046 hrs. Duration 2 mins. White light moving north along Tamar, then turned red and moved off to left at Trevallyn, Tas.	Aircraft

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4 May 68	Time 0800 hrs. Duration 2 mins. Dull white light flashed brightly twice moving east at Launceston, Tas.	Aircraft with sun reflection off fuselage
9 May 68	Time 1850 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Flashing lights moving W to S at Parkside, SA.	Aircraft
10 May 68	Time 1855 hrs. Duration 2-3 secs. 5 lights moving in straight path to SW at Queenstown, SA	Aircraft
11 May 68	Time 0510 hrs. Duration 30 secs. Orange light. Stationary then moved to West at Clapham, SA.	Aircraft
17 May 68	Time 0700 hrs. Duration 7 mins. Light circled water tower in dark overcast then hovered over approaching car before disappearing at Warradale SA.	Optical illusion from car lights in overcast
18 May 68	Time 2330 hrs. Duration about 4 mins. Starlike object moving N to S at Castlemain, Vic.	Satellite
19 May 68	Time 2050 hrs. Duration about 1 sec. Lighted object on straight path moving rapidly to NW at Fitzroy, Vic.	Meteor entry
23 July 68	Time 1730 hrs. Duration unknown. Bright yellow/orange light turning to black ball falling rapidly at South Yarra, Vic.	Aircraft passing from direct sunlight on descent
24 Jul 68	Time 1245 hrs. Duration 10 minutes. Circular silver object stationary then moving quickly SE to NE at Dee Why, NSW.	Met balloon from Mascot
31 Jul 68	Time 2325 hrs. Duration 3-9 minutes. Orange/yellow sphere moving E to W disappeared over horizon at Henley Beach, SA.	Optical illusion in rain and cloud
31 Jul 68	Time 1827 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Small bright light moving at 'aircraft' speed from city towards Dandenong. Seen from Mitcham, Vic.	Aircraft
Jul 68	Reported in October. Time 1130 hrs. Duration 10 secs. Bright light, like polished silver, in shape of Aircraft wings at Chatswood, NSW.	Aircraft in
3 Aug 68	Time 0625 hrs. Duration about 5 minutes. White light turned into flicking red lights, appeared stationary then moved towards Melbourne at Forrest Hill/Templestowe, Vic.	Aircraft

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5 Aug 68	Time 2045 hrs. Duration 10 minutes. White and flashing red lights over Phillip Bay, NSW.	Star observed through haze
11 Aug 68	Time forenoon. Duration 5-10 minutes. Silver metallic object appeared to separate from aircraft at Cremorne, NSW.	Object separating from aircraft
11 Aug 68	Time about 1845 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Brilliant aircraft type light from SW, no noise, at Dandenong, Vic.	Aircraft
11 Aug 68	Time about 1915 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Flashing red light moving E to W at aeroplane speed at Trafalgar, Vic.	Aircraft
12 Aug 68	Time 0516 hrs. Duration 3-4 secs. Bright yellow/orange light from N to S at Meederville, WA	Aircraft
17 Aug 68	Time 2045 hrs. Duration 3-4 minutes. Three bright orange/red lights joined together moving W to E at Strathfield, NSW.	Aircraft
18 Aug 68	Time about 1830 hrs. Duration 35 minutes. Brilliant blinking light, one large and two small, stationary and no noise at West Pymble, NSW.	Incomplete data but probable aircraft
18 Aug 68	Time about 2000 hrs. Duration unknown. Light moving S to SE size and shape of large star at Wickham, NSW.	Satellite
18 Aug 68	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 4 secs. (2 sightings) Bright light in straight descent, very fast, at Warrandyte, Vic.	Meteor
19 Aug 68	Time 1810 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes. Bright light N to S. Jet noise and trail of sparks at Strathfield, NSW.	Aircraft with landing lights
21 Aug 68	Time 1700 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Light pale star moving slowly to E at Woodville, SA.	Incomplete data but probable aircraft
23 Aug 68	Time 0140 hrs. Duration unknown. Aircraft shaped object with row of lights and glow at rear moving at 'tremendous' speed from Coogee	Aircraft landing at Mascot
25 Aug 68	Time 0100 hrs. Duration 1-2 minutes. Bright white and intermittent red lights moving N to S about 'jet speed' with beam of light to ground at West Pymble, NSW.	Aircraft
25 Aug 68	Time 2000 hrs. Duration about 12 minutes. Light moving in triangular pattern. Lost for 5 minutes then reappeared moving to S at Church Point, NSW.	Two aircraft, one in landing pattern, and one departing for Melbourne

