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Signed..... *J. Robinson*..... Date..... *2/9/10*.....  
For Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force

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Memorandum from

DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

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For:

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1. This is copy of PK release which should appear in media reports at midday and after on Thursday 25th Jan.
2. I have told PK staff that should a newspaper feel the need to do an unbiased report on UFO's you would be available to give an interview (open input). Best of luck.



24/1/79

3/36 Rickaby St.  
Croydon Park,  
5008 S.A.  
Australia.  
2/1/79

To whom it may concern,

I am researching the recent spate of possible UFO sightings in the view of contributing several articles to major international science journals and would be most grateful if you could help me in my enquiries: Do you know of any sightings directly or indirectly. If so, could you either supply details of witnesses or actual details of the sightings. Was there any radar confirmation of the sightings. I hope that I will hear from you shortly. Thanking you for your assistance in my investigations.

Yours Sincerely,

Darren W. Mitchell

*D.W. Mitchell*

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be referred to PRO(Ch)

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Air Staff

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## REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIABLE VISUAL AND RADAR SIGHTINGS EAST COAST SOUTH ISLAND : DECEMBER 1978

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(C.L. SIEBERT)

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18 Jan 79

Enclosure: Copies of Air Staff report.

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31 January 1979


MR D.W. Mitchell  
3/36 Rickaby Street  
Croydon Park  
5008 South Australia  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter to the Commanding Officer of RNZAF Base Woodbourne concerning information on the recent UFO sightings.

The questions you ask in that letter are similar to those asked in letters to the Civil Aviation Division of the Ministry of Transport who will be replying to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.D. COLE)  
Squadron Leader  
RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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draft PR release cleared by SWS  
for dissemination Thursday 25 Jan 79.

#### RNZAF UFO SIGHTING REPORT

The unidentified radar and visual sightings reported by aircraft and the Air Traffic Control radars off the north east coast of the South Island recently, are the result of natural but unusual atmospheric phenomena. (a)

This is the conclusion arrived at in the Air Force's just completed investigation into the sightings.

Before arriving at his conclusions, the investigating officer interviewed all the principle<sup>al</sup> witnesses involved in the sightings on the nights of 20 and 30 December. He also worked closely with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Civil Aviation Division of the Ministry of Transport, and the Meteorological Service.

His report reveals that during the months of December and early (a) January, atmospheric conditions over New Zealand were conducive to freak effects on radar and light waves. Also, the planet Venus was rising in the eastern sky early in the morning, and at this time of the year is unusually bright in appearance. (b)

It was also revealed that for some time the Wellington Air Traffic Control radar has been giving spurious returns off the east coast of the South Island. (c)

Over the period more than 50 Japanese squid boats sailed from Wellington to a position 120 miles off Banks Peninsula.

Not only would the squid boats give a good source of radar return whilst in transit to the squid fishing grounds, but they generate a very large amount of light when fishing at night. Each boat generates about 200 kilowatts of light to attract squid to its lures, and this light source cannot be discounted as a cause of some of the visual sightings. (d)

The investigating officer also speculates that lights seen in the Clarence River mouth could have come from trains or vehicles travelling long the coast, and affected by unusual atmospheric reflections and refractions. (2)

There is no evidence to connect the many radar and visual sightings in the Clarence River and the larger lights seen to the east. (3)

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said the Ministry was completely satisfied there were no unexplained physical objects in the skies at the time of the sightings.

The lights were almost certainly from surface or planetary sources affected by atmospheric reflection, refraction and distortion.

Radar sets are known to be subject to spurious returns, and it was significant that on the occasions the large light was being filmed by a television team on board the Argosy freighter, neither Christchurch or Wellington radars reported any related visual sightings on their screens.

The spokesman said that the Ministry of Defence was not specifically charged with formal responsibility for investigating so-called unidentified flying objects in peacetime. However, the Ministry does take an active interest in all such reports and within the limitations of its resources, conducts investigations as necessary.

Commenting on some media speculation that the country was defenceless against air attack, the spokesman said that New Zealand did not have a complex air defence system, comprising sophisticated radar equipment and a force of missiles and interceptor aircraft.

The recently announced Defence Review explains that over the next decade at least, a physical threat to New Zealand's security, by sea or from the air, is so remote that expenditure of funds on sophisticated air defence equipments could not be justified.

No costing of a comprehensive air defence system for New Zealand had been done, but the Defence spokesman said that the bill would be enormous and well beyond current resource levels.

The Defence spokesman concluded by saying that the Ministry totally discounts the possibility of visits to New Zealand, and particularly to the areas of the country where the recent reports have suggested, of alien aircraft or other flying machines. It also categorically discounts any suggestion that air activity of any kind has taken place which poses any threat to New Zealand's security. Defence does not share the view of those who believe we are visited from outer space, or covertly by the air-raft or machines of potentially unfriendly nations.

AIR 39/3/3

24 January 1979

Regional Director  
Regional Office  
Ministry of Transport  
PO Box 27144  
Upper Willis Street  
WELLINGTON

CORRESPONDENCE : AERIAL PHENOMENA

1. Please find enclosed a letter from Mr Darren W. Mitchell containing questions relating to the anomalous aerial phenomena sightings in the Kaikoura region and a covering note from your office.
2. As the questions directly concern air traffic control, the inquiry is returned for your action.

Yours faithfully,

(C.D. COLE)  
Squadron Leader  
RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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SBS

*WJ*  
*CAS*  
Noted & accepted. Thank you.  
A PR statement has been cleared  
and 2 copies of your report  
passed to the Minister. *[Signature]* 23/

Air Staff

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIABLE VISUAL AND RADAR SIGHTINGS  
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(C.L. SIEBERT)

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18 Jan 79

Enclosure: Copies of Air Staff report.

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RADAR SIGHTINGS

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To

~~PPC~~

1. I believe you have already returned one of these to CADMOT. W  
J

2. May I suggest that this one is also returned with the comment that since most of the answers are directly related to CADMOT they may care to reply.

3. In respect of unusual propagation phenomena it is highly probable that such existed. I have heard of this case through the media! The Defense informal inquiry is still under way — no definite explanations yet but all sightings very likely will be explained by natural but unusual phenomena.

4. Thanks.

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16 January 1979

WAITARA.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters of December and 2 January in which you put forward theories on UFO's. The contents of the letters have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

(G.T. Clarke)  
Squadron Leader  
for Director of Public Relations

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16 January 1979

WELLINGTON 5.

Dear

Thank you for your letter reporting your sighting of an unusual object in the Marlborough Sounds last December. We have received no other reports of any unusual activity in that area and I am afraid are at a loss to give you an explanation as to what it was that you saw.

Yours faithfully,

(G.T. Clarke)  
Squadron Leader  
for Director of Public Relations

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11th January 1979

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED VISUAL AND  
RADAR SIGHTINGS EAST COAST SOUTH ISLAND  
DECEMBER 1978

Introduction

1. On the nights of 20/21 December 78 and 30/31 December 78 Wellington ATC Radar, and the crews of SAFE Argosy aircraft (both visually and on radar) made many unidentified sightings off the east coast of the South Island. The first sightings gave rise to much publicity by the media and eventual involvement of the RNZAF when it was decided to conduct an Orion surveillance of the area on the night of 2/3 January 79. At that time it was decided to start a Defence investigation and this report is submitted in accordance with DCAS instructions to provide a report on the events surrounding the various sightings.

2. Air Staff was first advised by Civil Aviation Division of Ministry of Transport (CADMOT) of these events mid-morning 21 December 78. Historically, Defence has adopted a 'low profile' in connection with reports of unidentified sightings. Thus CADMOT has not normally reported unusual sightings to Defence. However, because of the number and nature of reports on the night 20/21 December 78 the Director of Civil Aviation specifically instructed his staff to advise Defence. On the basis of the information received Air Staff decided that should any further similar instances occur we would, if possible, carry out an investigation by the most appropriate aircraft available over the Christmas period. CADMOT were advised to contact the Defence Duty Officer in the event of any more sightings. As it transpired the memorandum from CADMOT Head Office to the ATC Centre was not delivered, thus the events of 30/31 December 78 were not reported to Air Staff until the next day.

3. Other Government agencies, notably DSIR and NZ Meteorological Services, are conducting their own investigations and have provided relevant input to this report. The report is confined to the events of 21 and 31 December 78. It does not take into account the film made by TV1 on 3 January 79 which is now being examined by DSIR and will most probably prove to be a film of Venus and Jupiter rising.

4. When interviewing witnesses it was pointed out to them that this was not a judicial enquiry. The credibility of witnesses' statements was taken at face value. However, witnesses were not necessarily interviewed separately because it was considered that, with a fairly emotive issue such as 'UFOs', corroboration was best achieved by interviewing observers of the same events together.

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Events 20/21 December 78 (Refer Chart at Annex A)

5. On 20/21 December 78 there were two SAFE Argosy flights from Woodbourne to Christchurch one of which proceeded to Dunedin and terminated, and the other returned to Woodbourne. The first aircraft departed Woodbourne 210110 NZDT. At 0159 when southbound to Christchurch the aircraft captain was asked by Wellington Radar to check the Clarence River area because Wellington ATC was receiving radar returns from there. The crew observed lights at low level that could possibly have been off the Clarence River mouth but when the aircraft was about 30 miles north the lights appeared to go out or disappear. During this period Christchurch was visible and the sky was clear. Later in the morning (0406) when the aircraft was northbound the crew was again requested to check the area because Wellington Radar was again picking up radar returns in that vicinity. The aircraft crew confirmed that lights were visible to seaward and the crew got the impression of the lights making rectangular patterns at irregular frequency. The lights had a beam appearance rather than a point source appearance and seemed to turn away rather than turn off. One light appeared to illuminate the surface of the water and the aircraft captain assesses that the source of the light could have been at about 1,000 feet. However, it is the reporting officer's opinion that from the aircraft's height (14,000 feet) it would not be possible to judge accurately the height of lights below the aircraft. One possibility is that the aircraft captain was observing lights from cars or trains because the main road and railway run parallel and very close to the coast for some miles in this area. However, the aircraft captain considers that the sightings could have been produced by four or five helicopters and the whole thing was 'quite undramatic'. The likelihood of such extensive aeronautical activity has not been confirmed by any reports received from the Police or local inhabitants. In fact, no reports have been received and the Police do not have any interest in the area.

6. The second aircraft, which departed Woodbourne at 0315, was also asked by Wellington Radar to look at the Clarence River mouth area because Wellington was picking up radar returns there. That aircraft crew did not observe anything in the region either visually or on radar.

7. Subsequent investigations and scientific observation carried out by DSIR proves conclusively (in the reporting officer's opinion) that Wellington SRE Radar does give anomalous radar returns off the east coast off the South Island. This was proved by DSIR observation of the Wellington radar 8/9 January 79 and taking a series of photographs of the radar presentation throughout the night. Concurrently three field parties were stationed at vantage points along the east coast with radio communications to the Radar Control Centre. On several occasions during the night when many large returns were painting on Wellington Radar the observers on the coast could see nothing either in the air or on the sea in the positions passed to them by the Radar Controller.

/Furthermore

Furthermore, from discussions with two or three controllers it is evident that the Wellington SRE has for several months been giving anomalous radar returns in the Clarence area and south of Wellington. It is possible that this could be caused by a modification that was recently made to the radar head at Wellington depressing it one degree. DSIR scientists are following up this possibility and their findings should be available in due course.

8. There is no evidence to suggest that there was any clandestine activity in the vicinity of the Clarence River mouth. It is possible however that surface vessels could have been in the area with or without navigation lights but it is doubtful that such vessels could have given rise to the visual observation made by the aircraft crew. The fact that Wellington Radar 'keyed' both aircraft captains to look for objects in the Clarence area might well have induced observations from the air which might or might not have been related to the Wellington Radar returns.

9. From information supplied by DSIR, the NZ Meteorological Services, and astronomers, it is evident that during this period, and indeed for the last month or so, atmospheric conditions have been conducive to freak propagation of radio and light waves. Thus it is possible that the lights observed by the aircraft captain could have been produced by ships' lights reflected or refracted from afar. Such anomalous propagation (ducting) could also give rise to spurious radar returns. Note: The reporting officer has just received (1155 NZDT) a report from Auckland that ATC has issued a NOTAM that Auckland Radar is giving spurious returns caused by atmospheric conditions.

10. During the period that the Wellington Radar Controller was in dialogue with the aircraft captains about radar returns in the Clarence area the radar was also tracking a steady return on a track of 140°(M) which started at Wellington, proceeded to 30 miles and then, with less consistent radar returns, tracked out to 60 miles where it became stationary for 35 minutes. It then moved west and appeared to 'track' the second southbound Argosy at about 0328. The Wellington Radar Controller alerted the captain that there was a strong radar return about 25 miles to the port of the aircraft. The aircraft crew observed on that bearing a very bright light which they variously describe as a bright orb, pear shaped with a reddish tinge that then turned white. From the aircraft the object appeared to be stationary by visual observation but by the aircraft radar appeared to track the aircraft. The light appeared to be very close - less than ten miles. Although the aircraft radar return and the visual observation of the light were on more or less the same bearing the crew cannot confirm that the range was coincident. It is significant that within a few minutes of the crew's observation, Venus was rising on a bearing that coincided with their visual observation. DSIR optics, physics, and meteorological experts have confirmed that prevailing atmospheric conditions might well have produced most unusual but not unknown phenomena that could have made Venus appear large, bright and orange. There is a plethora of astronomical information that describes this phenomenon. Thus it is highly probable that the aircrew's observation was an unusual view of Venus.

11. The radar returns observed on the aircraft radar might have been caused by a natural return by a ship or perhaps could have been anomalous returns caused by the prevailing atmospheric conditions. During the period 19 - 28 December 78 some 50 Japanese squid boats sailed from Wellington to the area of the Mernoo Bank (120 miles east of Banks Peninsula). These vessels departed Wellington in groups of about 10 and their track to their fishing grounds is almost identical to the radar track plotted by Wellington radar. While there is no conclusive proof that these vessels could have caused the fairly steady trace observed by Wellington it is a fact that during the period of all these observations there was no shortage of shipping in the area. Furthermore, once in position and fishing, the squid fleet would have produced an intense light source which coupled with prevailing meteorological conditions could have been responsible for many and varied reflected or refracted light images. (Each boat puts out about 200kw of light.)

12. A further observation (which has not been reported by the media) was made by the crew of this the same Argosy when the aircraft was some 50 miles north east of Christchurch. The captain observed five consecutive blips on the aircraft radar which over a period of five seconds traced a pattern towards the aircraft and then veered off very sharply to its port. Simultaneously the co-pilot observed a flashing white light (which looked like a strobe light) describing the same sort of path. For the brief period that the returns were received on radar the object must have been travelling at about 10,800mph! This sighting, above all others during the night, caused the crew considerable consternation! It is possible that such a phenomenon could be produced by a meteor which are not unknown at this time of theyear. A further possible explanation could be that the effect was caused by a 'double bounce' radar contact produced by ducting. It is note-worthy that an RNZAF Orion crossing Cape Palliser on 9 January 78 at 1652 NZDT observed a radar contact at 15 miles moving fast towards the aircraft. There was no cloud and no surface contacts visible. The radar return crossed the aircraft's track one mile ahead, but there was no visual sighting. The closing speed was calculated at 1,000mph thus the object itself was travelling at some 630 mph. OPHQ staffs have considered the possibilities and assess that the radar return could have been of an object 200 miles north of NZ (perhaps cloud) with freak propagation giving rise to the radar observation made in the aircraft. But for knowing that a Defence enquiry was under way OPHQ would not normally have considered it necessary to pass on this information.

13. A further sighting on the 20/21 December 78 was made by the Orderly Officer and Duty Air Traffic Controller at RNZAF Base Woodbourne. At 2350 the Orderly Officer saw what he considered to be three lights of a Bristol Freighter three to four miles from Woodbourne. However, as no aircraft could be heard and the lights did not appear to get any closer he checked through binoculars and determined that the lights appeared to be going towards Wellington. Of the three lights the middle one appeared as a white beam pointing northward. The lights appeared to move upward

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and around in a rectangular pattern but at random speed. He observed the lights for about 50 minutes. The bearing from Woodbourne was about 080° (M), i.e., towards Cape Campbell. At one stage the lights appeared to 'rush forward' but generally over the period seemed to move northward and eventually fade. In comparative terms the observer considered that the lights' pattern looked like somebody 'spotlighting'. The Duty Air Traffic Controller observed the same lights from the control tower balcony. His impression was that the lights comprised one bright orange light and two less intense white lights. The large light appeared to remain stationary while the other two seemed to move north. A shaft of light periodically appeared to 'beam down' from the white lights at about 40° in a northerly direction. Using binoculars apparently had no enlarging effect on the lights! This could indicate that the lights were at a great distance from the observer and not in Cook Strait as he imagined. This thesis is supported by the fact that on checking with Wellington Radar the Woodbourne observer was advised that the radar was painting five targets in the Clarence area but no mention was made of any returns in Cook Strait. It is highly improbable that the radar returns and the visual observations were in any way connected.

14. The reporting officer awaits a copy of the taped conversation between the Wellington Radar Controller, the aircraft and the Woodbourne observer and in addition the Woodbourne observer is preparing a sketch map showing bearings, etc, in more detail. When these two pieces of evidence are available they may shed more light on the occurrence!

## Summary

15. It is the reporting officer's opinion that almost all the sightings made 20/21 December 78 can be explained by natural but unusual phenomena. There were atmospheric conditions that could have produced unusual visual and radar returns. There is no doubt that Wellington SRE was (and still is) giving spurious radar returns in the area under surveillance. With some of the visual sightings of 'beams' of light it is only possible to speculate on possible causes. On-going investigation by DSIR scientists and the reporting officer may help to clarify this in due course. Perhaps the most difficult aspect to explain away is the apparent concern - even apprehension - of the aircrews involved in the sightings. At present they do not seem to be prepared to accept the fact that they might have observed Venus. Thankfully, however, neither do they believe that they saw a visitor from outer space! Perhaps when more scientific evidence is gathered their minds will be set at rest.

## Events 30/31 December 78 (Refer Chart at Annex B)

16. On 30/31 December 78 an Argosy on a routine flight (but carrying the TV crew that made the film shown on Australian TV) departed Wellington at 2346 to proceed Christchurch and then

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return to Woodbourne.

17. At 0013 while climbing to 14,000 feet the aircraft crew observed four to five lights close to the surface near the coast of the Kaikoura Peninsula (possibly in the Clarence River area but the crew were not sure and did not confirm with their radar). On checking with Wellington ATC the crew were advised that Wellington Radar had contacts 13 miles ahead of the aircraft (these would have been off Clarence). The crew observed a pulsing type of white light that looked like a helicopter search light zooming on to the beach somewhere north of the Kaikoura Peninsula. Again, it is difficult to explain the lights, short of them being some anomalous type of reflection or refraction, cars, or trains. However it is most probable that the Wellington Radar returns were spurious.

18. At 0018 when the aircraft was about 10 miles north of the Clarence River mouth, Wellington Radar advised the crew that there was a strong radar return behind them. They orbited and saw nothing. This was almost certainly a spurious radar return.

19. At 0042 when the aircraft was about 10 miles northeast of Motunau Island, Wellington Radar advised the crew that there was a large radar target behind the aircraft that appeared on the radar screen as a blip larger than the aircraft return and appeared to be tracking the Argosy. The aircraft captain carried out a left orbit but neither he nor the first officer saw anything. The crew did not refer to the aircraft radar and Christchurch radar was not operating for ATC purposes at the time.

20. Just before crossing the coast near Woodend the crew observed a white light on the starboard side of the aircraft and Christchurch Radar advised that there was a target at three-o'clock to the aircraft that 'moved off' when the aircraft was about 1.5 miles from touch down. No reports have been received from inhabitants of the area of any unusual lights or aeronautical activity. Thus, again, the natural explanation is that the light and radar return were spurious, possibly caused by some sort of anomalous propagation.

21. It is interesting to note that while taxiing to dispersal both the aircrew on the Argosy and the ATC officers in the control tower observed lights to the right of Sugar Loaf Hill which seemed to have the same pulsating characteristics as the lights observed earlier during the flight. The bearing of these lights would almost certainly coincide with the bearing of the squid fleet from Christchurch and if the lights could be proved to be refracted or reflected returns from the squid vessels much of the mystery would be solved!

22. At 0216 the aircraft departed Christchurch on the 033 radial. When overhead Woodend both crew members observed a large white light to the northeast. They also observed on the aircraft radar a very large target at 18 miles from the aircraft. The crew cannot be positive that the light and the radar return were coincident but that was the appearance that they gave. Slightly before these observations, the first officer had noticed through thin cloud a light which he describes as having the

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appearance of a squashed orange. Eventually this light became fully visible and measured against the thumb at arms length appeared to be about two inches long, that is, a very large source of light. The crew observed this light for some minutes while cruising at 13,000 feet. Between 35 and 40 miles from Christchurch the aircraft captain, of his own volition, turned towards the light. This necessitated a 90° turn onto a heading of about 125° at about 25° bank. The aircraft speed was 215 knots. The image on the aircraft radar moved to 10 miles from the aircraft but the crew cannot say whether this was due to their velocity or the movement of the radar return. The radar image then stayed in the same relative position to the aircraft for a few minutes (as if it were 'backing up' at the aircraft's speed). At this stage the large light appeared to go above, behind, and below the aircraft as the captain turned left to regain track and avoid further 'confrontation' with the object! This series of events occurred over a time frame of about 20 minutes. Throughout, Christchurch radar was working but reported nothing. Wellington Radar had been observing the aircraft during the period but did not report any unidentified radar contact in that area.

23. The visual observation made by the crew is consistent with an unusual view of Venus. The bearing of the observation coincides with the point at which Venus would have been visible. However, this observation was made at about 0225 and Venus did not rise until about 0328. Nevertheless, DSIR scientists have advised that with super refraction it would be possible to see the planet some time before it's actual rising and if it were seen it would have the appearance that the crew described. The last effect of the light passing above, below and behind the aircraft could be explained by an astronomical phenomenon known as the 'troublesome layer'. In the prevailing conditions with a marked inversion above about 10,000 feet, and fairly strong westerly winds with standing waves on the leeward side of the Alps the inversion layer can take on a marked wave form. Thus at the time that the light performed its convolutions around the aircraft it is possible that the aircraft was passing from one side of the inversion layer to the other. The fact that the light was no longer visible tends to support this thesis and it is most probable that the aircraft's radar return was spurious or of a ship, in view of the lack of confirmation of any other targets in the area by the Wellington Radar.

24. As the aircraft approached Kaikoura two or three radar contacts were noted on the aircraft radar at about ten o'clock position. These would be consistent with the radar returns Wellington had noted in the Clarence area for most of the night - and were almost certainly spurious.

25. Approaching Cape Campbell the aircraft captain observed what he thought was a fishing fleet off Cape Palliser. These might well have been part of the squid fleet enroute south.

26. As the aircraft turned towards Blenheim the first officer observed what appeared to be orange lights in the Nelson Bay area which appeared to move across the sounds towards Picton. No explanation can be offered for this observation but it has not

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been confirmed by any sightings made from the ground. The aircraft landed at Blenheim at 0315.

## Conclusions

27. The foregoing report has been compiled after interviews with most of the principle witnesses involved with the sightings 20/21 and 30/31 December 1978. The SAFE pilots were most helpful to the reporting officer in the very frank manner in which they related their experiences and the time they spent in interview. It is considered that the reporting officer should, as soon as possible, informally debrief the SAFE aircrew involved on the general tenor of the findings to date.

28. It is evident that because of the interest over these sightings reports will continue to come in from various sources and on-going investigations by DSIR and meteorological officers will probably serve to correlate much of the information. Nevertheless, it is considered that Defence should issue a PR statement fairly soon in order to tone down much of the wild speculation that has existed over recent weeks.

29. In summary the reporting officer has made the following findings:

- a. During the period of the observations, and indeed now, atmospheric conditions over NZ are conducive to freak propagation of radio and light waves.
- b. Venus was rising in the eastern sky and at this time of the year is unusually bright in appearance.
- c. Wellington Radar has been giving spurious indications off the east coast of the South Island for some time but over recent weeks anomalous returns seem to have been more prevalent.
- d. During the period an unusually large number of vessels (the squid fleet) sailed from Wellington, often at night, to position off Banks Peninsula. Not only would these vessels provide a good source for radar returns but the lights that they use when fishing could explain some of the visual sightings of unusual lights.
- e. The reporting officer speculates that the observation of lights in the Clarence area might have been caused by trains or cars.
- f. The reporting officer is of the opinion that the large number of unusual occurrences on

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the nights in question made some aircrew and air traffic controllers particularly responsive to the various sightings.