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27 Aug 68	Time 1855 hrs. Duration 1 hour. Bright light manoeuvred in sky. Object appeared and disappeared and seemed to repeat pattern at Box Hill, Vic.	Aircraft
28 Aug 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 10 secs. 'Jet noise' and circular orange light with spark trail at Toowoomba, Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
1 Sep 68 and 15 Sep 68	Times 1955 and 0444 respectively. Duration 1½ minutes and unknown. Bright gold/red light bigger than star at Rabaul TPNG.	Satellite
3 Sep 68	Time 0347 hrs. Duration 30 secs. Light blue flame with sparks travelling W to E at Rockhampton Qld.	Atmospheric entry of meteor or satellite
9 Sep 68	Time 1628 hrs. Duration 1-2 secs. RAAF Sabre pilot saw 'Shining light' travelling at high speed over Avalon, Vic, fine clear afternoon.	Refraction light in canopy
15 Sep 68	Time 1520 hrs. Duration 3 minutes. Three delta shaped objects one bright, metallic, two dull, moving S to N over Daly Waters, NT.	Aircraft
28 Sep 68	Time 1910 hrs. Duration 3 minutes. Three round orange lights, viewed through car window, lights stationary and in line at Kurnell, NSW.	Reflection of street lights in car window
8, 10 and 11 Oct 68	Time about 2045 hrs. Duration 35 minutes. White light changing to red and blue occasionally moving slowly NW in straight path over Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
18 Oct 68	Time 2347 hrs. Duration several minutes. Aircraft lights seen and tracked on radar path of RAF aircraft at Darwin, NT.	Unidentified aircraft
18 Oct 68	Time 1840 hrs. Duration about 3-5 minutes. Bright light moving to N NW at Deagon, Qld.	Aircraft
20 Oct 68	Time 2112 hrs. Duration 15 secs. Silver-grey object following and then veering from aircraft at McLeod, Vic.	Particle separation from
20 Oct 68	Time 2330 hrs. Duration 30 secs. Explosion then light falling slowly, trailing smoke at Brisbane, Qld.	Flare used from previous day's fireworks display
4 Nov 68	Time 2240 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Bright light like star, from SW to N then NW over Launceston, Tas.	Satellite

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7 Nov 68	Time 1440 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Object skimming about 4 feet above ground then rising into air behind house at San Souci, NSW.	Child's toy
12, 13 and 21 Nov 68	Times 2230, 2140 and 2055 respectively. Duration varying from 20-60 minutes. Bright light moving W to E over Avalon, Vic also seen by air traffic control and Meteorology Section at Laverton.	Atmospheric 'Space debris'
13 Nov 68	Time 1220 hrs. Duration 53 minutes. Radar contact tracked by automatic radar. Travelled towards RAAF Darwin, NT and then veered SW at 17-25 kts. No visual sighting.	Flock of birds
25 Nov 68	Object embedded in ground at Normanton, Qld.	Part of satellite
26 Nov 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes. Luminous pink sphere moving east then SE. Surrounded by aura of red and green at Coburg, Vic.	Met balloon
30 Nov 68	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 4-5 minutes. Large deep yellow light moved slowly and intermittently towards observer then veered south at Evandale, Tas.	Met balloon
About 11 Aug 68	Time about 1415 hrs. Duration unknown. Silver object, photographed, but very indistinct blur only at Taree, NSW.	Falsified photograph
4 Nov 68 to 30 Dec 68	Noises at varying times but in defined patterns, travelling at 140°/320° and reverse at Telefomen at Balmain, TPNG.	Aircraft
6 Dec 68	Time approx 2000 hrs. Duration 8-10 minutes. Bright yellow light with tail, W to E, speed similar to jet aircraft at Swansea, NSW.	Space debris
7 Dec 68	Time approx 1940 hrs. Duration approx 3-4 mins Bright light with V tail Azimuth 70° in 3 to 4 minutes, W to E in straight path at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Satellite or rocket case or
7 Dec 68	Time 1940 hrs. Duration unknown. Bright dot with long tail travelling W to E, no sound at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Meteorite
11 Dec 68	Time 2015 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Weather clear moonless, large orange round light 200-300 ft above ground, E to W, silent, slow speed at Newcastle, NSW.	Balloon

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds 4/8 low cloud. Two bright circular lights on parallel course. 70° elevation above horizon at 2000' - 4000'. NE to SW at Manly Vale, NSW.	Aircraft
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds. Two bright circular lights approaching from NE at 70° elevation. Appeared faster than commercial jet at Manly, NSW.	Aircraft
27 Dec 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 1 hr, 20 minutes, weather clear, dark cloud to S. Spherical brilliant-lit object moving slowly N to S.	Comet
27 Dec 68	Time 0603 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes. Weather fine. Star-like moving slowly in curved path at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
29 Dec 68	14 reports 0008 to 0020 hrs. Duration varying. Lights in formation. Very high, travelling NE at Melbourne/Tasmania area.	Meteorite shower
29 Dec 68	Time midnight to 0015 hrs. Three reported sightings Group of yellowish objects with bright tails travelling in N to NE direction. No sound or means of propulsion at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite shower