- g. There is no connection between the many sightings in the Clarence area and the larger lights seen to the east (and which were the subject of the much publicised TV films).
- h. Almost all the sightings can be explained by natural but unusual phenomena. The few for which the evidence to date is inconclusive may well be explained in due course when current investigations are completed.

  
(J.B. CLEMENTS)  
Wing Commander  
Director of Operations

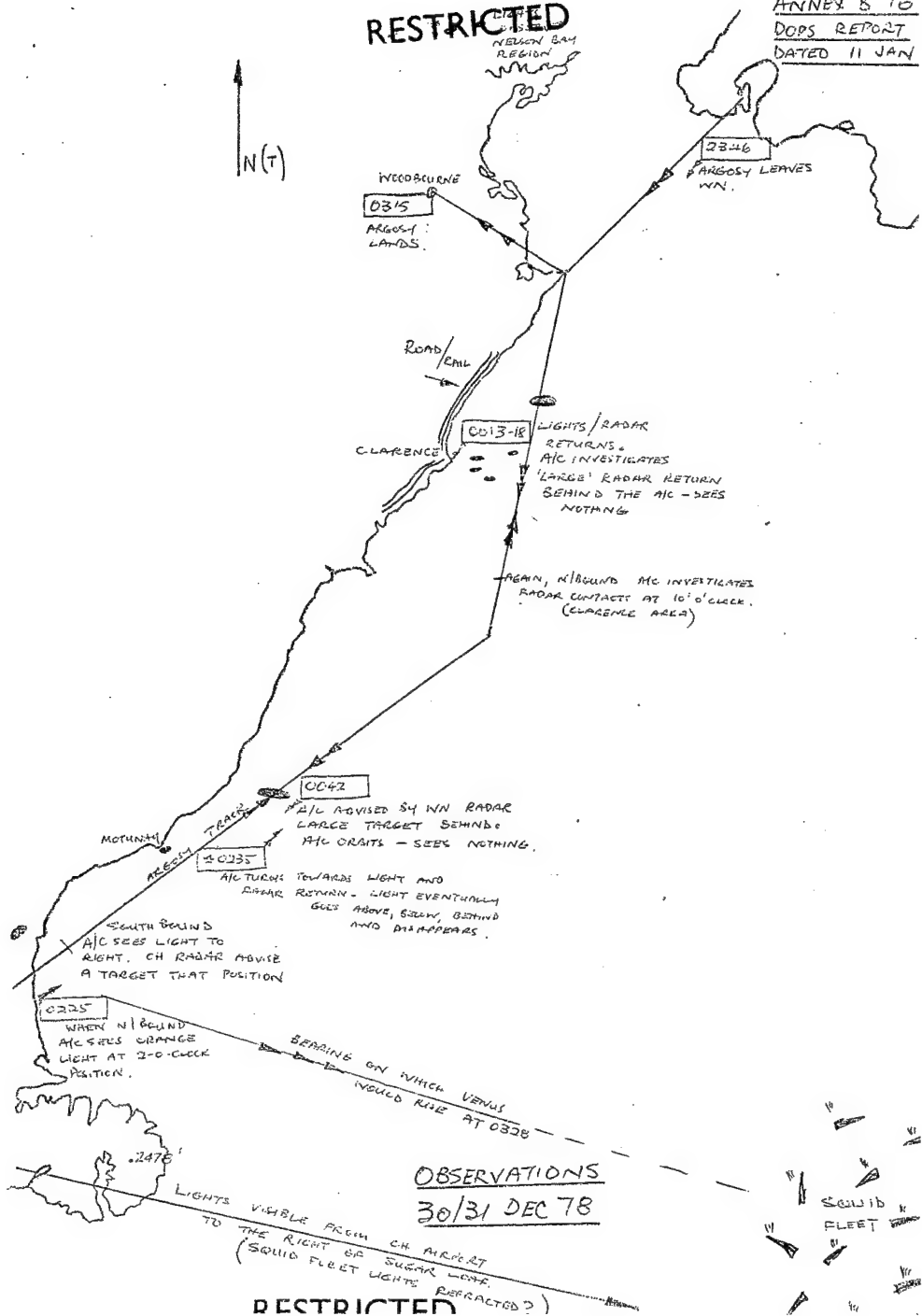
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ANNEX B TO  
DOPS REPORT  
DATED 11 JAN

DATE: 30/31  
NEWBY BAY  
REGION

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NEEDS BURN  
0315  
ARGOSY LEAVES  
LANDS.

0316  
ARGOSY LEAVES  
WN.

ROAD/RAIL  
CLARENCE  
0013-18  
LIGHTS/RADAR  
RETURNS.  
A/C INVESTIGATES  
'LARGE' RADAR RETURN  
BEHIND THE A/C - SEES  
NOTHING

AGAIN, N/BOUND A/C INVESTIGATES  
RADAR CONTACT AT 10 O'CLOCK.  
(CLARENCE AREA)

0042  
A/C ADVISED BY NN RADAR  
LARGE TARGET BEHIND  
A/C ORBITS - SEES NOTHING.

MOTUNUI  
ARECIB TRACK  
0235  
A/C TURNS TOWARDS LIGHT AND  
RADAR RETURN - LIGHT EVENTUALLY  
GOES ABOVE, SLOW, BEHIND  
AND DISAPPEARS.

SOUTH BOUND  
A/C SEES LIGHT TO  
RIGHT. CH RADAR ADVISE  
A TARGET THAT POSITION

0225  
WHEN N/BOUND  
A/C SEES ORANGE  
LIGHT AT 2-O'CLOCK  
POSITION.

BEARING ON WHICH VENUS  
WOULD RISE AT 0338

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LIGHTS VISIBLE FROM CH AIRPORT  
TO THE RIGHT OF SUGAR WORK.  
(SQUID FLEET LIGHTS REFRACTED?)



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ANNEX 7 10  
DOPS REPORT  
DATED 11 JAN 7



WOODBOULENE

0159

LIGHTS OBSERVED  
FROM WOODBOULENE  
APPARENTLY THIS  
POSITION - MOVED  
NORTH  
2350 ≈ 0130

RADAR RETURN  
'TRACKED' BY  
TO 60NMS

ROAD / RAIL

0150 (0400)

CLARENCE

RADAR RETURNS  
CLAIMABLE THROUGHOUT  
THE NIGHT

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ARGOSY SEES  
LIGHT THAT  
SEEMS VERY CLOSE

STATION  
35 MI  
THEN  
RADAR RETN  
MOVES WEST

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RADAR RETURN  
APPARENTLY 'TRACKS'  
S/BOUND ARGOSY  
AND APPARENTLY  
'WAITS' FOR N/BOUND  
ARGOSY THEN SAILEY  
TRACKS IT!

VENUS  
RISING  
0327

0400

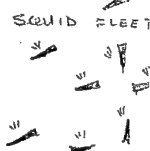
ARGOSY SEES  
VERY FAST  
TARGET  
ON AIC RADAR.

CHART TRACK FROM  
SQUID FLEET

MOTUNGA

ARGOSY TRACKS

OBSERVATIONS  
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MINUTE SHEET

Department: DPB

Subject: WFO BRIEFING

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/1/79

To \_\_\_\_\_

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1. For possible inclusion in the Staff Instructions covering base briefings on WFO missions.

~~DPB~~ *[Signature]* 11/1.

1. DPB has a form - MR (or MRs? or Ms?) Dates suggestion in last para could become a feature of all RZMK flights!

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By *[Signature]*  
DPB

*[Signature]*  
SCAS  
11/1

Auckland 6,  
3 / 1 / 79,

Squadron Leader,  
Geoff Clarke,  
Dear Sir,

For your next VFO briefing, the following is of vital importance to yourself and your crew. That - the UFO are seen by the natural observer and then depart in their own time, do not refer to the clock for your next briefing and searching. That - some of those who have pursued the UFO's in planes have come out very badly. Many pilots - some reports says fifty or more - have lost their lives in the way. That - one observer claimed he saw a bell-shaped UFO descend over a jet plane and simply take it up and haul it away. A jet was reported missing in that area that day, and it had not been found yet. That - mysterious disa -

appearance of people and machines  
(On August 16, a lesson 100 Southland,  
also an Citigo Cherokee Six aircraft in  
Floydland 29/12/78 (coincidence or  
otherwise) had also been reported  
during UFO flaps (large numbers,  
see SE, Auckland Star 2/1/79).

Now comes the part  
you might not believe, that - The  
UFO's are occupied by demons,  
no one behind this startling phenomenon  
and their activity is connected with  
the upcoming Tribulation Period -  
UFO's - SOMETHING IS UP - AND  
THE WORST IS YET TO COME -

Most of the information of this  
concerned letter comes from the  
Book "ENCOUNTERS WITH UFO'S"  
by John Welden + Zola Levitt

For your every UFO sighting  
have your Padre present for a  
prayer of blessing when facing the  
unnatural the spiritual realm, the  
Supernatural realm.

# JESUS IS ALIVE...

## BUT FIRST~

*Jesus said:* "The Son of Man must suffer, much and be rejected by the people of this day. He will be handed over to the Gentiles, who will make fun of him, insult him, and spit on him. They will whip him and kill him, but on the third day he will rise to life." *Luke 17:25; 18:32-33*

## UNDER ARREST

The High Priest questioned him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed God?" "I am," answered Jesus, "and you will all see the Son of Man seated at the right side of the Almighty, and coming with the clouds of heaven!" The High Priest tore his robes and said, "We don't need any more witnesses! You heard his wicked words. What is your decision?" They all voted against him: he was guilty and should be put to death. Some of them began to spit on Jesus, and they blindfolded him and hit him. "Guess who hit you!" they said. And the guards took him and slapped him. *Mark 14:61-65*

## NOT GUILTY

Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought this man to me and said that he was misleading the people. Now, I have examined

him here in your presence, and I have not found him guilty of any of the crimes you accuse him of."

But they shouted back, "To the cross with him! To the cross!" Pilate said to them the third time, "But what crime has he committed? I cannot find anything he has done to deserve death! I will have him whipped and set him free." But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices that Jesus should be nailed to the cross, and finally their shouting won. So Pilate passed the sentence on Jesus that they were asking for. *Luke 23:13-14, 21-24*

## PUT TO DEATH

They took two others also, both of them criminals, to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing."

They divided his clothes among themselves by throwing dice. The people stood there watching, while the Jewish leaders made fun of him. "He saved others; let him save himself; if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!" The soldiers also made fun of him; they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save

yourself, if you are the king of the Jews!" These words were written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? We are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: today you will be in Paradise with me." *Luke 23:32-43*

At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. With a loud cry Jesus died. The curtain hanging in the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The army officer, who was standing there in front of the cross, saw how Jesus had cried out and died. "This man was really the Son of God!" he said. *Mark 15:33, 37-39*

## BURIED

Joseph went into the presence of Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took the body down, wrapped it in a linen sheet, and placed it in a grave which had been dug out of the rock - a grave which had never been used. *Luke 23:52-53*

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the grave carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the grave, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, be nailed to the cross, and rise to life on the third day.'" *Luke 24:1-7*

Suddenly the Lord himself stood among his disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." Full of fear and terror, they thought that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet and see that it is I, myself. Feel me, and you will see, because a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have." He said this and showed them his hands and his feet.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: that the Messiah must suffer, and rise from death on the third day, and that in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem." *Luke 24:36-40, 45-47*

Christ died for our sins . . . he was buried, and was raised to life on the third day . . . he appeared to Peter, and then to all twelve apostles. Then he appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at once. *1 Corinthians 15:3-6*

He was given over to die because of our sins, and was raised to life to put us right with God. *Romans 4:25*

*The risen Lord Jesus said:* "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last. I am the living one! I was dead, but look, I am alive for ever and ever. I have authority over death and the world of the dead." *Revelation 1:17-18*

If you declare with your lips, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *Romans 10:9*

Wellington, N.Z.  
2/12/78

The Secretary of Defence,  
Ministry of Defence,  
Private Bag,  
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to report the sighting of an unusual object flying in the Marlborough Sounds in December 1978.

On December 9 1978, shortly after 8 p.m., I was looking out of a window on the third level of the Town House in Picton.

An object appeared suddenly low in the sky some miles down the Queen Charlotte Sound. The closest description I can give is that it was like a round cloud in two shades of grey - light on top and darker underneath. Comparing it with boats previously seen in the area it would be no less than thirty feet in diameter and about twelve feet deep. There were no lights showing.

Referring to the Lands & Survey Department map of Marlborough Sounds (NZMS 236, 2nd edition) I would say that when I first saw it, it was just south of Mt. McMahon. I watched it for 7 or 8 seconds as it approached. It did not come straight but swooped from side to side as it came low through the hills, crossing Kenepuru Sound approximately above Chauparuperu Bay, then over Black Rock, Kumutoto

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Bay, and disappeared from my view between Allports Island and Kaipapa Bay. It travelled maybe twelve miles in those 8 seconds.

I was transfixed and frightened, and although I did not take my eyes off the area, I did not see the object again. As it disappeared it would be about four miles away from Picton.

I thought I should report this in view of the objects seen in the sky near Waikoura.

Yours faithfully, ..



the power of these craft is far beyond that of mans nuclear energy.  
ITS NOT FOR me US, to tell you How the Space Craft work and sketches BETH Does is from the Space Boys and girls Drawings By the way the operators of the B2 are the same sort of situation as "Rege" the Personality you have got BETH sketched, we have another sketch for you of a Eithology from a self picture.  
it is an interesting one as it is close to the Primodial 2 form (Man) it is MR Sopers Big Ear from the sketch of the B2 you will realize the it is possible to develop a response pattern in light a thousand feet in diameter. as the place were I get my Copies above it will not be <sup>open</sup> till after the 20th that you get your sketches.

at present the Boys do not want us taking photos of the space craft but we will be taking photos of the ~~plan~~ palm craft and the ARI toward the end of this New Year or 1980 the Boys prefer to learn us by sketches and writings. we would not photograph unless a personality we call the "Little Bloke" tells us we can and he said he would not be back for 5 years and not due back till the early 1980 or Dec 12 1979.

Well there are such things as Angels Really Beautiful things in their own dimension they can create an Eithology to be fairly large but in these true state they are dear wee things they are small like the James (Nymphs) mans Idey of Angels is some what astray.

Anyway for what its worth my opinion is if the picture taken is celestial it is photos of the resonance pattern as done by a 132 in the center of things would be the 132 its self. But it may have been in dimension and then you would not get a photograph of it itself. The space craft itself would only be about 50 FT in diameter 25 FT high. with the power plant that these things have they can do all sorts of things man could only imagine any way from the sketch you can draw your own conclusions for this latest sighting and others that may come along.

My next big date is with a dimension in July there abouts its on it way here now. I can tell you it is one hell of a long way from here.

There is always some ee popping in from time to time. What I want is for the entity of light himself to turn up again when he was here in 73 I did not have the knowledge to ask questions, now I can hold a conversation with him the space boys have seen to that, he said he would be back so that visit I am looking forward to.

I have not given away the secrets of the house so the judgement will only be a short one to find out what we have been doing since the last one. Well that is it for now, you will have your sketches after the 20th Jan.

MINUTE SHEET

Subject: *WFO's letter*

Department: *Gen Staff*

File No. *105 1013*

Date: *9.1.79*

To: *WFO's*

1. *Please see attached letter*

2. *at least a solution to the WFO mystery!!*

*John*  
*Sp*  
*(to ai)*

*This previous letter (folio 19) contains some useful info.*

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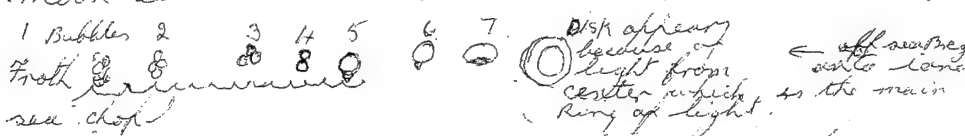
In view of the recent U78 report in the paper  
I would like to forward some of my experience  
as of ~~recovery~~ that have ~~occurred~~ <sup>occurred</sup> which I  
am sure people do not ~~know~~ <sup>know</sup> about yet

1. as U78, coming up in fine weather never  
in winter months because it is too cold and  
strong winds which do not allow this event  
to take place. U78's Pollution Substitution Disasters  
I have witness many bubbles of froth that is  
lifted by the updraft of wind ~~off~~ the sea  
This froth consists of many bubbles which  
gradually develop into one large round ball  
of transparent matter which are moved over  
with a draught of light breeze.

(Could this show up on Raider), Pollution salt, oil,  
sprays, to exist <sup>as</sup> a mixture in a ball  
such as this show up. Now these bubbles are all  
controlled by up draught down draught cross wind  
and follow that pattern until they slowly work  
there way high enough up where there is ~~no~~  
a cross ~~wind~~ <sup>wind</sup> which starts to carry the bubble  
away at high speed, as the outer skin is unable  
to with stand its strength Burst. There for given  
~~and~~ are the idea it was traveling at high spe  
and disintegrated

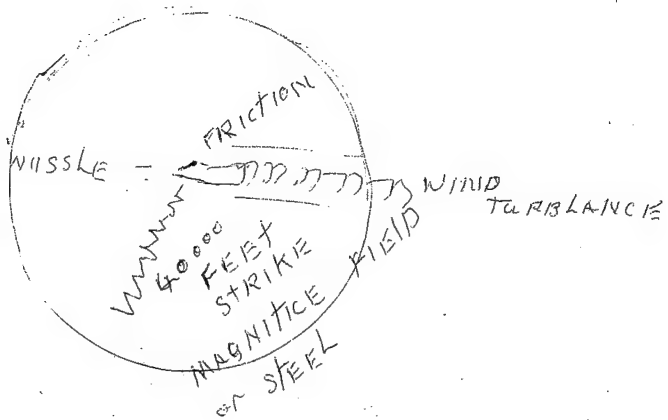
... the ...  
 ... as a ...  
 ... from the sea as these ... are created ...  
 ... the breaker lines mostly in the evenings  
 when the winds have dropped. Light depends  
 on the warm calm atmosphere depending of  
 how high up that should be. Reference a weather  
 balloon as its light and cold when it bursts.

Lights Possible to see many colors when  
 standing at different points. Red colors in soap  
 bubbles seen as big as a dinner plate but  
 look much larger because of the way the light  
 strikes it. Bombardment of light within the  
 bubble many times because of its transparency.  
 skin and shapes (light) taken from street lights  
 moon etc. Illustrate how this first starts shape



I have seen many over the years and are  
 easily mistaken for UFOs.

How close one tell the difference between  
 one of these and space debris. Now this is  
 impossible unless one has studied it. Many UFOs  
 are space missiles or debris and must be kept  
 well clear off (orange lights). I have worked it  
 out that the plane 182 was that was ...  
 F11 was AIR FORCE also struck with same electron ...



... across straight King Island was in the  
area slight north of the 1238 missile that  
the Russians loaded in their capsule <sup>in</sup> in  
Asia and that the rest of that missile kept  
orbiting the earth passing over NZ on its second  
to last orbit crossing the coast just north  
of Christchurch near the 48P on around to King  
Island on to Los Angeles starting the fire  
there. Because of the terrible heat that plane  
would also melt. (Warning) as pilots still do not  
know these things I think that now is the  
time for them to keep well clear off and  
act when first seen as this does not give them  
much time as they do not reduce the speed the  
the missile is traveling at. I would like you to  
check out the orbits from Asia to King Island  
for yourself. Now as it happened the Russian  
nuclear satellite that crashed in Canada pass-  
ed over mountain Egmont at 10 AM Tuesday taking  
15 minutes from near the slope Lake. I heard and  
saw the sparkling smoke trail and took the  
course at that time and I finished in Queen Charlotte  
Island at 2 PM that afternoon. This has been  
verified by the Carter Observatory Wellington  
I also believe that the space debris from that  
is responsible for all those accidents overseas  
because of speed in earth heavy atmosphere

concerning friction energy? Electric charges  
can do work with out them as a magnet <sup>field</sup>  
such as steel attaching iron after electric system  
and burning it out heating the greatest power  
I would like the answer to this question.

What is the speed of reaction  
at what speed would a jet motor have to travel  
to reach that speed.

2 What speed would it have to travel to reach  
and equal the power out put of the plains <sup>Electrical</sup> power  
out put

Now if this power was doubled <sup>or</sup> ~~of~~ tripled  
would it not be <sup>then</sup> greater and burn out the  
weaker <sup>power</sup> system. Could you please supply me with  
the answer. There is a lot I could still show  
you but as I have limited ~~knowledge~~ and now on  
else to help me on these matters. I would be will-  
ing to discuss anything with you if you so wish.

Please excuse my writing as I had two bad  
heart attacks five years ago and have had to learn  
all over again. I don't think is will improve now.  
as I am a loner on these matters this will be  
my last letter as I have struck a dead end as it  
appears that people dont care what happens these  
days as they cannot even write back.

Yours sincerely



Waitemata  
3rd January 1979

Ministry of Defence

Dear Sirs,

Continuing from my first letter to you before Christmas day.

Of the U.F.O. Study, and what I told about pollution, froth & bubbles and lights in the sky I am more convinced than ever now that I am on the right track because of what I saw many years ago, and have since followed this up.

The news about the U.F.O.'s and the photos taken helps to narrow down the field.

There have been many unexplained parts in these stories, if which if brought too light and with parts I feel I know would complete the cycle.

As I stated before that (pollution, culprit, Wellington Harbour)

Here the pollution drifts out to Cook Strait, where the action of the sea breaks it up.

With the help of the North East winds, sends it down the coast of the South Island, then to be driven into shore.

Controlled by time and tide, this froth is

blown into inlets, cones or back waters along the coast.

The winds from the north quarters and the fine warm conditions.

lifted by and up draft above the shore line in the form of froth and bubbles which develops is then at the mercy of breezes draughts of other directions which may be blowing.

The winds are the only thing that controls its flight, whether up, down, or sideways.

Only does it alter when an earoplane comes into close range, and displaces the air - currents, or that it should get caught up in the back suction from the air craft.

Because of its chemical makeup, of many things, oil especially ~~and~~ giving the outer skin the extra strength too stay aloft, before strong winds will burst it.

Wind speeds will give a person the Idea that it is travelling very fast, because it disappears out of sight too quickly.

As these bubbles come from the sea, it must be reasonable too think that there is a fair amount of salt build up, which gives trouble too electrici and Radio Interfer. with this sticky substance, if contact is made by a small plane, this could short

short circuit the electrical system & spark  
plugs, thereby causing loss of power to  
the motor.

The two lights, and others that were photographed  
the I explained the size of the lights in the sky,  
depending on the size of the object, that is  
these creating such.

Illustrate!

if we use for turn on the light at 12 P.M.  
in the daylight, all we see is the light  
contained in the 2 40 watt bulbs, now  
if the light is turned on at 12 P.M. it shows  
a much larger area of light in the darkness  
if we had a light-bulb, such as the Japanese  
fishing trawlers have, it would ~~show~~ cover a  
bigger area of light again.

The extra per candle power that is increased  
by the bombardment of light from the moon  
from side to side many times within the  
concave shape of the light shade or  
crystal ball. (transparent)

This is seen by people, who mistakenly think  
they are port-holes in the UFO.

The warm air, and excellent conditions reach  
too great heights in what we know as the  
dead of night.

We also have a blow hole up this coast

which acts in the very same manner. Because of the contour of the country there is a force field of solid air a few hundred yards above and out from high cliffs, which do not allow any cloud, too break within that area except in the case where there is a river inlet, therefore the bubble travels up the centre as it is the weakest place, between the two force fields.

Now  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles ~~also~~ too 12 miles is the most concentrated area of gasses, and colours. Each colour is independant of one another and on different wave lengths, Red being the most common, green is next and so forth. we are now in the field, of Sir Isaac Newton in the field of Spectrum and Prisms and white light.

Now the photos taken are subject too disappearance & reappearance, which is called optical Windows. I endorse the pilots remarks as too what they saw and stated as being true.