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SUMMARY NO 2

JANUARY 1969 - DECEMBER 1969

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
2 Jan 69	Time 2145-2200 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, weather fine. Light object moving to S at Mildura, SA.	Pageos I Satellite
18 Jan 69	UFO sighting by crew of commercial airliner between Singapore and Darwin.	Being Investigated
18 Jan 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, sky clear. Commercial airline pilots at 35,000' saw slowly descending light, changing white to yellow from level to 2° below aircraft 260° to 265°. Between Singapore and Darwin.	Saturn
20 Jan 69	Time about 2020 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, weather clear. Cigar-shaped object separating from circular silver object. Flashing red light at Artarmon, NSW.	Aircraft
31 Jan 69	Time 0300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo, NG.	Aircraft
31 Jan 69 to 8 Feb 69	Times 0300 hrs 31 Jan, 1300 hrs 8 Feb. Noise heard by natives at West Sepik TENG.	Aircraft
1 Feb 69	Time 2245 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather clear. Star-like object, stationary, then moved very high, very fast to S at Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and star
3 Feb 69	Time 2145 hrs. Duration 10 seconds, weather clear. Roaring wing shaped object, S to N at Marion, SA.	Aircraft
4 Feb 69	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 5-7 minutes, weather clear. Noise from cigar shaped object with lights at Mitchell Park, SA.	Aircraft
5 Feb 69	Time 2350 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, weather clear. Like satellite at Melbourne, Vic.	Echo II
5 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration 1 hr, bright light size of medium star, moving about. Observer, a member of UFO organisation then went to sleep. At 40 miles NE of Hawker, SA.	Insufficient evidence
6 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 seconds, weather clear. Solid object, cigar shaped with red and white lights travelling SW to NE at Forrestville, SA.	Aircraft
8 Feb 69	Time 1300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo NG.	Aircraft
9 Feb 69	Time 1500 hrs. Duration 3 hrs plus. White spherical object 45° above horizon moving very slowly N to S then W at Wulkaraka, Qld.	Venus

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
12 Feb 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather cloudy. Two objects, one bright green and one flashing. At Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
15 Feb 69	Time 2045 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather fine. Big bright star, moving NW to SE at Bondi, NSW.	Echo II Satellite
17 Feb 69	Time 0250 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear moonless. Observer attracted by noise then saw solid object and humanoid form walking around and heard morse code, at Flinders Park, SA.	Investigation has found no supporting evidence
18 Feb 69	Time 2005 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear. An object with changing red to white light occasionally stopped, moved S to N. Viewed from moving car at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
21 Feb 69	Time 2125/2130 hrs. Duration 1½ seconds, weather slight overcast. Light moving quickly at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite
23 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather becoming cloudy. Three objects, one brilliant white. At Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and aircraft
23 Feb 69	Circle of 'scorched' grass, burnt and squashed toadstools, at Kyogle, NSW.	Toadstool 'Ring Phenomena'
23 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration a matter of seconds. Very bright star moving E then SE at Wallsend, NSW.	Insufficient evidence, probable satellite
27 Feb 69	Time 0350 hrs. Duration 10 minutes, misty rain. Noise similar to aircraft, moving W at Aitape, TPNG.	Aircraft
5 Mar 69	Time about 0915 hrs. Duration 15 seconds, cloudy. Burning object, red/orange, moving N to W with trail of smoke at Maryville, NSW.	Meteor
7 Mar 69	Time 2046 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, cloudy but clear. Brilliant yellow light, appeared like aircraft landing light, at Darwin, NT.	Moon 'halo' phenomenon, reflected on low cloud
11 Mar 69	Time 2100 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, cloudy but clear. Yellow lights in formation, quite high at Darwin, NT.	Moon 'halo' effect

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12 Mar 69	Time 2010 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Patchy rain. A red ball twice the size of a star moving slowly at Townsville, Qld.	Venus setting
16 Mar 69	Unidentified aircraft heard by natives at 1030 hrs on 9th and 16th March, at Gansopa, TPNG.	RAAF aircraft
17 Mar 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, weather fine. Moving light, changing red to orange and moving W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
21 Mar 69 (approx)	Time Evening. Duration 7-8 minutes. Strange object moving in sky. Photographed at Kalgoorlie, WA.	Lens Flare in Camera
24 Mar 69	Time 0920 hrs. Duration approx 3 seconds, clear sky. Very bright light with tail, altitude 35° - 40° at Mount Hutton, NSW.	Insufficient evidence
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration unknown, weather unknown. Red light accompanied by clicking sound circuiting Eagle Farm at Hendra, Qld.	Aircraft
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, $\frac{3}{8}$ cloud. Red light on oval shaped object sighted from Eagle Farm, Qld.	Aircraft
28 Mar 69	Time 0505 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, clear sky. Moving lights, 25° - 30° altitude, speed of 45° in 3 minutes, at Anna Bay, NSW.	Satellite
28 Mar 69	Time 2041 hrs. Duration 25 minutes. Broken cloud, moving flashing lights at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite viewed thru atmospheric haze
31 Mar 69	Time 0415 hrs. Duration 1-2 secs. Bright flash and car stopped.	Electrical short in car ignition system
4 Apr 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 4 minutes, green ball moving quickly, viewed through car window at Southport, Qld.	Re-entry of space debris
13 Apr 69	Time 2115 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Fine clear night. Two observers. One states light moving from SE, other states light moving from NE at Melbourne, Vic.	Incomplete data
21 Apr 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 seconds. Clear sky. Light 'dropping' in sky at Hobart, Tas.	Meteorite or space junk re-entry