Seeing is believing, but there is times you cannot believe what you see, as speed and distances are very deceiving, and I have apprehension as too their accuracy, as in many cases these have been over stated. That the U-FO. tracking them, was caught in

the back section of the plane, or was it travelling at the same speed as the plane, because of a fair wind at the time?

1) Would they would be of the opinion that the light they saw was the same colour as the moon?

2nd Sighting and photograph

This sighting is the same as above except for one point, that the substance it consisted of was very dirty consisting of a brown and pink volcanic colour, would they agree on the point of the colour?

I believe that this ball of light, did a  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn anti clock-wise after it obtained its point of Balance

Warning.

It is not safe to chase U.F.O. in planes as many over-seas reports, there have been many close calls, where bright lights are seen travelling across the sky.

It may appear as a large light, and could be 25ft. from outside too centre there by hitting out a large space missile which is red hot and lighting up the sky.

January 7th 1948

As this could have happened in the case

of Thomas Blantill U.S. Air Force  
who gave chase, and lost his life, his  
plane was scattered many miles and in  
thousand of fragments.

I believe he got close enough to it, too  
he caught up in the 500 ft air turbulence  
from the spiralling missile, inside that  
bright light

I believe this is the only explanation  
there is ~~to~~ these sightings.

yours Sincerely  
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Air 39/3/3 PR

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27 July 1978

WELLINGTON

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter concerning the RNZAF's policy towards Unidentified Flying Objects and information on UFO investigations for your Certificate in Commerce project.

There is no official RNZAF policy on Unidentified Flying Objects and no general study of UFO sightings is made by the RNZAF or a specific group within the RNZAF.

However, if a sighting is received by the RNZAF, we may consult the Civil Aviation Department of the Ministry of Transport, the New Zealand Meteorological Service, the Carter Observatory and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to eliminate obvious explanations.

Yours faithfully,



(C.D. COLE)  
Squadron Leader  
RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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21/11 30/3/83.

Koro Koro,  
23/7/78

The Officer in Charge,  
Ministry of Defence,  
Private Bag,  
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I am at present completing a course in Effective Communication which is part of the requirements for my Certificate in Commerce.

As part of the course I am required to complete a report on a subject of my choice.

My choice is "Unidentified Flying Objects" (UFOs).

I have received information from various societies but in order to give my report a balanced view I would appreciate:

- a) Any information regarding investigations made by the Department.

- b) The official position of the Department on the question of "UFOs".

My report has to be completed by the 10th of August. If the Department can be of assistance could the information be posted to the above address.

Yours sincerely,

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CHRISTCHURCH  
 Dec 2 1974

Dear Sir/s,

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 COMMUNICATION IN CONTACT, so you will have plenty of  
 Time to select your 7000 7000 film.

IN COMMUNICATION WITH ALL THE SPACE CRAFT FROM  
 THE NOME'S TO EE'S, COMMUNICATION IS A ONE WAY  
 AFFAIR, ALL SIGNS WRITINGS REFER TO THE "TREE"  
 OUT IN SPACE, IN SHORT WE TALK ABOUT THEM.  
 NO TALK (IN SIGNS) OR THE FEW IN ENGLISH IS REPLICABLE  
 AS IN A TWO MAN GENERAL CONVERSATION = LIKE A  
 QUESTIONNAIRE, I HAVE HAD ONE QUESTIONNAIRE, ONE WAY.  
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 "LETTERS" = LETTERS OF SPACE AND VU ET etc.  
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SUCH SIGN'S ARE EASY BY A SIMPLE TORCH LIGHT COM-  
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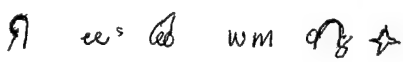

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AN So on, it would take ABOUT 20 years to Know what it is about, BUT is star personalities and "trees" So any Communication IS to Talk about Such SIGNS Writings ooc ~~ooc~~ v N 2c or ~~2c~~ and soon.

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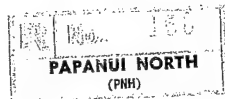
THE Big space CRAFT are operated mainly By NO 1, 2.  
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These Sign's give a view what one talk's are Conveys To Space operators. It is ORIGIN. So THERE is NO wonder you can NO get your teeth into THE Subject. Any way I'll work out THE "O" Tree and you will Have AN ANSWER To Some OF THE SIGNS.

Yours Faith Fully



Air Sect-Defence  
RNZAF  
Headquarters  
Private Bag  
Wellington



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 Mr. Saco. 19.

Memorandum from

### DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

20 Pads/12/72-19663-Y18

For: SASO Mr.

Date 30/4/73 A.R.

#### UFO SIGHTINGS ANALYSIS

1. DD1's loose minute and attached RAAF annual summaries of "Unusual Aerial Sightings" refer.
2. The UFO sighting analysis function in NZ is like the proverbial "hot potato" and each of the members of the UFO Investigating Committee appear to be making sure that their Dept. isn't handed with the overall analysis task. This latter was membership a bit...  
 2. (1) underleaf.
3. I've have DRAPP study the current UFO analysis situation and come up with a proposed RNZAF position. Comp. date 24/10/71 has the other 1/2 of the background.
4. I believe that we in Air Staff have no need (or desire) to get into the sighting task of UFO analysis. I feel that it's more appropriately handled by DD1.

5/1/76

*[Handwritten signature]*

DCAS

1. Pse see attached.
2. You will recall that we have briefly discussed who is now responsible for UFO sighting analysis etc and I have passed my file to Air Staff where it is still held.
3. The attached is therefore forwarded for Air Staff information/action as required

Colt Hanson  
Capt  
DDI

19 Aug 76



The investigation of reports of unusual aerial sightings in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force. Preliminary investigation of the reports is conducted at the nearest Royal Australian Air Force base. The reports are then forwarded to the Department of Defence (Air Office) where an investigating team completes the investigation.

Between January 1960 and December 1973 815 sightings were reported to the Royal Australian Air Force. 90 per cent of the sightings were attributed to causes which included aircraft, satellites, meteors, space debris re-entry, meteorological balloons, stars and planets. Seven per cent of reports were either received too late or did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. Three per cent of reports were attributed to unknown causes.

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

The University of Colorado, under contract to the USAF, spent two years processing and investigating all American reports. The findings were published in 1968, by Bantam Books, as the 'Condon Report'. The general conclusion was that 'nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge' and that 'further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby'. A panel of eminent scientists, chosen by the US National Academy of Sciences, has examined and endorsed the Condon Report.

The USAF 'Project Blue Book' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analysed 7,641 UFO reports. The conclusions were:

/a. 80 per cent

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

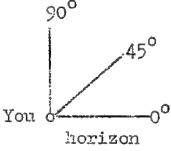
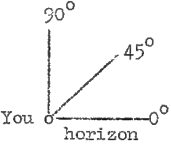
United States and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. The Mariner series of space exploration to Mars appears to have proved it a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life, therefore, would have to be in another solar system. The nearest visible star to Earth is Alpha Centauri which is about 25 million million miles away. Even if life forms existed there and were capable of space travel at speeds currently known to man ie about 25,000 mph they would take about 115,000 years to reach Earth. Consequently, the probability of extra-terrestrial life forms visiting Earth is extremely remote.

Enclosed are five summaries of unusual aerial sightings for the period January 1960 to December 1973.

Enclosure:

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_
2. a. Exact location of observer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. Observer's familiarity with the location \_\_\_\_\_
3. Start of observation: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
End of observation : Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_
5. General weather conditions of time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. a. In what direction was the sighting first observed? \_\_\_\_\_  
b. At what angle to the horizon?
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7. a. In what direction was the sighting last observed? \_\_\_\_\_  
b. At what angle to the horizon?
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8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How were the answers to questions 6, 7 and 8 assessed, and were aids or equipment used during the sighting? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Describe the object(s)/light(s) as follows:

- a. number \_\_\_\_\_
- b. colour \_\_\_\_\_
- c. size \_\_\_\_\_
- d. shape \_\_\_\_\_
- e. brightness (relative to full moon/star) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. movement/direction of travel \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. sound \_\_\_\_\_
- h. speed \_\_\_\_\_
- i. method of propulsion \_\_\_\_\_
- j. manner of disappearance \_\_\_\_\_

11. a. Narrative description of the sighting and any unusual features or additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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/b. Diagram or sketch

b. Diagram or sketch of sighting (if possible)

12. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How many other witnesses were there to the sighting?  
(Please provide names and addresses if possible)

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you previously made any reports to official authorities or UFO organizations regarding unusual aerial sightings? If so, give brief details of dates and circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (AIR OFFICE)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

SUMMARY NO. 7

JANUARY 1975 - DECEMBER 1975

NAME	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSITION CHANGE
01JAN75	1009	Canberra, ACT	Bright light moving very fast W to NE	Satellite, Regulus 2
10JAN75	1115	Sarawati, NSW	Slow moving white light	Helicopter
10JAN75	0935	Ear Beach, NSW	Bright moving light, steady intensity	Satellite
15JAN75	1700	Brisbane, QLD	Large ball of flame, leaving single mark on grass and gravel	Analysis of residue carried out by University of Queensland, cause not known
14JAN75	1000	Merewether, NSW	Moving star, disappeared very quickly	Space debris
20JAN75	1138	Landanong, VIC	Ten objects moving very rapidly across the sky	Space debris, probably parts of OXC-3 rocket casing
21JAN75	1030	Merribee, VIC	Bright star moving in a straight line, with sudden divergence	Satellite distorted by temperature inversion
24JAN75	1100	Walleron, WA	Bright yellow light following car	Not known
30JAN75	0935	Clayton, VIC	Four bright objects in formation moving very rapidly	Reboreite disintegrating in Earth's atmosphere

/17JAN75

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSITIVE CUES
19680715	0930	Kellyville, NSW	Slow moving blue/yellow light, changing to red and then white. Flares found on ground in local area	Cause of aerial phenomena not known, possible aircraft. Flares on ground not associated with the sighting, made by farm machinery
30080715	1030	Warners Bay, NSW	Long flash of light in the sky	Space debris
13080715	1710	Doveton, VIC	Fairly bright spherical light, appeared stationary	Reflection of a balloon launched by CEIRO Department of Atmospheric Physics
14080715	1530	Mt Wellington, TAS	Brilliant flash of blue light from behind Mt Wellington	Aurora Australis
18080715	1020	Harville, NSW	Brilliant white light moving in a 'swooping' motion	Sirius distorted by severe temperature inversion
18080715	1200	Warblake, NSW	Blue light, faded and then flared bright blue	Star Aldebaran, with temperature inversion causing fading and flaring
50080715	1400	Ingham, QLD	Very bright light in the sky, changing colour white to red	Saturn

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DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
6/12/75	1200	Blackett, NSW	Rapidly moving red and white flashing light	Re-orules aircraft from RAF Base Richmond
6/12/75	1134	60km East of Mt Gambler,	Green flare	Space debris. Re-entry of a satellite launched in 1958, containing a high copper content
21/12/75	1345	Begadine, NSW	Large round shape, colour of setting sun, partially obscured by cloud	moon
21/12/75	0840	Wollstonecraft, NSW	Steadily moving white light	Aircraft departing Sydney airport for Melbourne
27/12/75	0925	Tobartville, NSW	Gold/red light moving very quickly	DC-10 aircraft departing Sydney airport
12/12/75	0900	North Ryde, NSW	Very large bright star	Venus
12/12/75	0945	Baulkham Hills, NSW	Cigar shape, red at the tail, with a blue/white band of 'windows' midway between top and bottom	Aircraft on approach to Sydney airport
4/12/75	0930	Yorkers Knob, QLD	Yellow object, one quarter size of full moon, moving from side to side	Saturn
4/12/75	2300	Waldham, NSW	Silver object about the size of a cricket ball	Venus

/4/12/75

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCAL TIME	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
4APR75	0445	Gosford, NSW	Brilliant blue/green light similar to a flare	Insufficient information. Possibly connected with 'amateur' rocketry meeting
5JUN75	0646	WallSEND, NSW	Small flashing light travelling south to north	Hoax
7APR75	2330	Bosman, NSW	Silver shooting star with a bright silver fragmented trail	Space debris re-entering Earth's atmosphere
3MAY75	1530	Ashton, SA	Blue/green shape with a white beam of light extending to the ground	Unknown, possible helicopter
12MAY75	0600	Howrah, TAS	Grey/black paracmete like object moving at the base of a rainbow	meteorological phenomena
19JUN75	1300	Rome, GND	Red and white light moving at random	Report received too late for satisfactory investigation
24JUN75	0105	Ingham, QND	Bright oval-shaped object moving very quickly	Large aircraft
6JUL75	1005	Hillgrove, NSW	Rectangular dark shape with flashing white light. Noise similar to a jet but softer	Light aircraft
10JUL75	1025	Earlwood, NSW	Grey tube with silver cross in front	FAA-Ar 707 aircraft with vapour trail

/12APR75

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
12AUG75	1330	Yellowm, VIC	Very bright star, changing colour from red and yellow to diamond blue	Star affected by atmospheric scintillation
19AUG75	1010	Broadmeadow, NSW	White object moving at great speed, then landing	None
30AUG75	1235	115km East of Mackay,	Three white lights in formation	Not known
30OCT75	1820	Timba, NSW	Yellow twinkling light moving faster than an aircraft, in view for 30 seconds	Satellite or launching rocket tumbling and reflecting sunlight
12DEC75	1200	Urunga, NSW	Two orange/gold lights appearing to merge and then move apart	Stars distorted by temperature inversion

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (AIR OFFICE)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

SUMMARY NO 6

JANUARY 1974 - DECEMBER 1974

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
4 Jan 74	0850	Brisbane, QLD	Bright light tracking across sky	Satellite designated OAO-7 Rocket
4 Jan 74	1650	Townsville, QLD	Spurious signals on weather radar	Anomalous propagation due to Atmospheric conditions
5 Jan 74	0450	Townsville, QLD	Two pulsating lights in line eastern moving very fast in northerly direction	Decay of Satellite 100E launched in 1971
8 Jan 74	1100	Albert Park, VIC	Red light moving west to north, appeared every 6 minutes for 1 hour	CAIRNS 707 aircraft carrying out circuits at Avalon
12 Jan 74	1100	Kew, VIC	Slow moving shooting star	Space debris re-entry
13 Jan 74	1445	Balgate, WA	Brilliant round light in sky moving east to west	Space debris re-entry
13 Jan 74	1050	Parrabowl, NSW	Yellow-orange light in sky	Canopus
14 Jan 74	1120	Mt Gambier, SA	Light, bright orange changing to soft gold	No satisfactory answer Aircraft from Moorabbin Central Flying School
15 Jan 74	1210	Ascot Vale, VIC	Bright flashing light	Aircraft from Moorabbin Central Flying School
16 Jan 74	1225	Moorabbin, VIC	Bright flashing bluish light	Aircraft from Moorabbin Central Flying School
17 Jan 75	1215	Floreat Park, WA	Very bright moving light (6 objects)	A/C Landing lights
19 Jan 74	1200	Clayton North, VIC	Bright flash	Space debris
25 Jan 75	1740	Layswater, WA	Bright light tracking across sky	707 Aircraft

/27 Jan 75

DATE	TIME (G.M.T)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
27 Jan 74	1210	Bassendun VIC	Oblong shape, no noise, black-grey colour	Meteorites - Space Debris
20 Jan 74	1200	Robert TIS	White light moving across sky	Satellite
11 Feb 74	1845	Warwick WA	Object similar to street light	Venus
16 Feb 74	1745	Orniston QLD	White to orange light	Venus
24 Feb 74	1140	Glenhuntly VIC	Circular dome glowing red	Meteorite
23 Feb 74	0600	Iffley Station QLD	Red lights	No satisfactory answer
25 Feb 75	1900	Townsville QLD	White light, round in shape	Star Michel Kentaurus
22 Feb 74	1815	Cassamina NT	Bright light	Jupiter
26/27 Feb 74	1815	Darwin NT	Bright pulsating light	Venus
8 Mar 74	1730	Bonuca VIC	White light green on top, red left and right	Venus
9 Mar 74	1700	Albury NSW	White bright glowing light	Venus
9 Mar 74	1715	Dandenong VIC	Single white light, brighter than normal star	Venus
9 Mar 74	2320	Meekatharra WA	White light	Satellite
16 Mar 74	2245	Blacktown NSW	White light moving in straight line	Flare
21 Mar 74	1500	Bedford Park WA	Bright light larger than Venus	South African Airlines Flying 707 approaching Perth

/25 Mar 74

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
25 Mar 74	0030	Norumbura VIC	Stationary Silver ball	Venus
31 Mar 74	0850	Slacks Creek QLD	Blue light	Aircraft Cesna 340
1 Apr 74	1045	Erina NSW	Whitish blue light	Conflicting reports, no satisfactory answer
4 Apr 74	1930	Geraldton WA	Star like object	Venus
14 Apr 74	1115	Ford River Crossing NSW	Red and green navigation lights each side with orange/yellow central light, red light flashing	Might aircraft
15 Apr 74	1700	Parkes NSW	Two bright lights, seemed to accompany each other	Jupiter and Venus
17 Apr 74	1130	Garran ACT	No shape, apparent light source only	SASA DC-6
25 Apr 74	1700	Momote PNG	Brilliant white light	Venus
29 Apr 74	1105	Langa PNG	Red/orange light	Mars
30 Apr 74	1700	Kokoda Station PNG	Two lights one very bright, one dull	Jupiter/Venus
5 May 74	0930	Kokoda PNG	Bright rainbow coloured light moving east to west	Jupiter
7 May 74	0635	Mt Drutt NSW	Large red oval glowing light	Ball lightning
9 May 74	0930	Pt Moresby PNG	Very bright white light	Space debris or meteor
15 May 74	1130	Kokoda PNG	1 Single red beam of light	Possible satellite

/11 Jun 74

DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
11 Jun 74	1000	Popondetta PNG	Red glow on horizon	Possible volcanic activity. Further info required
15 Jun 74	1400	Alice Springs NT	Two bright lights	Insignificant data
22 Jun 74	1020	Bathurst NSW	Initially small white dot, changed to elliptical shape, about 60 ft in length, changing colours	Ball lightning
27 Jun 74	0045	Mogriguy NSW	Small light	Star Foxalphant
3 Jul 74	0830	Boikik Plantation	Shape not known glowing red	Meteor satellite or Space Debris
3 Jul 74	0940	Scottsdale TAS	Bright white light	DC9 aircraft
9 Jul 74	0720	East Kurajong NSW	Two white lights	Piper PA-34 aircraft
15 Jul 74	0020	Exmouth WA	Bright light	Searchlight from prawn boat
22 Jul 74	0830	Narrandera NSW	Flashing light	Light aircraft - Mavajo
13 Jul 74	0920	Woolberry NSW	Bright light	ILtsair
29 Jul 74	0005	Wellington NSW	Pulsating light	Jupiter
6 Aug 74	0806	Charlestown NSW	Single light similar to bright car headlamps at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance	Arceturus
8 Aug 74	2045	Bungendore NSW	Bright pink light	Aircraft

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DATE	TIME (GMT)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE CAUSE
13 Aug 74	0015	Woy Woy NSW	Bright Star	Vogel
16 Sep 74	1100	Sutton Forest NSW	Cigar shape dull amber in colour	Space debris or meteor
20 Sep 74	1530	Alice Springs NT	Fleary object trailing flames	Inefficient data
25 Sep 74	1100	Milne Bay PNG	Brilliant light vague outline	Inefficient data
15 Oct 74	1014	Katherine NT	4 star-size reddish lights with trails	Satellite or space debris
25 Oct 74	1130	Darwin NT	Bright blue-ish light	Aircraft lights
5 Nov 74	1415	Gosford NSW	Silver grey light	Venus
5 Nov 74	1130	Possipern NSW	Bright white light	Canopus
9 Nov 74	1930	Brisbane QLD	Silvery white object	PAWAK 747 Nandi-Sydney
- Nov 74	0930	Wentworthville NSW	Bright white object	Falling star or space debris
2 Dec 74	1125	Mt Victoria NSW	Red-blue-white light flashing	Scheduled airline traffic
19 Dec 74	2130	Merewether NSW	Bright light - star-like	Venus

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9 August 1976

WELLINGTON.

Dear Madam,

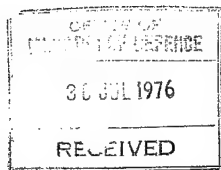
Thank you for your letter of 27 July 1976, about the possible sighting of a UFO by yourself and friends on 23 April last.

I confirm that your telephone call to this Ministry is recorded in the duty officer's log for the day in question, as is also his return call during which he asked you to inform the Air Traffic Control Centre at Wellington Airport.

In response to your request for further information, my enquiries show that the incident which you reported was not subsequently confirmed by any further sightings either to the Ministry of Defence or the Air Traffic Control Centre. It was considered, therefore, that further investigation was not warranted.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
 (R. J. Malligan)  
 for Secretary of Defence



WELLINGTON

21.7.76

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,  
WELLINGTON

Dear Sir or Madam,

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 5pm I was visiting a house of a friend in Brooklyn. There there were 3 adults present including myself, when we saw a U. F. O. traversing from Kau Kau, south. The sky was clear to the north, however it disappeared in to cloud in the south. We had an extremely good view of the object and could positively identify that it was not an aircraft seen about our sky

We rang the Met office to ask about weather balloons etc and they said that they hadn't sent any up at that time. (It was definitely not like a balloon.)

We rang the Ministry of Defence and by request we gave them our names and phone numbers so they said they will contact us. One of your staff rang back (to [redacted] number... the house from where we saw the object) and asked her to ring the duty officer at Air Traffic Control. They asked her when she phoned, to describe the object, asked her if she had been to the press, which she replied no; thanked her and then ended the conversation.

The reason why I am writing this account is that I

wish to know why we haven't  
heard any further developments  
on the subject from your  
department or whoever else is  
concerned.

I feel it is a citizens right  
to receive some explanation as  
to your departments findings.

A simple explanation of whether  
you are able to account for the  
sighting would be appreciated  
even if your findings were negative.  
Thanking you in anticipation  
yours faithfully,

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*De (in) 30/3/3*

Office of  
THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
Wellington, N.Z.  
SECRETARY OF DEFENCE

FOR DIRECT REPLY PLEASE

*Campbell Mc*  
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Private Secretary  
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MINUTE SHEET

Department: DPK

Subject: TV QUESTIONS

File No. 39/3/3

Date: 14 APR 76

To—

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1. The Minister has decided to go ahead with his TV interviews

2. Attached below is the brief, and appended answers to the questions

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TV2 DOCUMENTARY - UFO'S -  
MINISTERIAL QUESTIONS

Background

1. TV2 are currently running a two part programme on Unidentified Flying Objects. The second part of this programme is to be screened this Sunday evening. As well as approaching the Minister of Defence for an interview on the Defence position regarding the handling of sighting reports, Louise Joyce sought a Defence spokesman to be interviewed along very similar lines. It is not now intended that such a spokesman be made available.

2. It is appropriate to note that over the years all enquiries regarding the results of sighting reports have been answered with a stock reply - often a rather fatuous one such as "The New Zealand Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the appearances of UFO's. A policy on this subject has never been warranted". Although the stock answer has been modified over recent years a strong suspicion exists among those interested in the subject that Defence has investigated the phenomena and has found information which it insists on keeping from the public. Remarks from correspondents such as "it is becoming increasingly obvious of late that the truth surrounding the activity of these objects is being withheld; a policy which is lamentable and, I believe, inherently dangerous. The subversive tactics adopted by the authorities display blatant deceit and gross incompetence" or "I maintain that there is a file in Defence Headquarters with confidential information gleaned from certain sightings reported - I feel that the Government is keeping quiet on matters of vital concern to the public" and "Many people now are not satisfied with the very weak, often contradictory and

and obvious spur-of-the-moment explanations to sighting reports. We have been told you have no official policy on UFO's, this appears to be contradictory when it is known that there is a file in Wellington available to officers of senior rank, Squadron Leaders etc".

3. Although as pointed out in the answers to the questions below there is liaison between the various agencies who may receive reports or whom may be able to explain reasons for various sightings, there appears to have been only one rather vague report received by the Ministry of Defence in the past four years.

#### Questions and Answers

4. The Questions asked by Louise Joyce and suggested answers to them are:

Question: Are reports of UFO's taken seriously? (Presumably she means by the Ministry of Defence!)

Answer: Yes. Reports on UFO sightings are, from time to time received by a number of agencies such as the Ministry of Transport's Civil Aviation and Marine Divisions and Meteorological Service, the Police, various astronomical organisations and of course Defence. It is of interest to note that Defence has had only one such report, and that quite inconclusive, in the past four years. On receipt of any such reports in Defence every step is taken to eliminate obvious explanations.

Question: What happens to reports received?

Answer: As stated in the previous answer, a report can be received by any one of a number of organisations. On receipt consultation is held between the various organisations whose activities may throw light on the subject to eliminate obvious explanations. For example, the Civil Aviation Division can give accurate information as to the likely presence of aircraft in the area; the Meteorological Service can advise on the possibility of the sighting being that of a natural weather phenomenon or of a weather balloon. Other than this there is no formal resources set up to enquire into the wider question of UFO's generally or indeed to exhaustively investigate reports to which no obvious explanation can be given. A great deal more effort would be required to initiate research into the general subject of UFO's. As far as the Ministry of Defence is concerned these sightings have at no time lead to either the suggestion or the conclusion that there is any threat to the nation's security. Accordingly there is no intention of diverting such resources as would be required to undertake this research in depth on the basis of the unsubstantial reports so far received.

Question: USAF have extensive information about UFO's. Do we cooperate with them on the subject?

Answer: I am aware that some years ago the United States Air Force carried out a most extensive study of UFO sightings. This study covered a ten year period and when it was over the USAF reported that it could find

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no evidence to confirm the existence of so called flying saucers. All but a tiny percentage of the reports dealt with in the period were satisfactorily explained. The USAF concluded that there was no evidence to show that the unexplained sightings were inimical or hostile; were interplanetary space ships; represented technological developments or principles outside the range of the then scientific knowledge; were a threat to the security of the country; and noted that no physical or material evidence of a UFO was ever found.

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(Copy for Air 39/3/3)

5 September 1973

Mr Harold H. Fulton,  
81 Sutherland Crescent,  
PALMERSTON NORTH

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 28 August addressed to the Officer Commanding, Intelligence Wing, RNZAF has been passed to me because, as Scientific Intelligence Officer, I would represent the Ministry of Defence in any inter-Departmental Investigation of UFO sightings that might be required.

2. Although we have had a small number of sightings, perhaps one or two a year, referred to us, they have not been regarded as militarily significant, and we have not had the resources to carry out detailed investigations. The only exception related to the Ashburton Balls of April 1972, which were satisfactorily explained as earth satellite debris.

3. If Professor Hynek intends to speak at a public meeting on his investigations I would be interested to attend, but I regret that the Ministry of Defence has no information that would justify a special meeting, and probably nothing that has not been fully reported in the Press.

Yours faithfully,



(G.M. Beere)

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1130 AM MONDAY 13 NOV. 1972.

NAENAE,

telephoned to D.Ops to state that he thought he had seen a UFO.


The sighting was made from his taxi driving on High Street, Lower Hutt and he observed the object over the houses Hutt Hospital at a height he estimated as about the height of the Hills to the West of the Valley. It had the appearance of two full moons and appeared to have lights all round it. It appeared to be 3-4 feet across. It was stationary for about 20 seconds and then turned on its side, when it had the appearance of a hat.

I told Mr [redacted], that I would forward his statement to the authorities concerned.

Sighting made:

Sat. 11th Nov. 1972

2. pm.

  
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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**JOB SHEET**

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OFFENCE:

First plan your inquiry then set out the action taken, inquiries made, oral statements of persons seen and information gained, etc.

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1 pm

Went Lower Hutt and there spoke to  
Mrs a Housewife. Phone  
 Husband employed by Lower Hutt Fire Brigade  
 as a fireman.

**She stated:**

That night I had been out at a basketball evening with friends. We arrived back at my place, talked for a while, had a cup of coffee and then at 11 p.m. it became time for my friends to leave. They were:

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Road, Lower Hutt

and a lingerie salesman whose name I do not know, but he is a good friend of

We went out the back door and stood in the driveway. pointed towards the south above the garage into the sky. She drew our attention to an object which was glowing and appeared to be travelling towards us from the Maungaraki Hills. It was travelling very fast, much faster than an aeroplane does at that height. In fact I have never seen an aeroplane travelling so low.

The object was looping and banking on its side and its manouvres were very smooth. It started to move towards the East and then mowed over towards the hills of Naenae and Stokes Valley. It was in our view for at least 2 minutes. There was no sound, no particular colour, just a glowing light similar to a household electric light. The light did not cast a shadow or light up our garden.

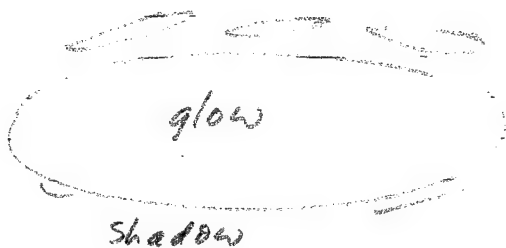
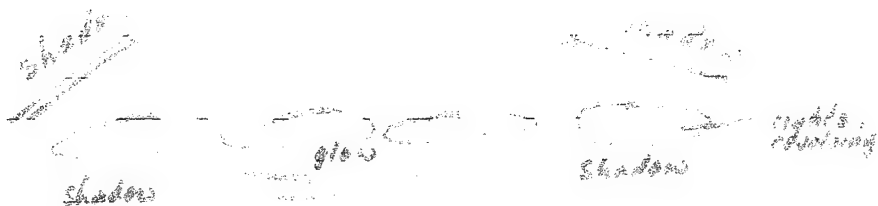
I will draw a picture of what I saw and explain it to you.

In the centre where I have drawn 4 oval shapes in a row are these 4 oval lights. There was a glow underneath them and each light was revolving. There appeared to be shadowed parts on the bottom and on the edges. The bottom diagram is how the thing looked when it was looping and banking on its side. The lights seemed to go towards the edge.

The four of us saw the thing and we were very surprised.

After it disappeared we went back into the house and decided that we should tell someone. We rang the N.Z.B.C. who told us to ring the Police.

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10/11/72(M.A.Stone)  
Reg. No. 5536Checked by  
Rank:  
Date:



Copy of sketch drawn by  
MRS



29th September 1972.

Mr T.E.Rosen,  
Contact (NZ)  
P.O.Box 10151,  
Balmoral,  
AUCKLAND.


Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter concerning the conclusions from reports received on unidentified flying objects.

There have been no conclusions drawn from reported sightings of UFO's. As was pointed out to Mr Austin of your organisation in a letter dated 13th May, 1971, the RNZAF does not have any formal resources for investigating UFO sightings or for carrying out research into the wider question of UFO's generally. If a sighting is referred to us we may consult other organisations such as Civil Aviation, the Meteorological Service, the Carter Observatory or the DSIR to eliminate obvious explanations. We do not have the resources to exhaustively investigate reports in respect of which an obvious explanation has not emerged.

A record of sightings received is maintained. But it is just that, a record that draws no conclusions. A considerable amount of time and effort would be involved in following to a conclusion every sighting reported to the RNZAF and even more effort would be required to initiate research into the general subject of UFO's.

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.D.COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
RNZAF Public Relations Officer.

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AIR STAFF,  
DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS,  
WELLINGTON.

Memorandum from

A/R. 39/3/3.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

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For:

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UFO Committee

1. Attached memo to refer
2. I do not consider that the RCAF should get involved in this type of investigation.

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# Contact

(NEW ZEALAND)

P.O. Box 10  
Balmoral  
Auckland

Telephone  
696-937

19/9/72

Public Relations Officer  
Air Dept.  
Ministry of Defense

### UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Dear Sir,

It seems very self-evident now in the face of the growing number of reliable reports received that this world is being visited by craft from another world or dimension. For many years now Researchers of the U.F.O. Phenomenon have been given very weak, often contradictory and obvious spur-of-the-moment explanations to sighting reports. Many people now are not satisfied with this and are convinced that something is going on which they think should be made public.

A great number of overseas government departments are vitally concerned with the UFO situation and treat it as SERIOUS BUSINESS. I and this organization can see why this is so, and I personally do not envy the 'Authorities' who have to deal with the problem (and inquisitive researchers like myself). We have been told you have no official policy on UFOs, this appears to be contradictory when it is known that there is a file in Wellington available to officers of senior rank, Squadron Leaders etc.

Could you please inform us of the Ministries conclusions to date regarding the serious business of UFOs. Thank You.

Yours faithfully,

T.E. ROSEN  
Director of Research

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MINUTE

To: ACDS (Pol)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) INVESTIGATING  
COMMITTEE

1. I wonder if you are aware that I am closely involved in this committee which consists of:

Chairman - DDSI

Secretary - ADSI(F)

Members - Director-General DSIR  
Director NZ Meteorological Service, Ministry of Transport  
Deputy Director of Operations, Air Traffic Control, Ministry of Transport  
Director, Carter Observatory.

2. Our involvement is by inheritance from the Directorate of Air Intelligence who presumably were given it primarily as a security chore in the days when the Air Department controlled Civil Aviation.

3. Whatever the original reasoning was, it seems to me to be increasingly inappropriate for my Directorate, and particularly the Intelligence Section of it, to be involved in this business. If it were to become generally known that we were, it would imply that the subject was being accorded a greater significance than I believe it deserves. Some might consider that the same argument could be applied to any involvement by even the RNZAF.

4. Any intelligence interest in UFOs is of a scientific and technical rather than a Service nature. DJIB has a Scientific Intelligence Officer (SIO) and agrees that the SIO should be either a member of the UFO Investigating Committee or associated with it as an observer. This would be consistent with our view that the SIO should represent the Intelligence Community in the investigation of objects in or from space or which are of doubtful origin.

5. The broader question of Departmental responsibility is more in your field than mine. I note, however, that the Ministry of Transport has two members representing different aspects of their work. It could also be considered primarily a scientific problem to be coordinated by DSIR whose Director-General happens also to be the Defence Scientific Adviser.


6. The Committee is not an active one. It last met in Jan 70 when it was unable to agree on publicity policy, a matter which is inhibited by my Directorate's involvement. Since then we have continued to receive, usually from the Police, and to circulate to Committee members seeking their opinions, reports on UFO sightings. The most recent one, on which I attach the correspondence, was discussed on TV by Peter Read.

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7. As I understand that you are to have discussions with the Ministry of Transport and other interested Departments on fishery surveillance, this may be an opportune time to raise the question of the future of the UFO Investigating Committee.

  
(W.A. SIMPSON)  
Lt Col  
DSI

27 Jun 72

Copies to:



Chairman JIC  
DJIB  
DCAS  
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CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



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24 April 1972

The Chief of Air Staff,  
Defence Headquarters,  
WELLINGTON

UFO SIGHTING

... Enclosed are papers received from the Meteorological Office concerning a UFO sighting at Gisborne on 29 March 1972 at 2320 M.

As far as ATC are aware there were no aircraft operating in the vicinity at this time.

W. F. C. King  
(W.F.C. King)

for Director, Civil Aviation Division

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Letter sent to Carter Observatory  
with copies of reports below  
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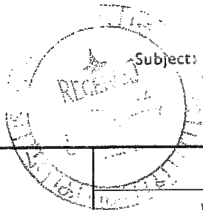
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Department: NOT, met O

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Subject:

UFO sighting

To—

1st MILESTONE

Herewith copy of report of UAC sighting as discussed.

This does not appear to be a meteorological phenomenon as (due to cloud cover) of mass in nature or satellite decay. Other possibilities are (a) aircraft

(b) headlights beam in the

Weather was fine; vis 20 miles; wind was 8 knots dead 7/8 total, 3/8 SE breeze 1600, 5/8 A/C 1800 ft.

If you have no explanation please pass to RWBAF (Sqn Ldr ~~...~~?) and ask them to let me know of any further possible forwarding to rights.

C. E. Thompson

NZ Meteorological Service

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NEW ZEALAND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Meteorological Office,

The Director,  
N.Z. Meteorological Service,  
P.O. Box 722.  
Wellington.

Gisborne Airport.  
Gisborne.  
April 5th 1972.

U.F.O. Sighting.

Dear Sir,

Reference your signal re the above sighting I submit the following report.

On Wednesday night March 29th 1972 I was the observer on duty at Gisborne Airport and after sending the 2300M aero I proceeded to carry out the balloon flight.

Cloud total was 7/8 with 8c Ac As and a small break to the north. The wind was from NW and there were no stars visible.

Whilst observing the balloon lantern I noticed a large white circular object appear in the sky near Kaiti Hill. The time was 2320M and the azimuth reading on the object was 115.0dg and elevation 6.5dg.

I observed the object for five minutes and was able to have a good look at it through the theodolite. It was emitting a red glow but no real significant features. At 2325M the azimuth was 119.5dg and elevation 5.4dg and the object moved out to sea and appeared to vanish in the thin air. There was no noise.

I would add that I am an ex pilot with 10,000 hours experience and have never observed anything of this nature in N.Z. before but in England in 1954 whilst near the R.A.F. Station, Guxton, Northumberland in broad daylight I saw an unidentified object which was subsequently tracked by many radar stations including London Radar. The latter was never explained,

Kaiti Hill's elevation bears 1.2dg.

Yours faithfully,

  
B.K. Waugh  
Met. Observer.

AIR STAFF  
FOR INFO.

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PLEASE ASSIST BY CALL OUT PERSONS

In order that records remain to be called in the event of emergency, persons residing at the Wellington Police Station, in order that all persons be obliged to provide a copy of their names, addresses, private and business addresses, and private and business telephone numbers of the persons in your association who hold the positions listed below.

Please address your reply to -

Inspector Margaret Roger S.E. Whelan,  
Central Police Station,  
P.O. Box 493,  
WELLINGTON.

Please return this to the recipient of your reply.

Inspector Margaret Roger  
Central Police Station

DIRECTORATE OF SERVICE INTELLIGENCE

10 March 1972

Senior Sergeant R.G.C. Winter  
Central Police Station  
PO Box 693  
WELLINGTON

Dear Senior Sergeant,

REPORTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reference your letter dated 28 February 1972 requesting details for contacting the Ministry of Defence representative responsible for unidentified flying object reports.

During normal working hours, 0830-1700 Monday to Friday, the contact person is Squadron Leader G.H. Barron, room 169, Departmental Buildings, Stout Street, telephone Wellington 49-800 ext 725. Outside these hours the Duty Air Staff Officer is responsible and his name and telephone number will be available from the Defence telephone exchange, Wellington 49-800.

Yours faithfully,



(G.H. BARRON)  
Squadron Leader  
for Director of Service Intelligence

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175 Landscape Rd.  
Mt. Eden.  
AUCKLAND 4.

Dear Sir,

I have written to your office on two previous occasions raising the question of RNZAF involvement in the UFO situation. I have been told that the Air Force has no policy on UFO studies and on receipt of reports it collaborates with other Government Departments to investigate the report.

That is the truth as far as it goes, but I maintain the Air Force but more correctly the Ministry of Defense are vitally interested in the whole UFO situation. I maintain that there is a file in Defense H.Q.'s with confidential information gleaned from certain sightings reported to the RNZAF.

I have not been satisfied with previous answers to my enquiries, I feel along with many others including members of the Air Force here in Auckland, that the Government is keeping quiet on matters of vital concern to the public. Why should for instance an Embassy official ( U.S.A.) tell us that we should be more concerned with Project Longbank than we are with Omega and our involvement in Vietnam.

I appreciate your taking time to reply to my queries and thank you

very much.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. AUSTIN.

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Investigation of  
unidentified flying  
objects

1. Responsibility for the investigation of sightings reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) received by reference the Directorate of Service Intelligence (DSI) which consults on the matter with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Zealand Meteorological Service Carter Observatory ~~and~~ Ministry of Innovation and Air Staff.

2. Any ~~sightings~~ sightings of UFOs reported to the Air Staff are to be reported to DSI. ~~(The~~

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# POLICE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

GENERAL BUILDINGS, WARING TAYLOR STREET,  
WELLINGTON 1, NEW ZEALAND

*D. R. Mowat*  
**FILE**

TELEPHONE: 47 000

TELEX: POLICEHQ NZ3550

CABLES: MOMEN WELLINGTON

P.O. BOX 694

12 July 1971

The Secretary for Defence, (Air)  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Attention: Sqn. Ldr. S. Quate

### Unidentified Flying Object sighted on 4/6/1971

1. On 4 June 1971 Christchurch Police were informed by Lt. Comm. K. Knight, R.N.Z. Navy, Christchurch that the fishing vessel "Chinook" reported sighting a U.F.O. at an altitude of 200 to 300 feet, ten to twelve times brighter than a star, changing colour between white/orange/red, stationary between Gulchers Point and Coal Island, Preservation Inlet. The sighting was reported at 0710 hours that day.

2. The message was referred to Lt. Comm. Knight by Captain G. Hart, Marine Department, Lyttelton, who had received it from Awarua Radio via S.A.R. channels. Captain Hart had in turn referred the information to the Defence Department, Christchurch.

3. The subject was referred to the Invercargill Police who interviewed the skipper of the vessel "Chinook" and the crewman. The results of these interviews were made known to Lt. Comm. Knight and Captain Hart and the inquiry was unable to be taken further.

4. A copy of statement is enclosed for your information - was not able to add to this.

Encl.

**FILE.**

*[Signature]*  
Initial

*[Signature]*  
(D. R. Mowat)  
Senior Sergeant for  
Superintendent (S.A.R.)

*OPS*

*You may wish to pursue this matter. Have we an official investigator or perhaps Mr. Baird could shed light for us?*

*SASST 1971*

*to wife. This does not coincide with position of planets at the time.*

2.50pm 7.6.71.

states:-

My name is I  
live at , BLUFF. Phone I am the skipper  
of the fishing boat 'CHINOOK' owned by . I am  
39 years of age,

I am making this statement to the Police regarding my  
sighting of an object in the sky at approximately 6.45am on Friday  
4 June 1971.

At this time we were steaming across the mouth of Preservation  
Inlet. We had rounded Gulches Head approximately 10 minutes beforehand  
and we were half way between Gulches Head and Coal Island. We had  
come from Chalky Sound and we were heading South to Bluff.

The only other member of my crew was who is at the  
present time staying with , Bluff.

This object came up reasonably quick to approximately 40 degree  
angle to our position and it appeared to be about 4-5 miles up  
Preservation Inlet. It stayed at this height for approximately  
half an hour and then gradually gained more height. Between the two  
of us we estimated the object to be at least ten times bigger than  
the largest star in the sky.

On first sighting this object looked similar to a parachute  
distress flare. It appeared to have a very prominent orange tail  
but during the half hour that it was stationary at the 40 degree  
angle, the orange changed to a red colour and vice versa for about  
the first quarter of an hour. When the object had been in the sky  
for some time, it became obvious to both of us that it wasn't a  
distress flare. After this stationary period, the colours (orange  
and red) no longer existed and the object remained as an extremely  
bright white light.

Within a couple of minutes of first sighting this object I  
called Awarua as I thought at first that it was a flare. I remained  
in contact with Awarua Radio for about an hour giving them details  
of the object and its movements. After, between ourselves and  
Awarua, we had decided that it wasn't a distress flare, they contacted  
Christchurch.

Continued.....

Statement from KILNE continued.

My last call to Awarua was after we had rounded Windsor Point at approximately 10 to 8. At this time the object was North North East of us because we had changed position slightly. Even after there wasn't a star to be seen in the sky with the naked eye because of the brightness, the object was still there. Our last sighting of it was at about 9 O'clock. After that we didn't take much more notice of it. We had another look about a couple of hours later but it had disappeared,

I have done quite a lot of night steaming for the past 8 years but I have never seen anything like this before.

Signed.

Statement taken and witnessed by:-

A. M. O'Connell

Constable 6057

7/6/71

Extract from "

TRUTH

" Newspaper

Published at

, on [date]

16.71

SUBJECT:

RNZAF

WFO

Ph 39/3/3

# Radar beaten by mystery object

WHAT aircraft in New Zealand can climb 63,274 feet at the rate of up to 7000 feet a minute? None, according to experts.

So what object was tracked by Christchurch meteorological radar at that phenomenal height

last November?

It remains a mystery. But the meteorological radar officer who tracked

it on November 18 is quite definite he had it on his screen for several minutes before it disappeared.

In a report of the incident obtained by Truth, the officer says: "On that date Christchurch meteorological radar was engaged in tracking a constant level balloon released from Hokitika.

"When it was at the height of 50,137 feet and about 70 miles from Christchurch the radar acquired a new and stronger target.

"I picked up the slide rule and saw we were getting quite unusual heights so we maintained the tracking until the target speed became so great that the radar would not hold in lock.

"Tracking was then abandoned.

"I later put the readings through a desk computer.

## Capacity

"Briefly, what we had on the radar was something with the capacity to climb 63,274 feet with a rate of climb of up to 7000 feet per minute at 50,000 feet and maintain an average ground speed of 80 to 100 knots."

He was later assured by experts that it could not have been a Skyhawk or any other RNZAF aircraft.

The officer said: "There is absolutely no possibility that the target echo was a radar phenomenon. In any case there was far too much pattern in the readings for it to be anything like that.

"One interesting point was that at the moment of acquiring the target it had seen the constant level balloon and had turned off its pre-heading to examine it."

What was that mystery object tracked by radar high above Canterbury?

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No. 723

Registry File No. 39/2/3

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FILE  
2/6/71

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To CIVIL AVIATION W.N.								
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UFO SIGHTING CMM ATTENTION DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION  
PD CONFIRMING TELECON SON LDR IRVINE / SUP  
ATS DEVELOPMENT CMM MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM S/SGT  
MACMURRAY CENTRAL POLICE OPS W.N 310504Z MAY  
71 AS FOLLOWS CLN

DURING MORNING 31 MAY 71 MATAWAI FARMER REPORTED  
HEARING HISSING NOISE WHICH DISPERSED HIS FOUR DOGS AT  
HIGH SPEED AND SIGHTED SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT 15 FOOT  
DIAMETER PD FARMER THEN BLACKED OUT AND ON RECOVERY  
FOUND DAMAGED FENCE POSTS AND WIRE IN FENCE LINE  
PD DAMAGE CONFIRMED BY LOCAL POLICE AND <sup>ONE</sup> OTHER  
CMM WITNESS CONSIDERED RELIABLE PD WEATHER FINE/  
CLOUDY WITH NO SIGN OF ELECTRICAL STORM PD GIBBORNE  
AND MATAWAI POLICE HOLD DETAILS OF WITNESS PD

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RELISING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK  
*[Signature]*

13th May 1971


Mr P. Austin,  
P.O. Box 10151,  
Balmoral,  
Auckland

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Yours faithfully,

  
(H. J. COVENTRY)  
Squadron Leader  
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# Contact

(NEW ZEALAND)

P.O. Box 10151  
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Telephone  
696-937  
5/5/71

Dear Sir,

In a letter recieved from you dated 3 March 1970 (reference 39/3/3), you state " However, the RNZAF along with other Government Departments does, on receipt of a UFO sighting, attempt to check this report as far as possible."

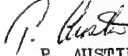
Could you tell me who these other Government Departments have been, and what is the conclusion to date.

In the case of the sighting made by 2 S.A.F.E. airways pilots, whilst flying across the Cook straits. What was the conclusion reached by the RNZAF.

As there is no official policy on UFO's it would appear that any findings you make could quite easily be released to the public, with no threat to the national security. Would it be possible therefore to sight any reports and analysis along with the conclusions of sightings reported to your office.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,



P. AUSTIN Director CNZ.

File No. 39/3/3 Flying Saucers. U.F.O.'s.  
Sqn Ldr Coventry.

Please, Forward this letter on to the  
right person to deal with. Thank you.

Darius Austin.  
TR O. Av.

**AIR DEPARTMENT**

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Correspondence ABOVE this sheet shows INCOMPLETE action

Correspondence BELOW this sheet shows COMPLETE action

**NOTE**—This sheet is **NOT** to be removed from its place except by an authorised officer.

Air Staff  
Defence Headquarters

31st July 1970

Christchurch 2

Dear Sir,

Receipt of your registered letter of 27th July 1970 is acknowledged.

The sighting you write of concerned a blue light not a blue flying object and an analysis of the pilot's and other reports indicated that the source of the light was an aircraft. There was no attempt to suppress information on this sighting, in fact, the sighting was publicized widely.