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22 Apr 69	Time 1919 hrs. Duration 4 seconds. Pathy cloud. Moving light seen by two pilots in same aircraft, but descriptions vary in colour and direction over Bass Strait.	Re-entry of meteorite or space junk
24 Apr 69	Time about 2130 hrs. Duration unknown. Repeated pattern of red and green lights at Richmond, NSW.	Aircraft
5 May 69	Time 2000 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light oscillating in sky.	Star Antares
6 May 69	Time 0515 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light stationary overhead, at Brisbane, Qld.	Venus
10 May 69	Time 0025/30 hrs. Duration 6 seconds. Lights moving very fast at 30° altitude at Hazlewood Park, SA.	Meteorite shower
10 May 69	Time 1735 hrs. Duration 10-12 seconds. Bright light like aircraft landing light at Gold Coast, Qld.	Saturn
10 May 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Windy and overcast. Slow moving light descending vertically at Melbourne, Vic.	Fireworks
13 May 69	Time approx 1000 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Vapour trail and dull silver object manoeuvring in sky, at Fremantle, WA.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. Two very bright discs, blue white, moving E at Brisbane, Qld.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Dull shadow like Japanese lantern against street lights. Viewed through closed car window at Greenacre, NSW.	Optical illusion
15 May 69	Time 1900 hrs. Duration 8 minutes. Clear night. Red lights changing to white every 5 seconds, one moving south, one rising 'vertically' at Clackline, WA.	Aircraft
16 May 69	Time 0430 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Bright white light rising over horizon at Surfers Paradise, Qld.	Venus rising
16 May 69	Time 0900 hrs. (GMT). Clear sky. Blue rocket shaped object with red or orange tail, seen at Kokopo, New Guinea.	Satellite

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16 May 69	Time 1900 hrs (GMT). Clear sky. Oval shaped light seen at Tamaranga, New Guinea.	Satellite
17 & 18 May 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration 4 hours. Bright light, crescent shaped when viewed through telescope at Deniliquin, NSW.	Venus
20 May 69	Time 0910 hrs. Duration less than 5 minutes. Clear sky. Brilliant white object moving slowly, high in the sky at Perth, WA.	Venus
23 May 69	Time 0100 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Light frost. Object lifted off lawn. Seen through frosted glass window and burn marks on lawn.	Practical joke
23 May 69	Time 0745 hrs. Duration approx 1 minute. Scattered clouds. Bright white light moving in sky at Perth, WA.	Sunlight reflected off aircraft
23 May 69	Time about 1835 hrs. Duration 15-20 minutes. Clear night. Light moving from SE, stopped and started. Confirmed by radar at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
24 May 69	Time 1830 hrs, approx. Duration about 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 1915 hrs, approx. Duration 18 minutes. Cloudless sky. Two lights moving SW to NE and a dull aircraft shape at Launceston, Tas.	Aircraft
24 May 69	Time 1845 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Light moving W to E at Hobart, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 0900 hrs. Duration 2 hrs. Clear sky. Light like metal object reflecting suns rays moving slowly at Koulama, Qld.	Venus
25 May 69	Time 1953 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. 4/8 cloud. Light moving from NNW at Launceston, Tas.	Space junk re-entry or meteorite
26 May 69	Time about 1800 hrs. Duration 3-4 minutes. Moving light in sky at Brisbane, Qld.	Satellite
28 May 69	Time 1830 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright orange light moving S to SE at Perth, WA.	Sun reflecting off aircraft
29 May 69	Time 1300 hrs. Duration 6 minutes. Clear sky. Sun glinting on object and vapour trail at Perth, WA.	Aircraft formation

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1 Jun 69	Time 1835 hrs. Duration approx 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
2 Jun 69	Time 0640 hrs. Duration approx 5 minutes. Patchy cloud. Fast moving white light from NW to SW at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
5 Jun 69	Time 0637 hrs. Duration 3-4 seconds. Clear sky. Similar to falling star at Launceston, Tas.	Meteor
6 Jun 69	Time 1755 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Clear sky. Large round star-like light moving SW to NE at Mt Elize, Vic.	Aircraft
11 Jun 69	Time 1030 hrs (GMT). Clear sky. Duration 5 minutes. Object glowing red and shimmering like a star, seen at Rabaul, New Britain.	Satellite
12 Jun 69	Time 2006 hrs. Duration 15 seconds. Clear sky. Very bright red object/light moving slowly at Melbourne, Vic.	Signal Flare
16 Jun 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Bright white light moving slowly at Wagga Wagga, NSW.	Venus
16 Jun 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-8 minutes. Clear sky. Moving amber light. Photographed. Negative examined and found blank (spot marked washed off when finger prints cleaned off film) at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft and imagination
16 Jun 69	Time 1926 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Clear sky. White light flashing red and green every 4 seconds moving slowly E to W at Mt Eliza, Vic.	Satellite
17 Jun 69	Time 2300 hrs. Duration 40 minutes. Clear sky. White light following car, viewed through window of car at Bairnsdale, Vic.	Jupiter
20 Jun 69	Time 1935 hrs. Duration 20-25 minutes. Fine but slight fog. Pale green light which flashed red and white moving slowly in western sky at Melbourne, Vic.	Satellite
5 Jul 69	Time approx 1700 hrs. Duration momentary. Clear sky. Object the size of the moon, moving over tree tops. Photographed at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
20 Jul 69	Time approx 1730 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Clear sky. Yellow light moving 'down' then 'across' sky at Kempsey, NSW.	Balloon (from Moree)