There is no official RNZAF policy on Unidentified Flying Objects and no general study of UFO sightings is made by the RNZAF or a specific group within the RNZAF. However, the RNZAF along with other Government Departments does, on receipt of a UFO sighting, attempt to check the report as far as possible.

Yours faithfully,



(C. D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer



MINUTE SHEET

Subject:

Department: Defense  
File No: 101311

NE. 47 70

Date: 88.7.70

To -  
PRG (HR)

1. Suggest your reply along these lines

Dear Sir

1. I acknowledge receipt etc

2. Your letter contains several errors of fact as follows -

a. The object ~~was~~ sighting concerned a blue light - not a mysterious blue UFO

b. Analysis of the pilot's and other reports indicates that the object was an aircraft

c. There was no attempt made to suppress this information.

3. We have no record of any previous reports or requests made by you concerning the four ~~of~~ UFO's you mention.

4. Final para giving standard release and saying we check all reports made to us to the best of our ability

best checks this against file

Christchurch 2,  
27 July 1970.

39/3/3

*100 (air)*  
The Public Relations Officer,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force,  
Department of Defence,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

Following the sighting, by two Straits Air Freights pilots on September 4 1969, of a mysterious blue unidentified flying object near Wellington, it was stated in a newspaper report that R.N.Z.A.F. authorities were awaiting details from both pilots concerned.

As far as I am able to ascertain, the findings of the Air Force authorities regarding this incident were not released for publication. I would be most grateful if you would forward the results of the subsequent investigation.

In addition, it is becoming increasingly obvious of late that the truth surrounding the activities of these objects is being withheld; a policy which is lamentable and, I believe, inherently dangerous.

Because of information compiled after having witnessed the movements of 4 UFOs, I cannot accept the incredible 'explanatory' offerings frequently presented in return for honest reports. The subversive tactics adopted by the authorities display blatant deceit and gross incompetence.

Therefore, I must respectfully ask what official measures are being taken, in New Zealand, to determine the origin and purpose of these craft which continue to trespass our skies.

Yours, faithfully,

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39/3/3 PR

17 March 1970

Mr Herbert S. Taylor  
371 West Windsor Parkway  
Oceanside  
New York 11572  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 6 March seeking the official RNZAF evaluation of an unidentified flying object in the Wellington area.

As the RNZAF did not investigate this sighting, there is no evaluation available.

Yours faithfully,



(C.D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer



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17/3/70

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IN:

MEMORANDUM

MD 37

To: <sup>1PO</sup> ~~1PO~~ (air)  
Ref: 39 13/3

From: <sup>1PO</sup> ~~1PO~~ (air)  
Tel: 757  
Date: 13 March 70

SUBJECT Information: UFO.

1. To ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> my info on this sighting I can give this writer.

~~1PO~~  
1PO

This character is a hardy Annual and all his enquiries appear to have the objective of getting the RZAT to admit that we run an "investigation of UFO's" service.

He has already had our official handout "We do not specifically investigate etc" and I suggest that he be informed that the RZAT did not investigate this incident.

1PO Jm Sm  
1PO (me) ext 410  
13.3.70

You could perhaps send him the press handouts or reports of that time.

1PO



March 6, 1970

Office of Information  
Royal New Zealand Air Force  
Wellington, New Zealand

Gentlemen:

On September 4, 1969, the crew of a Bristol Freighter of Straits Air Freight Express, and the airport terminal radar at Wellington, both confirmed the presence of a slow-moving Unidentified Flying Object. The crew of the air freighter were Captain A. Cullum and First Officer Faircloth. The pilots first observed the UFO at approximately 7:30 p.m., and a second observation at approximately 9:00 p.m. Wellington Radar confirmed both sightings. Has the RNZAF identified the object as a plane or balloon, or has the object remained unidentified? Would you kindly inform <sup>me</sup> as to the official RNZAF evaluation of this incident?

Yours very truly,  
Herbert S. Taylor  
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371 West Windsor Parkway  
Oceanside, New York 11572  
U. S. A.

3/3/3

3 March 1970

Mr P.Austin  
Flat 1  
175 Landscape Road  
Mt Eden  
Auckland


Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of February 22 regarding the unidentified flying objects.

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Directorate of Service Intelligence

15 February 1970

Dr E.I. Robertson  
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research  
Dr D.C. Thompson  
New Zealand Meteorological Service  
Mr W.J.H. Fisher  
Carter Observatory  
Squadron Leader A.N. Milestone  
D.DATC Ops  
Squadron Leader B. Irvine  
RNZAF HQ

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- ... 1. Herewith a report on the meeting held in the Directorate  
of Service Intelligence on 29 January 1970.
- ... 2. Attached also are copies of the standard reporting  
form.

*A. Dyer*  
(A. Dyer)  
Squadron Leader  
IPD(Air)

Encl: 1. Report on meeting  
2. Report Form

*Handwritten signature and date*  
14/2/70

RECEIPT AND RECORDING OF U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

1. A meeting between representatives of interested organizations was held on 29 January 1970 to discuss the action to be taken upon receipt of U.F.O. sighting reports.

2. Those present were:-

Mg Cdr R.R. Black	Directorate of Service Intelligence
Dr E.I. Robertson	Dept of Scientific and Industrial Research
Dr D.C. Thompson	N.Z. Meteorological Service
Mr W.J.H. Fisher	Carter Observatory
Sqn Ldr A.W. Milestone	D.DATC Ops Ministry of Transport
Flt Lt G. Mitchell	Directorate of Operations, RNZAF Headquarters
Flt Lt C. Cole	RNZAF Public Relations Officer
Sqn Ldr A. Dyer	Directorate of Service Intelligence

3. The present report form was discussed at it was decided to retain the present format with minor modification. Examples of the form are attached.

4. Some representatives remarked that they received many reports which were easily disposed of and did not see the point of filling out forms for each of these. It was pointed out that the number of "solvable" reports compared with those for which further action was required and with those for which no explanation could be found provided valuable statistical information. It was finally decided that those reports requiring further action should be passed to the DSI in the normal way and that an annual estimate of those quickly dispensed with be passed to the DSI for statistical purposes.

5. The next item discussed was the extent to which a department or organization should investigate reports and the extent to which the public should be informed that investigations do take place. It emerged that the extent of the investigation would depend on factors such as the nature of the report, the reliability of the reporter and the resources available to the investigating body. Much discussion failed to resolve this point and finally it was agreed that a report worthy of investigation should be checked to the extent deemed realistic by the investigating body.

6. A wide range discussion on the publicity aspects of UFO investigation again encountered the "stumbling block" of lack of resources within the organizations concerned. The RNZAF PRO tabled the standard RNZAF "handout" for questions regarding UFO investigation. It reads:

\* The RNZAF does not have any formal resources for investigating UFO sightings or for carrying out research into the wider question of UFOs generally. If a sighting is referred to us we may consult such bodies as the

Civil Aviation Division of the MOT, the NZ Meteorological Service, the Carter Observatory, or the DSIR as appropriate to eliminate obvious explanations. We do not have the resources to exhaustively investigate reports in respect of which an obvious explanation has not emerged from these consultations but a record of sightings reported to the RNZAF is maintained. A considerable amount of time and effort would be involved in following to a conclusion every sighting reported to the RNZAF or the other bodies mentioned above. Even more effort would be required to initiate research into the general subject of UFOs, and with our other commitments we do not have the resources necessary to apply to the task."

7. It was suggested and agreed that DSI should consult with a N.Z. Police representative with a view to inviting them to participate in the same way as the organizations mentioned above. This would enable a more accurate statistical record to be maintained.

8. The Civil Aviation and RNZAF representatives agreed to consult on reports requiring investigative action because of the close liaison existing between the two organizations and to preclude the possibility of separate investigations into the one report.

9. The meeting agreed that an estimate (para 4 refers) of reports for the year 1969 be passed to DSI.

10. In brief then, the action to be taken on receipt of a sighting report is as follows:-

a. The organization receiving the report carries out the investigation.

b. If necessary, assistance is requested from other organizations. (A contact list of personnel follows.)

c. Depending on the amount of investigation required either a report form is completed and sent to DSI for filing

or

the report is noted for the annual estimates.

List of Contact Personnel

Dr E.I. Robertson	D.S.I.R.	Phone: 57958	
Dr D.C. Thompson	N.Z. Met Service	79689	
Mr W.J. Fisher	Carter Observatory	45273	
Sqn Ldr A.N. Milestone	CAD MOT	71349	565
Sqn Ldr B. Irvine	RNZAF HQ	49800	909
Sqn Ldr A. Dyer	Ministry of Defence	49800	410

66/30/17 DSI

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SGent (11)

De/pena office

(Thou' & ~~off~~)

1. We repeat.

2. Could you  
assist with a reply

R. J. ...  
Sgt. ...  
150/108  
16/1

MINUTE SHEET

Subject:

Department:.....

File No. ....

To—

4. It could well be that the letter will be of some use in the Committee's discussions.

5. I do not think he is awaiting a reply urgently. It will therefore be worthwhile holding any reply at least until the Committee has had a chance to discuss the subject.

6. I should be grateful if you would let me know if you agree with this approach or whether we should give a non-committal or negative reply now.

M. H. L. man 20/12/68

## MINUTE SHEET

Subject: Unidentified Flying  
Objects.

Department: .....

File No. 55/1/1

To—  
DSI

By ROP.

1. I have spoken to Fl. Lt. Clarke (Air Force PRO) about the letter from Mr. Mengel (see below)

2. Fl. Lt. Clarke told me that at present Air Force has a stock reply for such enquiries but that a Committee, under your aegis, has been set up to study policy in respect of such requests.

3. I feel that Mr. Mengel's request is serious enough not to be "palmed off" with a brief, negative reply. - Fl. Lt. Clarke agrees with this.

Item 509

MINUTE SHEET

Subject:

U.S.C.S

Department: .....

File No. ....

To—

*DP  
2/2/26*

I hope to have an examination  
in March. It depends upon the results  
of internal visiting. F. J. Chamberlain and  
DPR if he wishes to come. Proposed  
will probably wait until after then for  
a reply to letter below. May  
be have this job back soon.

*Rosen*  
*DLE*

*initials*

Mr C.L.Elmes,  
5 Kennedy Rd  
NAPIER

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of 13 January 1969 I must point out that the views expressed in the "Dominion" of 21 December 1968 do not reflect the RNZAF attitude toward the subject of Unidentified Flying Object sightings.

The RNZAF does indeed take seriously UFO sighting reports which are referred to it although no general study of the subject is undertaken. From time to time sighting reports are received by various Government Departments including the RNZAF. Departments receiving such reports attempt to check them out as far as possible and will seek advice from other departments on specific incidents as necessary.

In the two particular instances mentioned in your letter, no reports were received by the RNZAF and accordingly no investigation has been undertaken *by this Headquarters.*

Yours faithfully,

*Dept  
Approved*

S.O. Inst. (S)

Herewith draft for your approval. Whose signature does this go out over?

*NO. 10  
10/1/69*

*Ref.  
[Signature]*

*[Signature]  
1/10/69*

*[Signature]*

39/3/3

19 February 1969

Mr C.L. Elmes  
6 Kennedy Rd  
Nabier

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(C.D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer.



19 Feb 1969

CA

39/3/3

12th March 1969

Mr A.J. Brunt  
President  
Auckland University UFO Research Group  
P.O. Box 5945  
Auckland

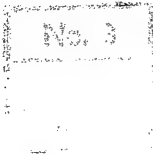
Dear Mr Brunt,


On behalf of the Chief of the Air Staff I would like to thank you for your letter advising us of the formation of your UFO research group and apologise for the delay in replying.

I can assure you that any future requests seeking details of organizations dealing with UFO sightings will be referred to you not as you point out, to the organization now disbanded.

The RNZAF was in no way involved in the investigations into the Dow - Franklin sighting of a UFO at Taradale and I have been advised that any copies of statements made of sighting should be obtained through the Napier Police who handled the case.

Yours faithfully,



  
(C.D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer

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MINUTE SHEET

Subject:

U.F.O's: REPLY TO A.J. BREUNT

Department: D31

File No. 39/2/3

To -  
SO INT (AIR)

1. Suggest PRO draft a reply for CAS's signature along following lines:

- (a) Thanks for advice on formation of study group
- (b) We will refer inquiries about such groups in NZ to Mr Brent

↑ (d) Suggest that he obtain Don's and Franklin's statements either from them or apply to the NZ Police for copies of them.

(e) Apologise for tardy reply.

2. Brent makes no request for other information or for indications of the RNZAF attitude to UFO reports and none should be offered him.

Phyllis S. Lee  
1 PO (AIR)

(c) Point out that the RNZAF was not involved in any investigation of this incident.

A copy of the reply to A.J. Brent is immediately forward. The letter was sent by me after discussion with R/S/1234.

Phyllis S. Lee  
PRO 17/2/69

PRO 17/2/69

Phyllis S. Lee  
1 PO (AIR)



## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY U.F.O. RESEARCH GROUP

P.O. BOX 5945, AUCKLAND

April 15, 1969.

Flight Lt C.D.Cole,  
Public Information Branch,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Flight Lt Cole,

Thank you for your letter of early March advising that the RNZAF will pass on to the Group any queries from the public regarding UFO groups. This is much appreciated.

The Group is eager to examine with someone from the air force the possibility of establishing an informal association between ourselves and the RNZAF. This would involve, perhaps, the sharing of information or at least the establishment of some working relationship between the Group and the RNZAF.

We realise, of course, that RNZAF files are closed to members of the public and that to ignore UFO reports and pass them on to us would be an abdication of air force responsibility--a policy in which, of course, you would not be in agreement.

However we feel a talk with you or a suitable officer at Whenuapai would be fruitful for both parties. Could you advise us when next you will be in Auckland so that a meeting could be arranged. If this is not suitable could you tell us if there is anyone at Whenuapai with the authority to deal with us on this topic. Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours sincerely,

*Tony Brunt*

Tony Brunt  
PRESIDENT.

30/3/3 PE

5 June 1969


Mr Tony Brunt  
Auckland University UFO Research Group  
P.O.Box 5945  
Auckland

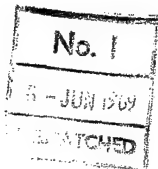
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 15 April seeking the establishment of an informal association between your group and the ERZAF.

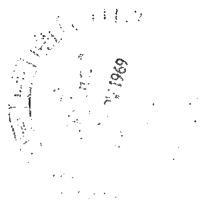
I delayed replying to your letter as I thought I would have been in Auckland at the end of last month. However, the visit has been postponed and I will advise you when I will be there so a meeting could take place.

Yours faithfully,

  
(C. B. COL)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer.



FILE  
5-6-69 228



PHO hse 3962

November 4, 1969

Office of Information  
Royal New Zealand Air Force  
Wellington, New Zealand

Gentlemen:

On July 13, 1959, at Blenheim, Mrs. Frederick Moreland reported observing a saucer-shaped object with a transparent dome. The object was sharply outlined at a near 50 yards distance. Inside the transparent dome, two human-like figures were visible. The RNZAF is reported to have investigated the incident, and therefore hopefully has a dossier on the incident. If so, would you be kind enough to inform me as to the official evaluation of this fascinating UFO occurrence.

Very truly yours,  
Herbert L. Taylor  
Herbert S. Taylor  
371 West Windsor Parkway  
Oceanside, New York 1157  
U.S.A.

MINUTE SHEET

FILE

Subject: UFO Report: Blenheim  
area in 1959

Department: RWRM

File No. 39/3/3

To-

192 (air) PH

By PHO (air)

Not on own file.  
ing 244/10/1.  
This character has  
written before  
I would be  
inclined to give  
him the gentle  
but firm brush.

1. Attached is a letter from Mr Herbert S. Taylor, an American, requesting details re an investigation into a UFO sighting near Blenheim on 13 July, 1959.
2. A search of this file has not located the letter supposed to although a UFO sighting card in the vicinity was made on 31 July, 1959. (Flag 49")
3. Would your records provide the information requested?

Close

11/11/69  
Item 504

FHS

Subject:

File No. 39/3/3

LETTER TO H.S. TAYLOR

Date: 19/11/69

To—

*OK*

1. Your para 2 - why admit there was an investigation? I would be inclined to leave it at that.

"At the request of Mrs Moreland, information given by her to the RNZAF was not to be released to other parties. For this reason I regret that etc. etc."

2. What do you think?

*OK for S/L*

1 PO (MR) 6/11/69

39/3/3 PR

26 November 1969

Mr Herbert S. Taylor  
371 West Windsor Parkway  
Oceanside  
New York 11572  
United States of America

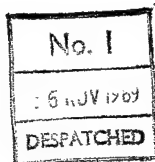
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 4 November requesting details of the official evaluation of a UFO sighting at Blenheim on 13 July 1959.

At the request of Mrs Moreland, information given by her to the RNZAF was not to be released to other parties It is for this reason that I regret that we must respect the wishes of Mrs Moreland.

Yours faithfully,

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(C.D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer



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66/30/17 OSI

Dr E.I. Robertson  
OSIR

Dr W.J.H. Fisher  
Carter Observatory

Sqn Ldr A.M. Milestone  
D.DATC Ops

Dr D.C. Thompson  
NZ Met Service

D. Ops

5/1 76 *D*

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. On 10 April 1968 a meeting of representatives from interested agencies (see address column) was held to discuss the action to be taken on receipt of U.F.O. sighting reports.
2. One of the decisions made at this meeting was that progress would be reviewed at a further meeting to be held in "about six months time".
3. I feel (and I am aware that some other representatives do also) that it is time we got together again to discuss progress and review our present procedures.
4. To that end I would suggest that we meet after the holiday period - say Thursday 29 Jan at about 3 pm. Could you notify me if this date is acceptable or not with alternatives if necessary and I will co-ordinate suggestions and arrange the venue.

*PWZ*

16 Dec 69

(A. Dyer) S/L  
IPO(Air)

Directorate of Service Intelligence

Tele: 49800 Ext 410

The Directorate of Operations representative was  
S/L Cotton. I understand he is no longer with us.

*OK to Done 17/12*

*GL*

*Please accept this in stride  
and reply to IPO AIR re  
dates etc.*

*James West  
for S/L 17.12.69*



# CONTACT

(NEW ZEALAND)

FLAT NO 1  
175 Landscape Rd,  
Mt. Eden,  
Auckland 4

HEADQUARTERS

TELEPHONE: 699-514

22.2.70

Dear Sir,

I represent the above organization in New Zealand and we are exclusively dedicated to U.F.O. research. We would be grateful to learn of the official R.N.Z.A.F. policy on Unidentified Flying Objects.

Could you also tell me if there is any body within the R.N.Z.A.F. that would officially deal with any sightings that the public would send to you. Thank you.

P. AUSTIN

N.Z. Representative.

*PKO*

*Do you have a 'stock' answer  
for this. *D. J. ...*  
24/2/70 *...*  
*...**



*[Handwritten mark]*

Auckland University UFO Research Group,  
P.O.Box 5945,  
Auckland.  
23.12.68.

Chief of the Air Staff,  
RNZAF,  
Air Vice Marshal C.A.Turner,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

This is to advise that a group has been set up at Auckland University to study on a strictly scientific basis the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects. The group consists mainly of science and engineering undergraduates who have in common the belief that UFOs constitute a genuine scientific problem and need urgent and serious attention. We feel that the subject has not been adequately and thoroughly investigated by any private or Government agency in New Zealand.

The group plan, in addition to other activities, to set up a wide reporting network throughout the Auckland province, members of which will investigate and report any sightings that occur in their area which do not appear to fall into the category of misidentified natural phenomena.

All aeroclubs, gliding clubs and air charterers will be advised of our existence.

We hope you will note our existence as about three years ago I noticed you were slightly behind in your record keeping. In reply to a letter of mine the public relations division directed me to a civilian UFO research Group, Civilian Saucer Investigation, of Nissan Place, Onehunga, Auckland. This group disbanded in late 1959 so I would suggest that future inquiries you choose not to deal with could be directed to our group.

At the same time could we make a rather demanding request of the RNZAF about a September UFO sighting reported in Taradale in the Hawkes Bay area. In this case two youths, John Dow and Paul Franklin, reported that their car was chased by a UFO and as a result the vehicle

smashed into a shop. Consequently Dow appeared in the Napier Magistrate's Court on a charge of careless driving and was discharged.

I am told that an RNZAF employee in Wellington, a wing commander, was given the police file on the case. We wonder if there is any chance of the group being given a copy of Dow's and Franklin's statements to the police on the incident. Similar RNZAF assistance was extended CSI, of Onchunga, in 1959 when Mrs Eileen Moreland, of Blenheim, reported a close-up sighting of a UFO. In that case Group Captain A.P.Gainsford supplied CSI with the police statements involving Mrs Moreland.

Hoping you can help,

Yours sincerely,



A.J.Brunt.

PRESIDENT

*Letter returned to St. Helier on 6.4.69*

11/19  
11/19



6 Kennedy Road,  
Napier.  
13 January, 1969.

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The Secretary,  
Air Department,  
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

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Enclosed, stamped and addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

*C.L. Elmes*  
C.L. Elmes.

**Late news**  
- SAUCER REPORTED

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So INT (AIR)

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FILE  
SEARCHED  
INDEXED

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SO INT (AIR)

Have been unable to find out who this was. *PRO* Send a copy of this cutting with the date to Mr. Cummings at Phukan psc.

*See the report on 21 Dec 1968  
S.C. Int. (AIR) 10*

24th June 1968

Mr Donald H. Menzel  
Harvard College Observatory  
60 Garden St  
Cambridge  
Massachusetts 02138  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

In replying to your letter to the Department of Defence which was referred to me in Royal New Zealand Air Force Headquarters may I first apologise for the extremely long delay.

To answer the points raised by you, in New Zealand there is no official studies of UFO reports undertaken. The appropriate organisation receiving a report whether it be RNZAF, Department of Civil Aviation or the Meteorology Service, attempts to check it as far as possible. In doing this of course there is often an interchange of information between the various Government organisations involved.

This being the case, I am unable to provide the type of information you seek.

Yours faithfully,

6  
(C.D. COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer.

No. 1
24 JUN 1968
DESPATCHED

24th June 1968

Mr Herbert S. Taylor  
2265 East 13th Street  
Brooklyn  
New York 11229  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter seeking information on UFO reports I am afraid that I am not able to be very helpful. In New Zealand there is no official studies of these reports undertaken. What reports are received are checked as far as possible by the organisation receiving the report. Naturally the original organisation will call on other Government agencies which may be able to help.

Because of this system and the lack of official investigations it is not possible to answer your questions.

Yours faithfully,

6  
(C.D.COLE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer.



June 4, 1968

Office of Public Information  
Royal New Zealand Air Force  
Wellington, New Zealand

Gentlemen:

I am deeply interested in obtaining information concerning the official New Zealand attitude toward the still open question of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). I would greatly appreciate if you would inform me concerning the following;

- a) Does the RNZAF conduct an official or semi-official investigation of UFO reports?
- b) Have any reports remained unexplained?
- c) Have any patterns been found to the reports?

Sincerely,  
Herbert S. Taylor  
Herbert S. Taylor  
2365 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
U.S.A. → Brooklyn, New York 11229

FILE  
2961149

MINUTE SHEET

34/3/3

Subject:

Department: D.S.I.

File No.:

To: *[Signature]*  
Flight  
S. Clark  
RNEAF  
Public  
Relations  
Officer

Attached is a brief record of the ground covered at our discussion on UFO's on 10 April. Unless we hear to the contrary by 30 April we will assume the arrangements proposed in para. 4 of the attached note are in effect as from 1 May 1968.

*[Signature]*  
(R.M. Allen)

17 April 1968

Wing Commander

Encl.

*Notes: Before filing this you should study - para 7 in particular.*

*[Signature]*

FILE  
24.6.68 *[Signature]*

## NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE

### UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES COPIES FOR RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC

File Number: AIR 39/3/3 Volume 2 – Parts 1 and 2

File Title: Reports of UFO's

File Timespan: Opened: 1956 - Closed 1979

File Declassified: September 2010

Location of Original File: Held at Archives New Zealand

Access to Original File: Restricted until 2049

File Contains: Reports of sightings from members of the public and military personnel. RNZAF investigation and report into the Kaikoura sightings of 1978/9. Summaries of Unusual Aerial Sightings from the Australian Department of Defence. Correspondence from / to UFO research groups in NZ and requests for UFO information from overseas researchers.

# **NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE**

## **PUBLIC RELEASE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES**

These copied and redacted files of correspondence on **Unidentified Flying Objects** dating from 1952 to 2009 have been Declassified and released to the public by the New Zealand Defence Force under the Official Information Act.

Access to the original files held by Archives New Zealand is restricted up until the year 2050 for Personal Privacy reasons. These copied files have had the personal details of members of the public making UFO reports removed to preserve their privacy. Personal details of service personnel and civilians employed by the New Zealand Defence Force and other Government Departments and Agencies have not been removed. No other information has been removed or omitted from these files.

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Correspondence on Flying Saucers began in New Zealand Defence Force files in 1952 and continued under different names, Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) and Unidentified Aerial Sightings (UAS) until the present. The files contain reports of sightings by private individuals and military personnel, investigations by Defence and other Government Departments and agencies into these reports, newspaper clippings on UFOs and letters from individuals who claim to be in touch with alien beings and craft.

While the files are in general date order from 1952 until the present some file periods overlap with one another and the documents within each file are not necessarily in strict date order. There can be duplicate documents within each file and copies of the same documents (particularly media releases and reports) can appear in different files.

### **ACCESS TO UFO FILES**

These redacted files are available in hard copy from the Defence Library c/o Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force Aitken St Wellington. They are not available in electronic format.

RECEIPT AND RECORDING OF U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

1. A meeting was held on 10 April to discuss the subject of action to be taken on the receipt of U.F.O. sightings. It was decided that the agencies at present involved would continue to operate on an individual basis as at present and that no central organization was to be established. However, it was agreed that co-operation between the interested agencies was desirable and that a central recorder be established.
2. In this context it was envisaged that representatives from DSIR, CAA, the Meteorological Service, the Carter Observatory and the RNZAF would continue to act in the capacity of receivers of information and consult with each other on reported sightings, where necessary. If warranted, a report on the sighting would be raised and in due course forwarded to the Intelligence Projects Officer (Air), Directorate of Service Intelligence, Ministry of Defence, who would act as the recorder. The file on this subject, held by him, would be available at any time to the other co-ordinating agencies.
3. It was thought that the responsibility for completing action as far as possible on a report would lie with the organization receiving such reports although the other agencies referred to above could and should be consulted when necessary.
4. It was therefore decided to:
  - a. use a simple reporting form which would be filed by Directorate of Service Intelligence - draft attached at Appendix 1 for comment and/or agreement;
  - b. deal with the persons given in the list attached at Appendix 2 as the recognised representatives of the interested agencies;
  - c. meet in about 6 months' time to review progress.
5. All present agreed to the necessity to keep the matter at a low key and out of the public arena. All attending plus CAA and Directorate of Operations, RNZAF HQ should advise if draft reporting form was satisfactory.
6. For the present it was agreed that agencies with outstations outside Wellington would act with considerable discretion if it was necessary to bring such outstations into the reporting chain.
7. From a PR point of view the intention to adopt a minimum amount of co-ordination between interested agencies should not be disclosed. The line to be taken should be that:

"The appropriate organization receiving the report attempts to check it as far as possible and naturally will call any other government agency which may be able to help."

REPORT ON U.F.O. SIGHTING

Details of sighting:

Name and address of sighter

Time and place of sighting

Nature of sighting

Comments on sighting by .....(Department)

Comment recorded by other agency:

Action relayed to sighter, if applicable:

Appendix 2 to  
Annex to 66/30/17  
dated

CONTACT PERSONNEL

DSIR	Dr F.I. Robertson
Carter Observatory	Mr I.L. Thompson
Civil Aviation	Sqn Ldr A.N. Milestone
Met. Service	Dr D.C. Thompson
RNZAF HQ	Sqn Ldr D. Cotton
Ministry of Defence	Sqn Ldr P.S. Rule



MINUTE SHEET

Subject: U.F.O's.

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

File No. 39/3/3.

To—

1. Telecom SGM Ldy Cotton refer.
2. This is to confirm that a meeting for informal discussion with representatives from DSIR, Carter Observatory, Mets Service & C.A. will be held on Wednesday, 10 April at 11:00 hrs. in Conference Room, Directorate of Service Intelligence, Grant St.

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1 April 1968

Dr E.I. Robertson  
 Assistant Director General  
 Department of Scientific and Industrial Research  
 111-131 Sydney Street West N.1.  
 WELLINGTON

Our recent telephone conversation on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects refers.

An informal discussion on this subject has been arranged for Wednesday, 10 April at 2 p.m. and you are cordially invited to attend.

The venue will be in the Conference Room, Directorate of Service Intelligence, Ministry of Defence 1st Floor, Departmental Building, Stout Street. (At the top of the 1st floor stairs turn left following the corridor till a door marked 'Prohibited Place' is reached. Please ring the bell marked 3.)

For your information representatives will attend from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Carter Observatory, N.Z. Meteorological Service, Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Defence, and RNZAF Headquarters.



P.S. Rule.

P.S. Rule Sqn Ldr  
 Intelligence Projects Officer (Air)

Copies to: Dr M.C. Probyn, Physics & Engineering Laboratory  
 Dept of Scientific and Industrial Research,  
 Mr I.L. Thompson, Director, Carter Observatory  
 Group Capt J.F. Gabites, Director of Met. Services  
 The Director, Air Traffic Control Services

Hand minute to J. Ops.  
 FRo(Air)

Mr Donald H Menzel  
Harvard College Observatory  
60 Garden Street  
Cambridge  
Massachusetts 02138  
United States.

In my ~~letter~~ interim reply to your letter (Ref  
55/1/1 dated ) I indicated that a review of  
policy on UFO's was ~~not~~ imminent.

This was not the case but an informal meeting of the  
certain Government Department and the Paris Observatory, who in the  
main receive enquiries or report on UFO's ~~not~~  
was held with ~~the aim of a preliminary~~ to see if some  
co-ordination was required in handling such requests.

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HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY  
60 GARDEN STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

CABLE ADDRESS "OBSERVATORY"

AREA CODE 617 868-7600

March 12, 1968

Minister of Defense  
Department of Defense  
Wellington, New Zealand

Dear Sir:

For more than twenty years I have been investigating the phenomena commonly referred to as flying saucers or UFO's. I have become convinced that a large number of natural phenomena are responsible for these sightings and their reputed behavior. The sightings include, in part, reflections from material objects like planes, balloons, birds, insects, spider webs, paper, any object light enough to be wind-borne. There are many luminous objects in the sky, including planes, lighted weather balloons, luminous insects, luminous birds, stars and planets, meteors. There are reflections from ice crystals, which produce luminous mock suns or mock moons. Peculiar reflections from water droplets in fog lead to a family of phenomena known as spectres of the Brocken. We have mirages of many types, from "inferior" to the "looming" or "Fata Morgana." There have been many experiments with daytime and nighttime rockets, from various bases over the country. Finally, there have been hoaxes of many kinds.

Taken altogether, I have concluded that not a single convincing case remains for flying saucers from outer space. I feel that they definitely do not exist, despite the fact that a number of individuals, mostly emotionally-dedicated amateur groups, profess belief in the reality of UFO's.

As self-appointed analyst and historian of the saucer era, I am preparing what I hope will be my final book on the subject. I should like, therefore, to include as much information as I possibly can concerning both official and unofficial UFO studies in countries or areas other than

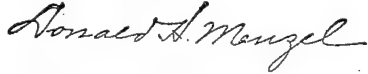
ACCP  
V. J.

the United States. From time to time, newspaper reports indicate that such government interest is extensive, possibly even in the USSR. But in most of the organizations reported to be responsible for the investigations, I find for the most part only amateur groups.

Please understand that I am not uninterested in the work of these dedicated amateurs. I should like to know as much as possible about them. But I am also interested in having information about truly official studies. And thus I am writing to you for help and advice. I shall be grateful for any information that you can send me about UFO investigations in your country or elsewhere.

Thanking you for your help, I am

Cordially yours,



Donald H. Menzel

DHM:pl



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CATAGORY A

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(1) TO BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC BY THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER TO WHICH IT IS APPLICABLE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF UNRESTRICTED PLYING, SUBJECTS OF THIS CASE ARE TO BE KEPT FOR RESTRICTED FROM FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED IN (A) CURRENT MATTERS OR (C) INVESTIGATIONS OR (D) POSSIBLE CONCLUSIONS OBTAINED BY AIRFORCE INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM. ADVISE POLICY IN THIS MATTER:

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P18 H.

MEMORANDUM

To: SO Int (Air) PRO (AIR)  
Ref: 39/3/3

From: PRO (air)  
Tel: 757  
Date: 27 FEB 67

SUBJECT UFO SIGHTINGS: POLICY

1. In the attached signal OPHQ states that it has been approached by one of the local papers which is preparing a double page spread on UFOs and has asked the following questions

- a. Confirmed sightings
- b. investigations
- c. Possible conclusions reached by Air Force investigations.

2. At present the position is that we reply to all such enquiries with the rather fatuous comment which goes something like this

"The Government has never stated an official policy or unofficial policy regarding the sightings of unidentified flying objects and a policy has not been warranted to date"

I have long felt that this statement rather begs the question and would be fairly difficult for the RNZAF to substantiate if we were pressed. In short I believe we should lay these questions at the door of Government -- who or what department I do not know -- in an endeavour to get off the hook. All of this of course pre-supposes that we have never been charged with carrying out investigations.

3. Your comments as to a suitable reply to Ops Gps problem would be appreciated.

Meeting held 10/4/68  
2/0(Air)

*[Signature]*  
(Capt. GLARKE)  
Flt Lt

Complete this form in manuscript.

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*  
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PIZ (Int) ...  
... the word 'policy' ...  
... the word 'policy' ...

N.Z. ARMED SERVICES  
**COMBINED**  
**MESSAGE FORM**

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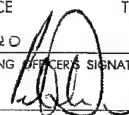
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TO <u>BW OHAK</u>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>
INFO			ORIGINATORS NUMBER <u>PR 756 JAN 1167</u>

SUBJECT UFO'S PD THIS HQ HAS RECEIVED A REPORT OF A UFO SEEN OVER MASTERTON AT 0030 HRS DEC 1167 PD IT WAS FLYING WEST TO EAST ON A STEADY WELL DEFINED COURSE PD DID OHAKEN HAVE AN AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME QUERY

**FILE.**  
11/11/68 ES Initials

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FOR USE	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK 

Memorandum  
 To: POC (div)

UFO Reports.

1. Enclosure below refers.
2. Despite the description of the Object? (Dara 1F), other factors (noise, height, heading) suggest an aircraft.
3. I suggest you make quick checks with Qhakea & CAA to see if they can establish an aircraft in the area at the time.
4. If these results are negative I further suggest an acknowledgment of the report along lines similar to the flagged enclosure on this file. (final para)

6.1.68

R. R. Black Sr  
 1 PC (div) var.

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MINUTE NO: 38/1967

To: IPO (Air)

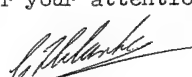
REPORTS : UFO

1. Yesterday afternoon I had a telephone call from a Masterton woman who reported seeing an object in the sky over Masterton. Details are:

- a. Date: 11 December 1967.
- b. Time: 0030 hours.
- c. Weather: Clear still night.
- d. Direction of flight: West to east on a steady well defined course.
- e. Height: 1000 feet.
- f. General description: The object looked like an enclosed triangle which was yellow-orange inside while on its outside edge it had lines of oscillating red flames. It made a noise like a humming top. It appeared to be 1000ft long and did not look like a meteor but more like a missile.

2. The woman who phoned me was \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Masterton. Her telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_. She was most insistent that she be told what action is being taken and what we imagine the object she saw might be.

3. The report is forwarded for your attention.

  
(G.F. CLARKE)  
Flt Lt  
PRO (Air)

12 Dec 67

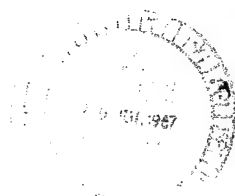
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New Zealand High Commission

New Zealand Defence Liaison Staff  
New Zealand House  
Haymarket  
London SW1  
Whitehall 8422 Telex 24368

Reference  
JS/10.04



12 July 1967

Deputy Secretary of Defence (Air),  
RNZAF Headquarters,  
WELLINGTON

Attn. Group Captain, Operations. *AK*

MAILED 10 10 1967  
*CS*  
JUL 25 1967  
*copy 24/8*

INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Reference A: Letter S.2/71/JJAH from J.J.A.Hennessey dated 16 April 1967.
- B: Letter JS.10/04 dated 23 May 1967.
- C: Letter from J.J.A.Hennessey dated 19 June 1967.
- D: Reply to reference C dated 12 July 1967.

1. This Office has received requests from a Mr Julian J.A. Hennessey of 43 Penywern Road, Earls Court, London, S.W.5. for information on New Zealand Government policy with regard to the investigation of unidentified flying objects (ref. A refers). Mr Hennessey has now requested the address of a New Zealand Headquarters to whom he can direct his enquiries, for the reason stated in his letter at reference C.

2. This Office has answered the enquiries with the information available here. To assist reply co-ordination in this matter ...  
copies of the above referenced letters are attached.

*FILE JS Initials*

*Note: No reply sent as intention of Hennessey was to approach the HQ*

*J.P. Robins*  
(J.P. Robins)  
Group Captain  
for Head, NZDLS, London

Encl.

COFF

43 Pennywell Road,  
Earls Court,  
London, S.W.5.

June 19, 1967

Ref. DL.16/04

Group Captain J.D. Robins,  
HEADS,  
New Zealand House,  
Haymarket,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

I refer you to your letter of May 23, 1967 and request the address of your Headquarters in New Zealand with respect to my April 16, 1967 letter.

My reason for asking this is that contrary to your letter, I am aware that your Government has issued instructions for the investigation of UFO's by the Department of Defence under it's Defence Program.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) JULIAN J.A. HENNESSEY



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JS.10/04

23 May 1967

J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.,  
Associate Member,  
National Investigations Committee  
on Aerial Phenomena,  
36 Elvaston Place,  
South Kensington,  
London, S.W.7.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter S.2/71/JJAH of the 16th April 1967, you are advised the New Zealand Government does not conduct research into or investigate so-called unidentified flying objects.

I regret that this Office cannot be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J.D. ROBINS

Group Captain  
for Head, NZDLS, London



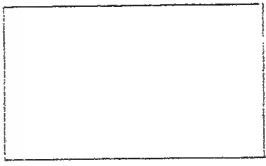
UFO SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

a. When did your Government first charge or authorise a Ministry to investigate UFO reports?	19.....
b. Since the instigation of an official investigation, how many UFO reports has the authorised Ministry received to date?	.....
c. Under which classification does UFO data in your country come under?	Confidential/Secret/ Top Secret
d. Are there any special regulations governing UFO investigations by the authorised Ministry	YES/NO
e. What % of reports received remain totally unidentified	..... %
f. Would your Government be willing to release its reports on UFOs after deleting classified data	YES/NO
g. Would your Government consider exchanging UFO data with a scientific or responsible body	YES/NO
h. Has your Government ever instigated a scientific investigation into the phenomena of UFOs	YES/NO
i. If your Government discovered that UFOs were in fact interplanetary vehicles, would it make an immediate announcement to that effect	YES/NO
j. Do you wish your replies to this questionnaire be kept in confidence	YES/NO

Date.....

Signed.....  
 Rank .....  
 Department.....  
 Address.....  
 .....  
 .....

Official Stamp



This form to be returned to:

J.J.A. Hennessey, Esq.,  
 36, Elvaston Place,  
 South Kensington,  
 London, S.W.7.  
 England.

39/3/3

Public Relations Office  
Wellington 49-800 Ext 757  
11th July 1967

Mr Sammy Paradise,  
290 Washington,  
Widor, Texas 77662,  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Paradise,


Thank you for your recent letter regarding UFO's.

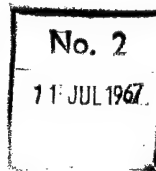
I regret the Chief of the Air Staff is unable to give you his opinion on UFO sightings. The New Zealand Government, and of course the Royal New Zealand Air Force, have never expressed a policy on UFO's.

What may be of help to you however is the address of a New Zealander who has maintained a record of UFO's for quite some time. He is Mr H.H. Fulton of 81 Sutherland Crescent, Palmerston North.

Mr Fulton was head of the Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society, from 1952 until it went into recess in 1959.

Yours faithfully,

  
(G.T. CLARKE) Flt Lt  
Public Relations Officer



FILE  
11 JUL 1967

Dear Honorable Sir,  
I am a great admirer of your country and have done a great deal of reading on it. I would ~~would~~ like to have the head of the Royal New Zealand Air Force to give me his opinion on UFO's. I am a member of APRO + NICAP - all prominent UFO agencies in the U.S. Sir, I would greatly appreciate it if the head of ~~the~~ your country's air force would do so and it would be one of my prize possessions.

Because I am not a citizen of your country, I am unaware of UFO organizations in New Zealand (that would grant membership to foreigners). If there are any agencies within your country that would do so, would one of your associates send me the addresses? Where is the Coulman Saucer Investigation located at? I understand it is ~~now~~ headed by a Mr. Harold H. Fulton, a Sergeant in the RNZAF. If it is possible that you know his address will you forward it to me. I would sincerely thank you.

Many congratulations toward your prosperous country and its ever increasing role in world affairs.

See back

so much for taking the time to read  
my letters. Sincerely yours and thank you very much

Samuel Paradise

SAMMY PARADICE  
290 WASHINGTON  
VIDOR, TEXAS 77662  
U. S. A.

P.S. When you send your response,  
I would gladly pay for the postage  
and for your services (that of which you  
do not know how much I would  
be grateful.

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Public Relations Office  
Wellington 49800 Ext 757  
13 October 1966

Mr A.J. Brunt,  
24 Wembley Rd,  
Mt Eden,  
Auckland

Dear Sir,

Your recent letter to the Chief of the Air Staff has been passed to me for reply.


The maintenance of files are governed by specific regulations which precludes them being made available to anyone outside the Armed Forces.

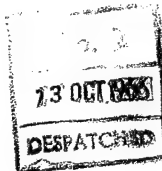
I would point out that the Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the sightings of unidentified flying objects and a policy has not been warranted to date.

No Government agency has been set up to investigate sightings but a civilian group — Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society — publishes a quarterly review of reports and investigations.

If you are not already aware of this group may I suggest that you consider contacting it. The address of the Society is:

CSI (NZ)  
1 Nissan Place  
Onehunga  
Auckland SE5

  
(G.F. CLARKE)  
Flight Lieutenant  
Public Relations Officer



Last December 26 was a cold but beautifully clear and sunny day in County Waterford, Ireland, as it was over most of the British Isles. At about 3.15 in the afternoon Jacqueline Wingfield, who works at the Victoria and Albert Museum, was driving along a road near Cappoquin with a Danish friend, Lisbet Mortensen. Suddenly they saw a bright object passing steadily from right to left across the sky in front of them. Afterwards they described it as a solid, metallic-looking, rounded thing trailing a big elliptical plume of brightness. The plume behaved as if it were attached to the smaller object and was being dragged across the sky by it.

# Was it an Irish flying saucer or merely an airborne leprechaun?

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Miss Wingfield stopped the car and the two girls got out with their cameras. Jacqueline found to her annoyance that hers had no film in it, but Lisbet, using a cheap Agfa snapshot camera with only two range settings, was able to take a picture before the object disappeared. They estimate it was in sight for three or four minutes altogether. When they got back to London they gave the film

to Charles Gibbs-Smith, a colleague of Miss Wingfield and an experienced and enthusiastic investigator. of reports about Unidentified Flying Objects (U.F.O.s): vulgarly known as flying saucers. He had it developed by Percy Hennell, a professional photographer, who has certified that in his opinion the negative is genuine.

This then is the story behind the

photograph reproduced on these pages, and with Gibbs-Smith and Percy Hennell prepared to stake their considerable professional reputations on it there can be no doubt that it is genuine. The question is, what does it show? Gibbs-Smith points out that most of the stock explanations of supposed flying-saucer sightings cannot be applied to this case. The object's brightness, trailing plume,



This photograph of a flying saucer with its legs protruding was taken by radio officer T. Fogt from the deck of the British Steamer S.S. Ramsey off the west coast of Panama in 1957.

U.F.O.

CAPPOQUIN  
SIGHTING

1965

Some of the  
Efflux is  
ahead of the U.F.O. →



and relatively rapid horizontal movement across the sky rule out between them such possibilities as an aeroplane, balloon, rocket, satellite, or meteorite. "I'm not going to stick my neck out and say what it is," he says, "but I don't see what alternative explanations there are except that it's interplanetary. The scientists' technical explanations are getting more complicated than the interplanetary one."

The only other explanation which Gibbs-Smith finds feasible was put forward by George Emeleus, a research physicist at the Clarendon Laboratory in Oxford. He suggests that the photograph shows a parheliion or "sun dog." Parhelia are caused by the reflection and

refraction of sunlight from clouds of ice crystals. On the rare occasions when they are seen they appear as a bright horizontal band at the same level as the sun, but only when it is low in the sky.

But Gibbs-Smith does not believe that this explanation accounts adequately for all the facts either. "I think you'll find that the sun dog thing is quite out of the question. You see, it misses the point that it is the small, bright object at the left hand end of the bright area which is the actual 'saucer,' and the large oval area is just the efflux from it. And who has ever seen a cloud move like this?" Emeleus, on the other hand, does not find these objections conclusive, and certainly the weather conditions

seriously. "I don't think there is much doubt that the authorities know more about these things than they let out—if you try and talk to Whitehall about them they fob you off with a very junior official. After all our civilisation is a very new one, no more than 7000 years old, and we've only been able to fly for 60 years yet already we can orbit the earth at 18,000 miles an hour. Who can say what a civilisation 70,000 years old might not be able to do? They could probably build a spaceship to travel between the stars with no trouble at all. And many astronomers now agree there may be hundreds of thousands or even millions of advanced civilisations in space."

TIMOTHY JOHNSON

DIRECTION OF U.F.O; but here seen going away from the camera as well as to the left

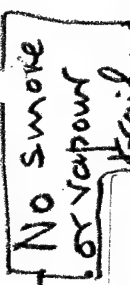
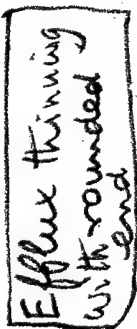
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Efflux "bunching"

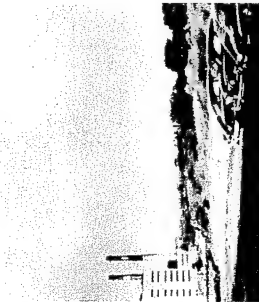
Efflux thinning with rounded end

No smoke or vapour trail

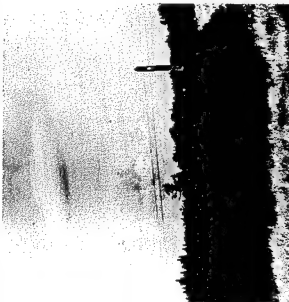




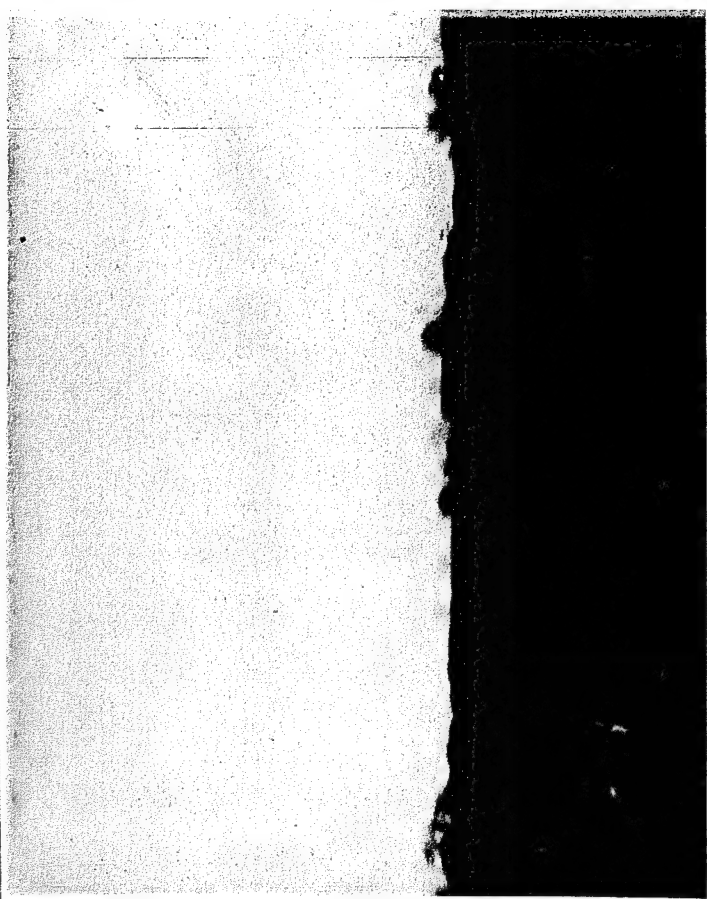
Last week three flying-saucer "jets" were seen flying over the sky above the forest in Queensland. One farmer said he saw "a space-ship rise from a swamp with a hissing noise."