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
26 Jul 69	Time 1915 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Windy, cloudy and rain. Red flashing lights and yellow light moving in sky at Panmure, Vic.	Aircraft
5 Aug 69	Time 0907 hrs. Duration approx 15 minutes. Clear sky. Light gradually fading 8,000' over Melbourne, Vic.	WRE Rocket
12 Aug 69	Time 1212 hrs GMT. Clear sky. Dull glowing gaseous object passing from east to west. Seen at sea 10.05 S 110.00E.	Probable atmospheric phenomenon
7 Sep 69	Time 0508 hrs GMT. Clear sky with cumulous slouds forming. Object appeared as a blue light and was observed for about 6 minutes, over Subiaco, WA.	Meteorological balloon released from Guildford at 0500 GMT
14 Sep 69	Time 1944 hrs GMT. Object over Bang Bang Station, Qld. Appeared as a light in the sky. Three minutes later, it exploded.	Meteorological balloon. Explosion caused by self-destruction unit.
28 Sep 69	Time 0030-0045 hrs GMT. Clear sky. Carrot shaped object, smokey grey in colour with orange glow at front. Observed about 10 seconds over Henty, NSW.	Meteorite sighting finally impacting at Murchison in Victoria
3,4,5 Oct 1969	Time 1345-1415 hrs GMT. Clear sky on each night. Red lights moved in straight line for periods up to 5 minutes over Coorparoo, Qld.	Aircraft lights
6 Oct 69	Time 1245 hrs GMT. Clear sky. Bright orange red light - ovserved for one minute over Coorparoo, Qld.	Aircraft lights
13 Oct 69	Time 0935 hrs GMT. Clear sky. Brilliant bright light (observation 55 seconds), over West Heidleberg, Vic.	One of the Arietides meteorites
29 Oct 69	Time 1110 hrs GMT. Clear sky. Red and green lights seen over Koumala, Qld.	Aircraft lights
7 Nov 69	Time 2330 hrs GMT. Oval shape, silver colour with one dark patch, seen over Townsville, Qld.	Meteorological balloon released from airport at 2315 GMT
15 Nov 69	Time 1510 hrs GMT. Clear sky with broken cloud. Very bright white light with red sparks falling from gail, seen over Burnie, Tas.	Meteorite or decaying space hardware

Note : No sightings reported in December 1969.

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SUMMARY NO 3

JANUARY 1970 - DECEMBER 1971

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
22 Jan 70	1010	Malua Bay, NSW	fine and clear,	dish shaped object with flashing red and white lights, observation five minutes	mirror image of naval vessel operating in area
6 Feb 70	1600	Wingham, Qld	clear sky	vivid red light	satellite
8 Feb 70	1312	Mulgrave, Vic	clear, perfect conditions	large glowing pink lights - short duration	car light reflections on power line cables
11 Feb 70	2005	Toombul, Qld	overcast sky	moving white lights - observed for 15 minutes	Canberra jet bombers in local night exercises
12 Feb 70	1530	Mentone, Vic	clear sky	object appeared to be a flashing red and blue star	satellite
22 Feb 70	1744	aircraft over Alice Springs, NT	clear sky	sighting of bright white light on ground about 65 nm SSW of Alice Springs	natural gas burn-off at Palmer Valley
3 Mar 70	1000	Springvale, Vic	clear sky	flashing lights	aircraft
12 Mar 70	2000	Beswick, NT	clear sky	bright light	comet Bennett
29 Apr 70	1030	Cabramatta, NSW	no details	source reported loud whooshing noises passing over house	fireworks display in area
11 May 70	0935	350 nm south of Darwin, NT	no details	brilliant white light moving west to east	satellite
15 May 70	1200	Tanami, (on NT/WA border)	no details	intermittent yellow lights at ground level	survey party in night operation, lights used to maintain contact between small groups

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
17 May 70	0940	Laverton, Vic	overcast with breaks	moving light blinking at irregular intervals	met balloon released at Laverton at 0935
23 May 70	0810	200 nm south Townsville, Qld	fine, little cloud	aircraft captain reported what appeared to be searchlight beam of great intensity. Estimated to be in Alice Springs area	no explanation but could be natural gas burn-off - see entry 22 Feb 70
25 May 70	1300	at sea 10.48S 135.55E	fine	falling green light	flare fired by fishing vessel in area
3 Jun 70	0905	Townsville, Qld	hazy	red glow over airfield	Venus through haze
3 Jun 70	0930	Mildura, Vic	fine	two small red lights, source approached and saw object as large as semi-trailer. It rose vertically from the ground with loud whistling noise, then disappeared	no explanation possible
6 Jun 70	0850	Sydney, NSW	hazy	bright light against red background	Venus
15 Jun 70	0750-0917	Sydney, NSW	fine	bright light in sky	Venus
22 Jun 70	1030	Lussal Bay, NSW	fine	white light	meteorite
28 Jun 70	0600	Toowoomba, Qld	fine	large silver object descending vertically at high speed - no noise	glider from local glider association operating in area
29 Jun 70	0902	Canberra, ACT	fine	source reported black object traversing in front of Venus	source refused to give further details and no explanation possible