An incredible U.S. Coast Guard photographer watched this formation of "brilliant objects" in the sky over Salem, Massachusetts for some time before he photographed them in 1952.

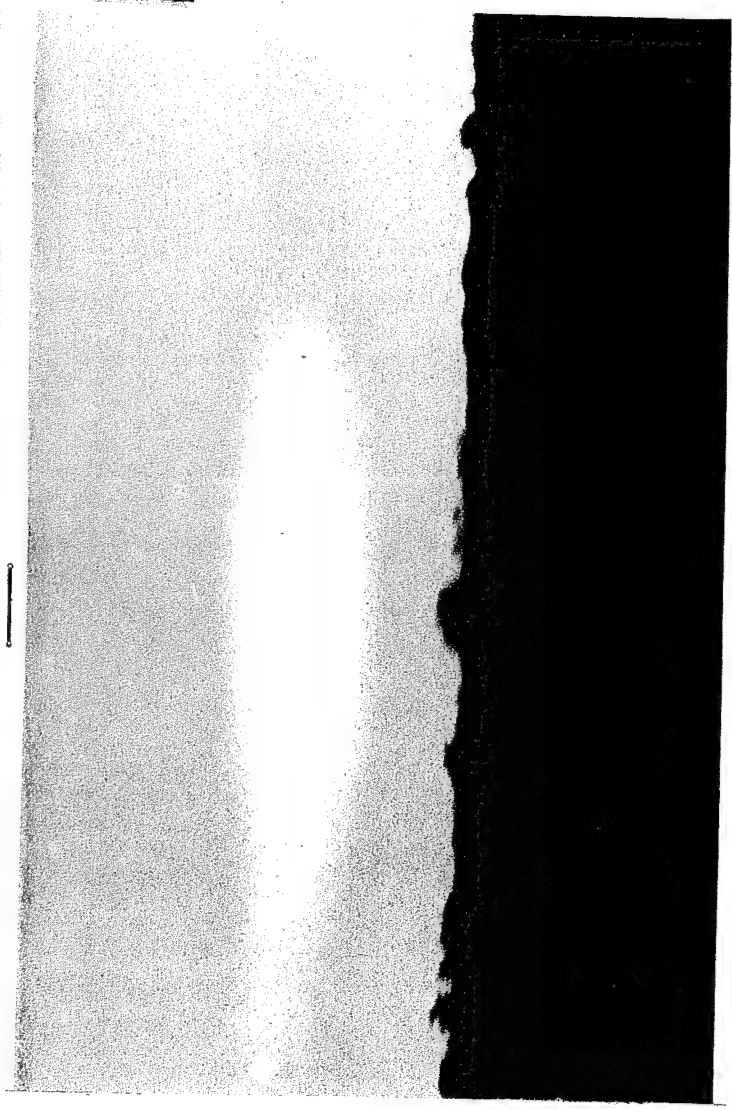


Both meteorologists and aeronautical experts were puzzled by what was either a cloud formation or a large-model flying saucer sighted over Prague in Czechoslovakia last year.



Photograph taken near

Notes  
by  
C.H.G.S



Cappoquin, Dec. 26, 1965, by Lisbet Mortensen

MEMORANDUM

To: DUAL  
Ref: 29/3/3

From: PSO/CAS  
Tel: 700  
Date: 26th September 1966

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Reference is made A.J. Burt's letter of 25th September 1966.

2. Would you please advise what reply could be made to this letter.

R.M. Hancock  
Sen Ldr PSO/CAS

~~PSO/CAS~~ Rk. 27/9

Access to ~~relevant~~ files cannot be given  
PR.O has replied to letters of this type in  
the past suggest phone for this letter be  
referred to him for a polite no!

27 Sep 66  
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L. G. Hancock  
Sen Ldr  
DOR

PSO

CAS wishes you to reply to the letter attached, giving an explanation of why files are not available for use by civilians and not giving the inquirer a straight "break off".  
Complete this form in manuscript.

4 Oct 66

R.M. Hancock  
Sen Ldr PSO/C

24 Wembley Rd,  
Mt Eden,  
Auckland.  
September 25, 1966.

Air Vice-Marshal C.A. Turner,  
Chief of Air Staff, RNZAF,  
Dear Sir,

Could you please tell me if the Royal New Zealand Air Force files on Unidentified Flying Objects are open in whole or in part to civilian use. I am at present working on a book dealing with the phenomena over New Zealand and feel that official information on the subject would be invaluable and would go part of the way to putting the puzzling phenomena on a concrete down-to-earth basis which is so badly needed.

From 1952 to 1954 the United States Air Force gave a civilian investigator, Maj. D.E. Keyhoe (ret'd), access to sighting reports and other data. Many people would be deeply grateful if the RNZAF took a similar stance. Please do not regard it as impertinence but I could be visiting Wellington in the near future and could conceivably call into the Air Ministry at that time.

The maxim of Democracy, government by the people and for the people, is as true today as it ever was. It is essential that the taxpayer be kept informed of scientific developments that may one day have a great bearing on his future. Hoping this letter will receive thoughtful consideration, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*A. J. Brunt*

A. J. Brunt.

Directorate of Public Relations:

Wellington 49-800 Ext 757

13th July 1966

Miss Janet Marlo  
353 Trafalgar Square  
Nelson

Dear Miss Marlo,

Your letter of 30th June to the Minister of Civil Aviation has been referred to me for action.


The New Zealand Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and a policy has not been warranted to date.

The public in New Zealand are provided with reports of sightings by individuals through the press. In almost every instance these reports appear in the newspapers before an investigation, if one is warranted, is made.

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CSI (NZ),  
1 Nissan Place  
Onehunga  
Auckland, SE5

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.D. COLE)  
Flying Officer  
for Director of Public Relations

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## DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

Private Bag, Wellington C. 1

New Zealand

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Telephone: ~~49243~~

Telegraph: Civilair.

11 July 1966

The Deputy Secretary of Defence (Air),  
 Ministry of Defence,  
WELLINGTON.

... Attached is a copy of a letter received by the Minister of Civil Aviation from Miss J. Marlo concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

The letter has been formally acknowledged by the Minister and is referred to you for reply.

W. Lynd

(W. Lynd)  
 for Secretary for Civil Aviation

Attach. ✓

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355 Trafalgar Sq.,  
Nelson.  
30.6.66

The Minister for Aviation,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I am very interested in unidentified flying  
Objects, belonging to two organisations - one American  
and one Australian.

As I believe U.F.O.s to be extra-terrestrial I  
would be very pleased if you would inform me on the  
Governmental attitude to this subject. Is official  
investigation carried out by our Air Force (as in  
America) and do we have official views on 'flying  
saucers'.

Thanking you in advance,  
Janet Horro (Miss)  
(Marlo?)

~~Secretarial~~ for Civil Aviation  
Referred for draft reply, please

~~ADG~~ I think this should be  
referred to RORAC.  
S.A.C. Gen'l  
Di. Adams

MINISTER OF  
CIVIL AVIATION  
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Would you kindly refer  
this letter to Under Secy (Ops).

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14 January 1966

Mr Jean-Pierre Lussier,  
537 Decarie Street,  
Montreal 9,  
Quebec,  
CANADA

Dear Mr Jean-Pierre Lussier,

December 1965.

Thank you for your letter of

No agency has been established within the RNZAF to make studies of Unidentified Flying Object. reports.

The RNZAF has never stated any policy regarding the appearances of unidentified flying objects and has made no conclusions on the subject.

For your information a civilian group - Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society - publishes a quarterly review of reports and investigations. The address of this society is CSI (NZ), 1 Nissan Place, Onehunga, S.E.S, Auckland, New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,



(C.D. COLE)  
Flying Officer  
for Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations

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MINUTE NO:5/1966

To : D Ops

INFORMATION : UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Please see the attached letter from Mr Jean-Pierre Lussier.
2. Can you give an answer to his questions please.

*[Handwritten signature]*

(C.D. COLE)  
Fg Off  
PR2

11 JAN 66

OPS (P)H *[Handwritten initials]*

*Draft a suitable reply to attached letter psc.*

*W. Hamilton*  
*Wg Cdr*  
*DDOPS*

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*B* *Int. Sec.*

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*Attached is reply from your dispatch*

*W. Hamilton*  
*Wg Cdr*

12/1/66-

Montreal, December 13, 1965.

Public Information Office,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand.

Sir,  
I am very interested in UFOs. Could you indicate me if  
the RNZAF makes studies on UFO reports. Could you also send  
me the conclusions of the RNZAF about UFOs.

Thanking you,

*Jean-Pierre Lussier*

Jean-Pierre Lussier

537 Decarie St.  
Montreal 9  
Que.  
Canada

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537 Decarie Street,  
Montreal 9,  
Quebec,  
CANADA.

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Yours faithfully,

(J.A. SCRIMSHAW)  
Squadron Leader  
for Deputy Secretary of Defence (Air)



Ministry of Defence

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15/12/65

7th July, 1965.

Mr Francis S. Kendorski, 111,  
5212 Marlowe Street,  
Philadelphia, Penn. 19124,  
USA

Dear Mr Kendorski,


Thank you for your letter of June 25, 1965.

The New Zealand Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and a policy has not been warranted to date.

The public in New Zealand are provided with reports of sightings by individuals through the press. In almost every instance these reports appear in the newspapers before an investigation, if one is warranted, is made.

No Government agency has been set up, but a civilian group — Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society — publishes a quarterly review of reports and investigations. The address of this society is CSI (NZ), 1 Nissan Place, Onehunga, SE5, Auckland, New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.B. COLE)  
Flying Officer  
for Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations

5212 Marlowe Street  
Philadelphia, Penn. 19124  
U. S. A.  
June 25, 1965

Public Relations Office  
RNZAF Headquarters  
Wellington, New Zealand

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to the Public Relations office of the RNZAF in connection with my studies of Unidentified Flying Objects. Through my readings, I could not determine if the Royal New Zealand Air Force actively investigates and evaluates reports of UFO's or the so-called "flying saucers." I would greatly appreciate it if you could supply me with the findings and evaluations in general made by the RNZAF.

If you could supply me with the official stand of the RNZAF or agency that investigates or evaluates these reports in New Zealand and its dependencies I would be most appreciative.

Any related information that you could send me would be of the greatest interest.

Thank you very much,

*Francis S. Kendorski, III*  
Francis S. Kendorski, III

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Feb. 8-65

Victoria, B.C  
Canada

Wing Commander A. F. Tucker,  
R.N.3.A.F., Wellington.

Dear Sir:

In the Napier DAILY TELEGRAPH of Jan. 15-65 I notice that you consider the 'ice-crystal' explanation as 'the most likely explanation' in connexion with the sighting of mystery objects in the Tasman sky, 8.50 pm, Wednesday Jan. 13th, 1965, by an Electra crew.

I am, of course, confident that your knowledge of air matters is vastly superior to my own; but I am writing to point out, nevertheless, that ice-crystals were never seen flying in formation until about 1947; and that, on the other hand (for anyone who cares to peruse the literature) there is overwhelming evidence now available for the asking, that many of the mysterious sights in the skies are most probably contraptions from some other planet, manned or remote-controlled.

And if this is the case, it seems hardly worth while spending time and money 'investigating' this, since nothing we have so far invented can equal the performance of these objects, whatever they may be. Ever since the publication of the N.I.C.A.P. report in Washington DC, called THE UFO EVIDENCE (1536 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington 36 DC, USA, 1964), the public is beginning to realise that 'official' explanations that simply do not fit the facts, are inadequate; and therefore people are gradually asking for something more tangible. May I respectfully suggest that you look over Mr. A. Michel's last book (prefaced by Gen. Chassin of NATO), and this above-mentioned report by NICAP? I am sure that you will be surprised at the concrete evidence which they contain, and that you will be willing, like all educated and intellectually-curious people, to modify your views in the light of that evidence.

Please forgive my troubling you with this letter: it seemed desirable to voice my views because of what so many people are saying about this question.

Yours sincerely,

*P. M. H. Edwards*  
(Dr) P. M. H. Edwards

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8 February, 1965.

Wing Commander A.F. Tucker,  
Air Department,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I would like to make a report of an unusual sighting I made with 4 members of my family on 3 January 1965, at approx. 10.35 p.m. It was unusual because there really is no logical explanation for it. I have had some flying experience (only approx. 25 hours, 16 solo) and have always followed with great interest the advances in aircraft design and lately the interplanetary probes by the United States and Russia. I have observed the satellites that from time to time travel over our particular area, and have seen many falling stars (meteorites) but have not seen before and cannot tie in with the aircraft in operation today, or perhaps being experimented with, the explanation of a light descending down from the vicinity of the pointers of the Southern Cross straight towards us, and then doing what appeared to be a controlled turn to the northeast (all at quite a leisurely pace), leveling out, and stopping for approx. 8 seconds. It moved and stopped 3 times and then accelerated from the straight and level position straight up at a fantastic rate of climb, losing its intensity of light as it climbed. It was visible in its trip across the sky for 6 or 8 minutes and had the light intensity (when in the straight and level position) of a first magnitude star. The sky was clear of cloud and visibility excellent. There was no noise, and its height and distance from us I could not calculate.

I do not belong to any of these "Flying Saucer" organisations, nor do I intend to join one. But the moment that light stopped and hovered for 8 seconds I was bought and sold. If a logical scientific explanation for this sighting (other than "ice crystals") could be made to me, I could be "withdrawn from sale".

Hope this information will be of interest.

Yours faithfully.

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Commander A. F. Tucker  
R. N. Z. A. F.  
Wellington  
New Zealand

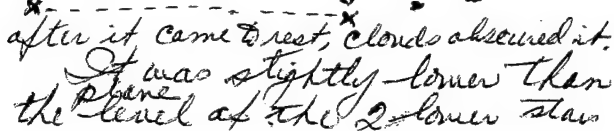
W. F. I.

Jan. 15, 1965

Dear Sir:

I hope I have addressed this letter to the correct department. It is to substantiate a report, and add to it about the morning "star" the other evening.

I was much relieved, and released from the razing of my family after having no success at making them believe what I know I saw that night, to read in the paper that I'm at least not the only goofy one. What I saw was a star to the left of the southern cross more in a straight line to the right - and stop, from here - to here:



after it came to rest, clouds obscured it. It was slightly lower than the level of the 2<sup>nd</sup> lower star

of that position of the southern  
cross. The odd thing is  
that I also saw some  
activity in the very early  
hours of Friday - Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
We were camping out and  
although it was cloudy - the  
sky would sometimes clear  
and show the stars brilliantly.  
I was in my sleeping bag &  
watching the effect when I  
saw a "star" moving. I  
have seen many satellites  
but realized it wasn't at the  
hours when it would be possible  
for one to pick up the sun's  
reflection. I decided it was  
probably a globe girdling high  
flying jet. and commented  
to myself that "when I  
see one stop - I'll begin to  
wonder."



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DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE, RNZAF

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I won't sign my name -  
as I am not trying to get  
my name in the paper -  
or do anything but give  
further support after what  
I read in "the Press" in  
the Christchurch paper, and  
tell you I too saw (from  
the beach at Goose Bay)  
what someone else saw  
from Grey Lynn - at  
10:30 on Wednesday.

Sincerely  
yours -

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

39/3/3

1st September, 1964.

Lower Hutt

Dear

I refer to your letter on the unidentified flying object that you and your sister saw over Nelson in June.


At present the matter is being investigated and an answer should be forthcoming shortly.

Yours faithfully,

(C.D. COLE)  
Flying Officer  
for Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations



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To : D Ops 

MINUTE NO:169/1964

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT


1. The letter below refers.
2. Could I please have your comments on this.



(C.D. COLE)  
Fg Off  
PR2

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OPS Did we have any "jets" in Nelson area on June 28<sup>th</sup> 1964, & if so what were they? doing?

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

39/3/3

3rd September, 1964.

Lower Hutt

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I refer to your letter of 3 August.

We have found your report very interesting, Investigations show that we did not have any Canberra aircraft flying in the area on the day you and your sister saw the object, 28 June. The only Canberra airborne on the 28th was a training aircraft flying between RNZAF Stations Ohakea, their base, and Whenuapai.

It is unfortunate no light can be shed on this observed phenomenon and we can only remain as mystified as you.

Yours faithfully,



(G.D. COLL.)  
Flying Officer  
for Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations

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UNCLAS AO246 SEP 0264 REF TELECON OPS 1 AND OCFW OHAKEA  
ON REPORTED FLYING OBJECT NELSON AREA 28 JUN 64 PD ONLY  
JET FLIGHT RECORDED THAT DAY (SUNDAY) WAS CANBERRA T13  
ON DIRECT OH-WP RETURN TRANSIT

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~~CPA~~

*[Handwritten initials]*

*this answers your query.*

2. I expect your reply on lines that:

- (a) we were very interested in report
- (b) we had no jets involved in the area & the only known flight on that date was the above
- (c) it was as unclassified as the is.

*BT*

*[Handwritten signature]*

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

39/3/3

5th August, 1964.

Mr John Laval,  
NICAP Member,  
7 Idlewild Lane,  
Matawan,  
New Jersey,  
U.S.A.

Copy to : Air Commodore A.S. Agar

Dear Sir,

Your letter of March 12, 1964, to the Air Attache, has been referred to me for action.

The New Zealand Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the appearances of unidentified flying objects. A policy on this subject has never been warranted.

The public in this country are provided with reports of sightings by individuals through the press. In almost every instance these reports appear in the newspaper before an investigation, if it is warranted, is made.

A Government agency to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects has never been established. However, a group of civilians have formed a Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society and publish a quarterly review on reports.

Yours faithfully,



(G. BENTLEY)  
Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations

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Wollington  
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Dear Dick,

I write to enquire about a plane I saw in the late afternoon, in Helson, on June 28th 1964.

I have as yet found no one who can tell me what that plane was. I hope that you will have some idea about it & that you will give me your honest opinion about it & not just try to put me off by some apparent explanation which is wholly unconvincing!

Well, to get on with the story, June 28th had been a dull wet day but <sup>late</sup> in the afternoon the rain stopped & the sun began to break through. The clouds were still hanging low.

I'm not definite about the exact time but remember between 3.30 p.m. & 4.45 p.m. (may even have been a little later) I suggested to my sister, a mature & sensible woman (like myself!) that we go for a stroll on to Cathedral Hill to have a look at the Cathedral, to see how their new building project was getting along. I suggested that we take our cameras just in case there was something interesting to snap. However we didn't actually take any snaps as we thought that the light was perhaps not good enough - when the sun did break through, there was too much contrast between light & shade to make a really satisfactory picture.

We walked round the Cathedral & were standing over-  
looking the Township when we heard the noise of

an approaching jet <sup>2.</sup> plane. We looked up to see something very different — the jet followed later.

The strange plane we saw was long, cylindrical, & slim. The nose & tail were neither blunt nor pointed but gently rounded. Although the tail end circumference seemed a little less than the nose end.

This plane had no wings & no bits & pieces of any kind on its tail end. It was absolutely smooth all over & no projections of ~~any~~ any kind.

It seemed to be a <sup>light</sup> grey in colour & shone all over like a new & highly polished car — beautifully smooth & glossy all over.

It seemed to have 5 or 6 port holes, oval in shape I think, towards the front end only as far as I could see.

This plane was flying low under the clouds, sauntering through the haze in a very leisurely fashion. We must have been looking at it & discussing it for at least five minutes.

Whether it was noisy or silent or loud is not very certain because of the noise of the jet which obviously came to ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> least on this probably unannounced visit for the jet didn't actually catch up with this strange plane but came so far & then turned back as if to trail. My sister said she thought the jet was a benben — it was much lighter in colour with a small finish.

How tall me faintly rattles strange plane something belonging to this earth or was it a spare ship from another planet? It looked friendly enough!

Would like to see it again! Our only regret is that we didn't attempt to take a photo but we were not interested in it that we didn't even think of our cameras. We thought it was a new plane being flown over for our inspection & was fully expected to see a mention in the papers but not a word!

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Key parties did say to me, though, when the jet flew up, ~~we~~ had a look & then turned back as it banked "It looks as if that jet Canberra has been sent to look on that plane!"

All very mysterious but somebody in the air force - the pilot in that jet at least, knows probably even more than we do about that plane so don't try to put us off. Would like to know what news came, and don't treat it as a joke as my brother-in-law did for news with mature women with our feet well planted on this earth & we know what news came. It wasn't just a flash across the sky as any new military planes usually are when they fly across the sky to let us Wallingtonians have a look-see. No, as I said before, it was flying leisurely across the sky almost as if it wanted to have a good look at it.

Hope I haven't taken up too much of your time with my rambling descriptions. Hoping for your honest answer soon.

Sincerely yours

(Miss) <sup>5</sup> By the plane file: any jet knowledge in the subject has been undertaken in my time and

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NEW ZEALAND JOINT SERVICES MISSION

2019 R ST. N. W.

WASHINGTON D. C. 20009

TELEPHONE  
332-4041

REFERENCE...JSM-1/10/4

17 July, 1964

Air Department,  
Wellington, N.Z.

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a letter received from Mr. J. Laval of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) which is self-explanatory. It would be appreciated if a reply could be made, direct or via this Mission, to Mr. Laval who has been advised that his letter has been sent on to you.

*A.S. Agar*

A.S. AGAR  
Air Commodore  
Head, N.Z. Joint Services Mission.

enc. cy ltr dtd Mar 12, 1964

*A.*

*P.K.*

*Would you please answer this letter. I think you can refer to our previous letter to MR LAVAL - & give the same answer. (as a copy)*

*4/8. [Signature]*

*4-11 h.*

1/10/64

7 Idlewild Lane  
Matawan, New Jersey  
March 12, 1964

The Air Attache  
Embassy of New Zealand  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the National Investigations  
Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Headquarters,  
Washington, D.C., and would greatly appreciate your  
answering the following questions:

What is the present situation in New Zealand  
regarding unidentified flying objects and, also, the  
New Zealand Government policy on same?

Does the New Zealand Government inform its  
public of all the facts concerning UFO reports, in-  
cluding those made by the military?

Which governmental agency in New Zealand  
is responsible for the investigation and evaluation of  
UFO reports, and what are the conclusions, if any, of  
that agency as to the nature and source of these ob-  
jects?

What are the dates and results of any of-  
ficial investigations made of any recent UFO sightings  
in New Zealand?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Laval  
NICAP Member

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MAR 15 1964  
U.S. AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

6 March 1963

Secretary for External Affairs

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. In reply to your P.M. 63/3/6 dated 13 February 1963 this correspondent should be advised that the New Zealand Government has never stated an official or unofficial policy regarding the appearances of unidentified flying objects. A policy on this subject has never been warranted.
2. The public in this country are provided with reports of sightings by individuals through the press. In almost every instance these reports appear in the newspaper before an investigation, if it is warranted, is made.
3. A Government agency to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects has never been established. However a group of civilians have formed a Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) Society and publish a quarterly review on reports.

*A. J. Bentley*  
for Air Secretary *Sgt. Loh*



Air Department,  
WELLINGTON.

ATTENTION PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

P.M. 63/3/6. We should be grateful for your assistance in this matter please.

The Secretary of External Affairs,

WELLINGTON.

*FBW Walker*  
Secretary of External Affairs  
13.2.63

JW

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31 January 1963

POLICY CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr John Laval of Matawan, New Jersey who is interested in the policy of the New Zealand Government concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO). As we have no information on this subject, it would be appreciated if this letter could be forwarded to the appropriate authorities in order that we might answer Mr Laval's request.