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather conditions	Description	Possible Cause
29 Jun 70	0720	Sepik River, NG	fine	five cigar shaped returns on radar screen - no visual sighting	elector-meteorological phenomena
12 Jul 70	2205	Tamworth, NSW	clear sky	orange object moving in controlled flight	aircraft
19 Jul 70	1530	Southport, Qld	clear sky	orange/white glow falling in sky with smoke trail	space debris re-entry
2 Jul 70	1200	40 nm SE of Katherine NT	clear sky	red and green flashing lights seen from the air and from the ground. Object manoeuvred.	helicopter operating in area around this time
26 Jul 70	1130	Sale, Vic	cloudless	red and blue shimmering lights south west of Sale	Jupiter, Venus and stars viewed at low elevation
29 Jul 70	1100	Dennington, Vic	fair	moving white light observed from travelling car	Venus
7 Aug 70	0100	Canberra,	bright sunlight	two shining white objects, following one another and moving north	civil aircraft enroute Canberra to Sydney
10 Aug 70	0755	Queanbeyan, NSW	fine, but darkness approaching	slow moving green light, circled and then moved away	helicopter
9 Sep 70	0220	Atherton, Qld	fine	50 to 100 star-like objects in southern sky	objects sighted by groups of school children
28 Oct 70	1045-1145	Lyndale, Vic	fine	two alternately flashing orange/white objects at distant intervals	three civil aircraft passed through this area in the period of reported sightings
28 Oct 70	1000	Benalong Bay, Tas	fine	aircraft shaped object with two small wing projections. Appeared above unusual cloud formations	Qantas training aircraft

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
1 Nov 70	2320	Coonabarabran, NSW	fine	a dense white horse-shoe shaped object moving fast along the horizon	no possible explanation on details submitted. Airports at Coolah and Coonabarabran may have had aircraft flying or may have released met balloons
15 Nov 70	2359	90 SE Wewak, NG	fine	white object which left a smoke trail	meteorite
18 Nov 70	between 1130-1220	Nimmitabel, NSW	fine	bright yellow light in eastern sky about 30° east of Orion's Belt. Moved in small erratic movements until it finally disappeared	unexplained
10 Dec 70	1435	City Beach, WA	clear, haze on horizon	tadpole shaped yellowish light	meteorite
16 Dec 70	1212	Rokeby, Tas	slight cloud	yellow/white pulsating light moving very quickly	civil aircraft
7 Jan 71	1103	Queenscliff, Vic	fine and clear	small white object travelling eastwards - no means of propulsion evident	Venus
11 Jan 71	1530-1545	Glenelg, SA	overcast with dark cloud	reddish/orange glow in the sky	source inconsistent and gave several versions this sighting. Unable to determine fact from fiction. civil pilot and met bureau both reported severe lightning storm in area - peculiar reflection on clouds.
26 Feb 71	1200	Laverton, Vic	Fine, high clouds	light grey shaft light moving across sky for 5 to 7 minutes	Army searchlights

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
2 Mar 71	1015	Kaniva, Vic	mild clear night	orange coloured object changing to blue/green as it rose vertically. Sighted for about six minutes	Skylark atmospheric research rocket launched from Woomera. At various heights rocket releases coloured flares.
2 Mar 71	1040	Aspendale, Vic	fine	a large round light beneath the moon.	Satellite Pageous 1
3 Mar 71	1730	Montagu Bay, Tas	fairly good	bright green/yellow light descending to the ground	possibly fireworks
14 Mar 71	1155	Hurston, Qld	fine	silver star alternately flashing red and green and moving in slow circular motion	civil aircraft
19 Mar 71	0935	Dungod, NSW	fine	alternating scarlet and white lights in the sky	civil aircraft
2,9,12 Apr 71	1230-1430	Condobolin, NSW	fine	very bright object showing flashes of blue, green, yellow and white. Appeared in western sky and followed an erratic course	unexplained, further
24 Apr 71	0932	Mentone, Vic	fine	white glowing object making constant circular movements	civil aircraft
29 Apr 71	0850	Richmond, NSW	clear sky	flashing red and green lights every $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds	aircraft
14 May 71	1340	Richmond, NSW		extremely bright white-green-red object - observed for 34 minutes	no explanation
26 May 71	0745	Williamstown, Vic	scattered sloud	bright white light appearing in north west	landing lights of an aircraft

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
27 May 71	0801	Phillip Is, Vic	Clear, twilight	bright white ball with comet-like tail	possibly meteorite or satellite hardware re-entry
10 Jun 71	times various	Cobargo, NSW	No details	redish light moving about	no explanation possible on details submitted
18 Jun 71	0833	Burketown, Qld	fine and clear	cigar-shaped object	no explanation
4 Jul 71	1220	Midway Pt, Tas	clear evening	fast moving yellow light	unexplained further details required
18 Jul 71	0001	Vermont, Vic	Fine, cloudy	balloon type object	possibly planet Saturn
2-4 Aug 71	various	Won Wron, Vic	moonlight, no cloud	bright orange light	probably planet Mars
5 Aug 71	0100	near Maffra, Vic	fine, no cloud	grey parachute-like object	probably deflated meteorologic balloon
9 Aug 71	0839	Port Moresby, PNG	fine, little cloud	blue, orange, red light	no explanation
15 Aug 71	0120	Tasman H'way, Tas	Patches of fog	bright white light	probably a meteorite
31 Aug 71	1720	Brisbane, Qld	fine and clear	ball of white light	reflection of light due to atmospheric conditions
12 Sep 71	0755	Grafton, NSW	overcast	bright incandescent light	east coast commuter service aircraft with landing lights on
20 Sep 71	2005	over lake Eyre region, SA	fine and clear	red object with vapour trail	rocket was launched from Woomera at 1956 GMT on 20 Sep 71

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
28 Oct 71	0315	Woomera, SA	fine and clear	small grey-blue cross seen at great distance	no explanation
3 Nov 71	1320	Townsville, Qld	fine, $\frac{1}{8}$ cloud	red, white, green light	possibly a light aircraft
3 Nov 71	1330	Townsville, Qld	fine	white, yellow light	no explanation possible on evidence submitted
6 Nov 71	0730	Mona Park, Qld	scattered cloud	horse-shoe shaped cloud	unusual cloud formation
12 Nov 71	1330	Cromarty Siding Nth Qld	clear sky	bright red object	probably a comet
18 Nov 71	1120	Briagalong, Vic	clear, $\frac{1}{8}$ cloud	light pattern in sky	probably reflection of the lights of Morwell
4 Dec 71	1300	Dandenong, Vic	fine and clear	fast bright light	meteorite
10 Dec 71	1800	Carlton, Tas	fine, slight breeze	lights in the sky	probably Fokker F27, approaching Hobart airport, approximately 5 miles from Carlton, Tas
12 Dec 71	0245	St James Park, Perth, WA	fine and mild	tumbling metallic-like object	possible paper-foil or similar substance seen at a distance
16 Dec 71	1300	Pingelly, WA	windy	white round light	commercial aircraft overflew Pingelly at this time and date

Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Weather Conditions	Description	Possible Cause
30 Dec 71	0325	Townsville, Qld	cloudy	silvery object	probably sun reflecting from aircraft into cloud

NOTE: During the above period, another 13 reports were received at the Department of Air. However, the time-lag between the date of occurrence and the date of reporting has precluded any meaningful investigation being made.

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

- 1. Name of Observer.....Age.....
- 2. Address of Observer.....
.....Phone Number.....
- 3. Occupation of Observer.....
- 4. Date & Time of Start of Observation.....
How certain is the date?.....
How accurate is the time of start?.....
- 5. Duration of Observation.....
How accurate is your estimate?.....
- 6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....
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How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
- 7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
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- 8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
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- 9. Where was object first observed? :
 - a. Relative to your surroundings.....
.....
 - b. angle of elevation.....
 - c. compass angle bearing.....
 - d. how accurate are these estimates?.....
- 10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....
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- 11. If there was more than one light/object :
 - a. how many were there?.....
 - b. in what formation were they?.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
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14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :
 - a. relative to Venus or Moon.....
 - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes).....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?
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19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....
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20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
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23. Where was object last observed? :
 - a. relative to your surroundings.....
 - b. angle of elevation.....
 - c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....
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25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)
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/26. State any

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

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

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

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

.....

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

.....

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

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

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

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

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

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

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm
Radio-sonde**/ radar** : Candle**/ battery** (** delete as required)

General wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C

at.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....

.....station.

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

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39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

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

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

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.....

.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

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INVESTIGATION OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECTS

Our 5/6/Air(121) 6th April 1966

1. The referenced letter laid down the general policy to be followed in the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFO's). In order to widen the scope of such investigations, Department of Air approached certain Government departments and private organisations to obtain their agreement to assist. Permission is now granted for RAAF Bases to correspond directly with the organisations concerned when it is thought that they could provide information to assist an investigation.
2. It is appreciated that RAAF bases may have already made local contacts with organisations in an effort to finalise an investigation. It is not the intention of this letter to terminate any existing working arrangement but to provide the basis for contact where there is no present liaison.
3. The attached list is provided as a guide to local contacts.

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(L.B. BROWN)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

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ORGANISATIONS APPROACHED BY DEPARTMENT OF AIR
TOGETHER WITH ADDRESSES OF HEADQUARTERS & STATE
BRANCHES

Mount Stromlo Observatory: The Director
Mount Stromlo Observatory
Private Bag
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Bureau of Meteorology: Headquarters - Director of Meteorology
Bureau of Meteorology
PO Box 1289K
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Regional Offices:Victoria

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
PO Box 1636M
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Northern Territory

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Box 948 PO
DARWIN NT 5794

Queensland

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
PO Box 413F
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Western Australia

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Observatory Building
PERTH WA 6000

New South Wales

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
PO Box 4658
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Tasmania

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Box 727G GPO
HOBART TAS 7001

South Australia

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
West Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Canberra

Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology
Box 797 PO
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Area Offices:Sydney Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Sydney Airport
MASCOT NSW 2020

Darwin Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT 5793

Perth Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Perth Airport
GUILDFORD WA 6055

Melbourne Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Essendon Airport
NORTH ESSENDON VIC3041

Adelaide Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Adelaide Airport
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Townsville Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Townsville Airport
GARBUTT QLD 4810

Port Hedland Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Port Hedland Airport
PORT HEDLAND WA 6721

Launceston Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Launceston Airport
WESTN JUNCTION TAS 7257

Brisbane Airport

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Brisbane Airport
EAGLE FARM QLD 4007

Lae

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
PO Box 30
LAE PNG

Port Moresby

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
PO Box 1240
Boroko
PORT MORESBY PAPUA

Local Offices:

Woomera

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
LRWE Range
Box 1391K GPO
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Amberley

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
AMBERLEY QLD 4305

Laverton

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
LAVERTON VIC 3027

Pearce

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
PEARCE WA 6085

East Sale

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RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC 3852

Richmond

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
RICHMOND NSW 2755

Williamtown

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2301

Alice Springs

Officer-in-Charge
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PO Box 60
ALICE SPRINGS NT 5750

Cairns

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Meteorological Office
Cairns Airport
C/o Post Office
AEROGLEN QLD 4870

Cocos Island

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Meteorological Office
Aerodrome
Cocos (Keeling) Island
Indian Ocean
Via PERTH WA

Interpreter Offices:

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Charleville

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CHARLEVILLE QLD 4470

Mildura

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PO Box 779
MILDURA VIC 3500

Rockhampton

Officer-in-Charge
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WANDAL QLD 4700

Mt Isa

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
Box 359 PO
MT ISA QLD 4825

Tamworth

Officer-in-Charge
Meteorological Office
PO Box 37
WESTDALE NSW 2340

Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO):

Secretary
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial
Research Organisation
314, Albert Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) (Melb Office):

Senior NASA Representative
339, Swanston Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Department of Civil Aviation: Headquarters - Director-General
Department of Civil Av'n
"Henty House"
499, Lt Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Note: RAAF bases investigating UFO sightings should liaise directly with Department of Civil Aviation Regional Authorities in their area.

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INVESTIGATION OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

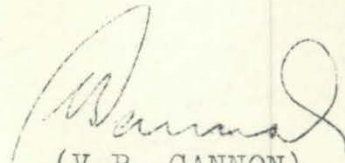
1. The RAAF is responsible for the investigation of reports of un-identified flying objects (UFO's) in Australia and the Trust Territories. The purpose of this letter is to state the procedure for handling and investigation of such reports.
2. The main purpose of any investigation of UFO's is to establish whether or not the subject of the report poses a threat to the security of Australia. The identification of the object reported and its classification as aircraft, balloon, astronomical phenomenon etc is of minor importance and mainly for the benefit of members of the public whose interest may have been aroused by the report.
3. It is considered that the authority best suited to the investigation of a UFO is the nearest RAAF base, where local weather conditions, aircraft movements and natural phenomena are well known. The present procedure is for anyone who sees or thinks he sees an aerial object which he cannot identify, to contact the nearest RAAF base or civil airport, and if this is impracticable, the nearest police station and report the matter.
4. As soon as possible after the report of a UFO is received the Base Commander is to signal Command Headquarters and Department of Air brief details of the observation. He is also to appoint a responsible officer, preferably of the General Duties Branch, to initiate inquiries. Normally this officer...

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....should interview the observer and complete a proforma similar to the one attached. In cases where the remoteness of the area of observation would make this procedure impracticable or the Base Commander is satisfied from the initial report that nothing would be gained by such a procedure, he should arrange for the proforma to be completed by, or in the presence of, a police officer or other responsible person.

5. When the completed proforma is received at a RAAF base or unit, the Officer Commanding or Commanding Officer is to ensure that an adequate examination of the report is carried out bearing in mind the provisions of para 1 above. A brief report on the findings of the investigation, together with a copy of the proforma, is to be forwarded without undue delay to Command Headquarters.

6. No attempts should be made to answer public enquiries at base or unit level and requests by members of the public for information on UFO's in Australia should be referred to Department of Air where they will be dealt with by the Directorate of Public Relations.



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Wing Commander

For Air Officer Commanding

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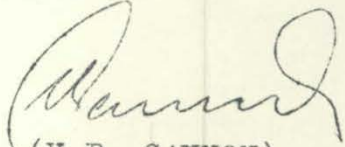
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The questionnaire pro-forma attached to the letter quoted above, at para 28, should read..."answers given to 18 and 19", NOT "...answers given to 17 and 18".


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

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer.....Age.....
2. Address of Observer.....
3. Occupation of Observer.....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in local time)
.....
5. Duration of Observation(s).....
6. Observers Location at Time of Sighting (Give details of own
position by map reference
..... if possible, or by known
landmarks)
.....
7. Weather Conditions at time(s) of observation(s).....
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8. Aids to Observation(s). (Describe any equipment used in the
observation)
.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed, eg, overhead, coming from
behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
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10. What first attracted observer's attention, eg light or noise.
.....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
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12. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and
what was their formation.
.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object.....
14. What was its apparent shape.....
15. Was any detail of structure observable.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....
17. Was there any sound.....
18. Height, or angle of elevation.....
19. Speed, or angular velocity.....
20. Was the object stationary?.....
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks
or points of the compass...
.....

- 22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all?
.....
- 23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
- 24. Where did object disappear, eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
.....
- 25. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
.....
- 26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously.....
- 27. If so, give details of incident(s).....
- 28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 17 and 18.
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- 29. Are you a member of any organisation interested in aerial phenomena?
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- 30. Name and Address of organisation.....
.....
- 31. Any additional information.....
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.....

Signature of Observer.....

- 32. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
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- 33. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
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- 34. Comments.....
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Signature of Interrogator.....

QUESTIONS 32, 33 and 34 to be answered by interrogator.

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