Ambassador

*ccas*

*To enable a reply to be drafted in this office, may I pls be given the answers to the correspondent's points*



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*Handley*  
*Equator*  
*S.P.R.*

19-2-63

The Embassy of New Zealand  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate very much your answers to the following questions:

1. What is the official New Zealand policy concerning unidentified flying objects?
2. Does the New Zealand Government inform the public of all the facts concerning UFO reports and military sightings?
3. Which government agency in New Zealand handles UFO reports and what are the responsibilities of this agency as to the nature of these reports?

Sincerely yours,

24 August 1962

Mr. Michael Balter,  
110 Yarmouth Road,  
Chestnut Hill, 67,  
Massachusetts,  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 3 August, 1962, in which you enquire concerning investigation of unidentified flying objects.

General investigations have been made regarding a number of reports since 1956. There are no actual investigations being made at the present moment but as reports are received, if the report warrants investigation, such investigation is made.

To date, no official statement regarding UFO reports has been considered, warranted and there is little if any reason for keeping such information secret. In most cases in New Zealand, UFO reports have first appeared in the pages of the Press and have been fully aired in public.

There is an organisation in New Zealand which includes among its members a member of the RNZAF acting in a private capacity. He is Sergeant H.H. Fulton who may be reached c/- RNZAF Station, Ohakea. The organisation is known as the Civilian Flying Saucer Investigation Society.

Yours faithfully,



*(Signature)*  
(F.J.W. MORGAN W/O)  
for Squadron Leader  
Director of Public Relations



August 3, 1962

Department of the Air Force  
Wellington, New Zealand

Dear sirs:

Recently I wrote to the Embassy of New Zealand in the United States and asked about the investigation of unidentified flying objects there. Since they could supply me with no information, I am directing my questions to you. Your answers will be greatly appreciated.

1. Has the government ever investigated reports of UFO's?
2. If so, when did it start?
3. Is the investigation still in operation?
4. If not, why was it disbanded?
5. What does the government consider the UFO's to be?
6. Does the government release information on UFO's to the public?
7. If not, why?
8. Is there any way for me to get hold of military UFO reports?
9. If not, can you refer me to private UFO ~~organ~~ organizations in New Zealand?

Thank you,

Michael Balter  
110. Yamouth Rd.  
Chestnut Hill 67,  
Massachusetts, U.S.

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DRR  
How should we handle this one?  
M. J. P.

DRR  
Para 1: Yes general investigations have been made on some reports only since 1954  
Para 2: One record show  
Para 3: Only 1 report was made  
Para 4: There were no special organization to investigate report.  
Para 5: No official statement has been issued  
Para 6: No info usually under the reports on the authorities in public know all about them - all there is to know anyway.  
Para 7: No attempt at secrecy at all  
Para 8: No special military organization  
Para 9: Can you find them on the list of at Wilmington or at...  
S. J. P.  
12/25/CAS  
21/8/62

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NEW ZEALAND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE  
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

to: The Director  
The Director of Intelligence, RNZAF Headquarters, WELLINGTON  
date: 11 October 1961 Our Ref. Met: 33/18/28 Your Ref.  
subject: Unidentified Object, Funafuti

... Further to our memorandum of 27 July, we enclose a copy of a reply from our Officer in Charge to our query.

*Robertson*  
for DIRECTOR

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NEW ZEALAND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

N. Z. Met. S.

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TUNAPETI.

To: THE DIRECTOR.

Date: 12 September, 1961      Our Ref. FU 19/1      Your Ref. MET 33/18/28 of 27.7.61.

Subject: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

In reply to your memo of above reference, I would advise that the object was picked up on the Radar while the aerials were being elevated prior to releasing the 1100 balloon. Some 5 minutes elapsed before readings commenced on the object, due mainly to a check being made to see that the balloon had not been released ahead of time! Also to check that the signal was not an echo from a shower or Cb head.

Observations on the object ceased after 36 minutes due to low elevations. By this time the object was down to about 10' and the line of coconut trees on the coastal ridge interfered with the signal to such an extent that it was impossible to identify it amongst the "grass".

*met S*

*M.A. Rapson*  
(M.A. Rapson)  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

NEW ZEALAND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE  
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

39/3/3.

Met. 227

to: The Director

The Director of Intelligence, RNZAF Headquarters, WELLINGTON

on: 27 July 1961 Our Ref. Met: 33/18/28 Your Ref.

subject: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

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... We enclose a copy of a report from our Officer-in-Charge  
... at Funafuti, together with copies of the actual observations.  
You will find these self-explanatory.

We have written to Funafuti asking how the echo was first obtained and why observations were discontinued, but we feel fairly confident that it was pure coincidence that it was obtained when they were tuning the set for the balloon flight. No doubt, the flight was discontinued after 36 minutes because the routine sounding due at 1100 hours GMT was being unduly delayed.

Encs.

*W. A. Bannister*  
DIRECTOR

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NEW ZEALAND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE  
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, FUNAFUTI.  
To: THE DIRECTOR.  
Date: 24 May, 1961 Our Ref. FU 9/2 Your Ref.  
Subject: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

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(H.A. Napson)  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

# RADAR WIND COMPUTATION FORM

Met

STATION \_\_\_\_\_ SOUNDING No. \_\_\_\_\_ STANDARD TIME OF OBSERVATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. \_\_\_\_\_ ft YEAR MONTH DATE TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
 AZIMUTH CHECK: ACTUAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 READING BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_ ° AFTER SOUNDING \_\_\_\_\_ ° ACTUAL TIME OF RELEASE \_\_\_\_\_ G.

Time min.	Azimuth deg.	Elevation deg.	Elevation (Adj.) deg.	Range Slant 1,000 yd	Range (Horiz) 1,000 ft	Height Above Sea 1,000 ft	Mean Ht Layer A.M.S.L. 1,000 ft	Wind		Standard and Significant Level Data						PILC		
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# RADAR WIND COMPUTATION FORM

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STATION FUNIFUN      SOUNDING No: 577      STANDARD TIME OF OBSERVATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 16 ft      YEAR MONTH DATE TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIMUTH CHECK: ACTUAL 307.0 °      1961 01 01 00 G.M.T.  
 HEADING BEFORE 307.0 ° AFTER SOUNDING 307.0 °      ACTUAL TIME OF RELEASE 05 14 G.M.T.

Azimuth deg.	Elevation deg.	Elevation (Adj.) deg.	Range Slant 1,000 yd	Range (Horiz.) 1,000 ft	Height Above Sta 1,000 ft	Mean Hr Layer A.M.S.L. 1,000 ft	Wind		Standard and Significant Level Data				PILOT		
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 HEIGHT MONTH DATE TIME  
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25 January 1961

DANNEVILLE.

Dear Sir,

Your letters of the 9th and 14th November 1960 regarding the sighting of a "vapour trail" over Hawke's Bay, were referred by RNZAF Station Ohakea to this department and I wish to advise you that the observations made by you have been closely studied.

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I understand that the Commanding Officer at Ohakea has already confirmed with you that there were no RNZAF jet aircraft operating in the area at the time and I would also like to point out that the speeds quoted by you in your observations are well in excess of the capabilities of any known aircraft. Ohakea is the only RNZAF station in the lower half of the North Island, and is also the only base in New Zealand from which we normally operate our jet aircraft.

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Yours faithfully,

*R.R. Carter*  
(R.R. CARTER) Gen Ldr  
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Air Secretary

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AIR DEPARTMENT,  
WELLINGTON C. I."



In reply refer to

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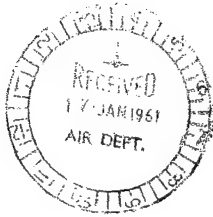
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9 January, 1961.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 3 January. The Hon. Mr Gerard is also Minister of Forests and no doubt you will be hearing from him shortly regarding your previous representations.

I have been very interested in what you say about the object which was sighted over Dannevirke recently and am having some enquiry made regarding it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) K. J. HOLYOAKE

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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was the fastest ever seen, viz - 2 minutes from our  
Remains to our East coast, on a straight course  
& in absolute silence, at approx 12000 feet or more altitude  
and at approx (Modest) estimate 4000 to 4500 miles an hour; and  
do you know this district well, you know what this  
means! I do think this is something you should  
know about, and also the Hon Ministers for Air,  
and for Defence; and that it should not be pre-  
-hold in the Dept concerned; as may have happened;  
and as we live in strange & dangerous times!  
Any information on my sighting, shared by at  
least a dozen others, & most alerted by me, will,  
if desired, be held in strict confidence, & as for  
public security; (I have worked for Army Intelligence)  
- on Active Service for a while! <sup>1914-18</sup>  
But I think I should receive some reply from  
the Air Dept; <sup>other</sup> the courteous one from the  
group-Captain <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Shabca</sup>! And I certainly think  
the Govt should be made aware of the occurrence!  
as I am sure you'll agree;

So with kind regards

Yours Sincerely,

P.S. Mr Adamski's "fairly takes out no ice" with me,  
than or others like him; but, as an amateur astronomer  
& space observer, I have accumulated a lot of written  
on UFO's and "FS's" over some 30 years, which is  
at the disposal of the Nat Govt, should it be needed  
at any time; & some of it is already in the hands  
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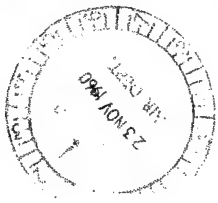
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ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE

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FROM : RNZAF Station Ohakea  
TO : Air Department Wellington  
DATE: : 21 November 1960  
REF. : OH 3/1/1/AIR



PUBLIC RELATIONS -

1. Attached are two letters received by this Station from . . . . . of Dannevirke.
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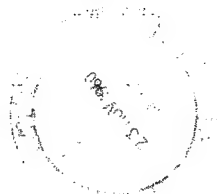
*D.R. Smith*

(D.R. SMITH Eg. Off.)  
for Group Captain, Commanding  
RNZAF Station Ohakea.

ENCL: ✓


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24/11/1960 *[Signature]* Initials

: RNZAF Station Ohakea  
: Air Department Wellington  
: 21 November 1960  
: OH 3/1/1/AIR



PUBLIC RELATIONS -

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(D.R. SMITH Fg. Off.)  
for Group Captain, Commanding  
RNZAF Station Ohakea.

ENCL:



I am on a W.O. of 1914-18, and am connected  
with several Special Research Bodies, also W.F.O. study,  
and I am extremely obliged, Sir, if you could  
- give us a clue, - ~~and~~ especially - as a brilliant  
W.F.O. was recently sent over the manuscript from  
here, by 5 people separately, including self!  
Thanking you & with my Regards,  
Sincerely yours

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O.C. Fijig.

The Officer Commanding. Now 14<sup>th</sup> 1960,  
R.N.Z.A.F. Base, Ohakea.

Dear Sir

Dunedin

There was one circumstance about our recent  
UFO Sighting here, that I think I did  
not mention in my letter to you, and it  
may be of importance, - as I have noted it in other  
UFO sightings, even at a lower altitude. The  
whole show was absolutely silent from start  
to finish, in contrast to the roar & whistles  
of jets, - as we have studied these, even  
when pretty high. I was speaking to a friend  
who did see this one, but saw three UFO's  
which passed Woodville on a North course, at  
night, some time ago. And he said the speed  
of these was equally amazing, though they only  
appeared as twinkling lights. Another thing about  
this latest was, there were no colour flashes or  
changes visible at points, - and not any magnetic  
feeling, nor mind flashes, noted before. (I am a  
water & metal Diviner for farmers, etc. and feel these  
when UFO's are about.) Discussing such al-  
ternative possibilities as an intercontinental  
rocket, - or very fast jets - from Australia,  
- (I am told they have an American U2 "spy" plane,  
& others there) - The rocket could only come from  
Europe or North America, I take it, and so

would be on a more-or-less horizontal - South course  
and not west to east; - as here: (We know - USA's  
rockets have been fired into the Pacific lately!)  
If the long range rocket were fired from Woomera,  
Australia, it also could not cut straight across  
Hawke's Bay, - as Woomera is roughly level with  
NZ's north cape, or even further north above NZ! How  
would you agree with me that ruled-out  
a rocket, except from a Russian Super-Submarine?  
- or possibly a USA one? (I am very interested in  
- all possibilities, having once worked with an  
- Army Intelligence Officer of the Wellington Regt.  
in 1914-18!) You will know better than I if  
- an Intercontinental, - or other long range rocket,  
follows such a flat, straight course, trailing  
a 30-50 miles wake of white vapour, or smoke?  
- And you will also know if a fast Australian  
jet would do this, without a sound, in  
either case? If your answer, Sir, is No! Why,  
then we cannot rule-out in this case, an  
interplanetary space-ship of terrific speed & power,  
such as I personally am satisfied do exist, and  
patrol this system's space, - and probably further  
thence from 50 years' observation - as an astronomer  
& scientist, - and study, often telescopic, of many  
UFO's! In which airforce officers of wide experience

British, American, and Australians, <sup>and</sup> confirm by their own sightings! The "Evening News" cit<sup>d</sup> an Okatua Officer, in its report, as stating that this VFO "must have been very much <sup>above</sup> 10,000 ft. to be invisible to the eye" and "at such an altitude no vapour is trailed"! Don't this argue for a strange and unusual type of propulsion, and Vapour of an unknown type: - And - or, a very thin and clender craft, - or an invisible - one at any height?

(See Air Ace Chickster's experience over the Taranaki, & that of Major Kehoe & other American Air-Intelligen Officers, who similarly saw VFO's "fade out", and become invisible to eye, & then reappear again!) I myself have seen this take place, through a 5" scope - and am convinced these chaps can atomise or otherwise - at will, probably by slowing or quickening <sup>molecular</sup> vibration in their craft! I have always found the Airforce most helpful & courteous, and I would <sup>welcome</sup> your views on these "possibilities" or "probabilities" "Amazing" - as they are! And as applied by the Okatua Officer to this particular one! The "Evening News" and I look forward to your replies to me, in elucidating the present sighting, evidently not one of your Command! Is there an RNZAF Base, with very fast jets, in Taranaki, by the way? Thanking you,  
Sincerely yours.

13 You will know the theory that  
such UFO's carry their own Magnet  
field around and hence  
no atmosphere friction & noise

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N.Z. ARMED SERVICES  
COMBINED  
MESSAGE FORM

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INFO			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <u>UNCLAS</u>
			ORIGINATORS NUMBER <u>Ad. 124</u>

Your Ad 336. UFO REPORT 1. WX OFFICE  
 REGRETS REPORT OF NO USE AS IT LACKS  
 DATE AND TIME. THIS INFORMATION ESSENTIAL:  
 COMPLETE REBRTS WELCOMED BY WX OFFIC.  
 ON BEHALF DOMINION PHYSICAL LABORATORY  
 2. SIGHTING WAS PROBABLY US SATELITE ELHO  
 NOW IN ORBIT OTHERWISE NO EXPLANATION CAN BE  
 OFFERED.

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24. August 1959


Takaka,  
NELSON

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 July 1959 regarding the phenomenon which you and your family observed. The matter is being investigated confidentially.

I wish to apologise for the delay in answering your letter, but this was occasioned through my absence due to influenza.

Yours faithfully,

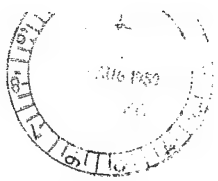
  
(J. R. McCORMACK, Sqn. Ldr.)  
for Air Secretary

No. 2
25 AUG 1959
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24/8/1959 DDZ Initials

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Takaka, Nelson



31st July, 1959.

The Officer Commanding,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force,  
WELLINGTON.

Sir,

It is with some diffidence that I make the following report to you. Before doing so I wish to state that I do not want any publicity in any form.

Last night at 9.40pm my wife, two children and I saw to the south a "Star" swinging in the air. We watched it till 10.30pm when it sailed in a direct line out of sight.

Unfortunately the only trained observer I could ring up, Squadron Leader Hayter was not at home. My report is thus subject to error due to lack of special skill. I will however say that I owned a boat for ten years on Waiheke Island, and am accustomed to sailing at night by navigation lights. The "Star" behaved in a very unstar like manner.

When the star was observed through field glasses a clear oval form could be seen. The planes of the ellipse changed often as did the strength of the light and its colour. At no time did the "Star" come close. It might have been anything from three miles distance to infinity.

Again I will say that I want the matter kept confidential.

Yours faithfully,

*D. D. H.*

*Res. investigate*

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W/CA.*

*Not a planet. etc.*

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MINUTE NC.190

TO: Director of <sup>Intelligence</sup>

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Attached for your retention is a signal NPAK 3 of 29 1600H received from Auckland, concerning an unidentified light sighted by P.A.A. Clipper 012 on its flight from Auckland to Mandi on 28 September 1958.

*A.H. Milestone*  
(A.H. Milestone)  
Squadron Leader

DDATC (Ops)

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RCO NFAA

FOLLOWING MSGE WAS RECEIVED FROM PAA C012 AT 281655Z NFFF/NSSS QSL. *(Slipper 012 Jc4)*

QUOTE LARGE WHITE LIGHT ON HEADING SW/NE DESCENDING TO THE EARTH'S SURFACE AT AN ANGLE OF 60 DEGREES. HAD A LONG TAIL OF REDDISH ORANGE FLAME . APPEARED TO BURN OUT AT APPROX 50000 FT. POSITION OF LIGHT DIRECTLY AHEAD OF AIRCRAFT NOSE. OBSERVED AT 45 UNQUOTE.

C012 ON FLT NFAE/NFFF DEP 281210Z APPROX 24S 177E FLT LEVEL 8500. *Wanochi Nandi*

AT TIME OF OBSERVATION.

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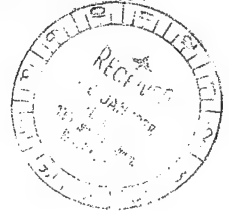
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3101 CLEVELAND AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

TELEPHONE  
FEDERAL 7-3440

OUR REFERENCE JSM 1/10/18

10 December 1957



MEMORANDUM for:

Air Department,  
Wellington, New Zealand

Attention: C.A.S.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded herewith is Press release covering the results of 10 years investigation and evaluation of unidentified flying objects by the United States Air Force. In this report the Air Force states that no evidence has been discovered to confirm the existence of so-called Flying Saucers.

A further copy of this report is being sought and will be sent to D.S.I.R. who have expressed interest in such findings.

T.F. GILL, Air Commodore  
Head, N.Z. Joint Staff Mission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
Washington 25, D. C.

FACT SHEET

NOVEMBER 5, 1957

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**AIR FORCE'S 10 YEAR**  
**STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**

In response to queries as to results of previous investigation of Unidentified Flying Object reports, the Air Force said today that after 10 years of investigation and evaluation of UFO's, no evidence has been discovered to confirm the existence of so-called "Flying Saucers."

Reporting, investigation, analysis and evaluation procedures have improved considerably since the first sighting of a "flying saucer" was made on 27 June 1947. The study and analysis of reported sightings of UFO's is conducted by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Professor of Astrophysics and Astronomy at Ohio State University, is the Chief Scientific Consultant to the Air Force on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The selected, qualified scientists, engineers, and other personnel involved in these analyses are completely objective and open minded on the subject of "flying saucers." They apply scientific methods of examination to all cases in reaching their conclusions. The attempted identification of the phenomenon observed is generally derived from human impressions and interpretations and not from scientific devices or measurements. The data in the sightings reported are almost invariably subjective in nature. However, no report is considered unsuitable for study and categorization and no lack of valid evidence of physical matter in the case studies is assumed to be "prima facie" evidence that so-called "flying saucers" or interplanetary vehicles do not exist.

General categories of identification are balloons, aircraft, astronomical, other, insufficient data and unknowns.

Approximately 4,000 balloons are released in the U. S. every day. There are two general types of balloons: weather balloons and upper-air research balloons. Balloons will vary from small types 4 feet in diameter to large types 200 feet in diameter. The majority released at night carry running lights which often contribute to weird or unusual appearances when observed at night. This also holds true when observed near dawn or sunset because of the effect of the slant rays of the sun upon the balloon surfaces. The large balloons, if caught in jet streams, may assume a near horizontal position when partially inflated, and move with speeds of over 200 MPH. Large types may be observed flattened on top. The effect of the latter two conditions can be startling even to experienced pilots.

MORE

Many modern aircraft, particularly swept and delta wing types, under adverse weather and sighting conditions are reported as unusual objects and "flying saucers." When observed at high altitudes, reflecting sunlight off their surfaces, or when only the jet exhausts are visible at night, aircraft can have appearances ranging from disc to rocket in shape. Single jet bombers having multi-jet pods under their swept-back wings have been reported as UFOs or "saucers" in "V" formation. Vapor trails will often appear to glow with fiery red or orange streaks when reflecting sunlight. After-burners are frequently reported as UFOs.

The astronomical category includes bright stars, planets, meteors, comets, and other celestial bodies. When observed through haze, light fog, or moving clouds, the planets Venus, Mars, and Jupiter have often been reported as unconventional, moving objects. Attempts to observe astronomical bodies through hand-held binoculars under adverse sky conditions has been a source of many UFO reports.

The "other" category includes reflections, searchlights, birds, kites, blimps, clouds, sun-dogs, spurious radar indications, hoaxes, firework displays, flares, fireballs, ice crystals, bolides, etc., as examples: Large Canadian geese flying low over a city at night, with street lights reflecting off their bodies; searchlights playing on scattered clouds, appearing as moving disc-like shapes.

The insufficient data category include all sightings where essential or pertinent items of information are missing, making it impossible to form a valid conclusion. These include description of the size, shape or color of the object; direction and altitude; exact time and location; wind weather conditions, etc. This category is not used as a convenient way to get rid of what might be referred to as "unknowns". However, if the data received is insufficient or unrelated, the analysts must then place that particular report in this category. The Air Force needs complete information to reach a valid conclusion. Air Force officials stressed the fact that an observer should send a complete report of a bona fide sighting to the nearest Air Force activity. There the report will be promptly forwarded to the proper office for analysis and evaluation.

A sighting is considered an "unknown" when a report contains all pertinent data necessary to normally suggest at least one valid hypothesis on the cause or explanation of the sighting but when the description of the object and its maneuvers cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomenon. In its Project Blue Book Special Report #14, released in October, 1955, the Air Force showed that evaluated sightings in the "unknown" category had been reduced to 3% at that time.

Previously "unknown" sightings had been 9% in 1953 and 1954 and in the previous years "flying saucer" sightings had run as high as 20% "unknowns." Project Blue Book Special Report #14, covered "flying saucer" investigations from June 1947 to May 1955. Latest Air Force statistics show the number of unknowns has since been reduced to less than 2%.

The following table presents the results of the evaluation of all reports received by the Air Force from the time that Project Blue Book, Special Report #14 was completed through June 1957. The table gives the percentage of all the reports received by the Air Force during each time period.

	1955 June thru December	1956	1957 January thru June
Balloons	27.4%	26.0%	26.4%
Aircraft	29.3%	24.6%	28.8%
Astronomical	20.1%	26.3%	24.4%
Other (Hoax, searchlight, birds, etc)	12.3%	6.8%	6.4%
Insufficient Information	8.8%	14.1%	12.1%
Unknown	2.1%	2.2%	(1.9%)
TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS	273	778	250

Air Force conclusions for the ten years of UFO sightings involving approximately 5,700 reports were: first, there is no evidence that the "unknowns" were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that these "unknowns" were interplanetary space ships; third, there is no evidence that these unknowns represented technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge; fourth, there is no evidence that these "unknowns" were a threat to the security of the country; and finally there was no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment, of a so-called "flying saucer" was ever found.

The Air Force emphasized the belief that if more immediate detailed objective observational data could have been obtained on the "unknowns" these too would have been satisfactorily explained.

A critical examination of the reports revealed that a high percentage of them were submitted by serious people, mystified by what they had seen and motivated by patriotic responsibility.

Reports of UFOs have aroused much interest on this subject throughout the country and a number of civilian clubs, committees and organizations have been formed to study or investigate air phenomena. These private organizations are not governmental agencies and do not reflect official opinion with respect to their theories or beliefs based upon observed phenomena or illusions.

No books, motion pictures, pamphlets, or other informational material on the subject of unidentified flying objects have been cleared, sponsored, or otherwise coordinated by the U. S. Air Force, with the exception of the official press releases issued by Headquarters, USAF, in Washington.

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defense of the United States, will continue to investigate, through the Air Defense Command, all reports of unusual aerial objects over the U.S., including objects that may become labeled Unidentified Flying Objects. The services of qualified scientists and technicians will continue to be utilized to investigate and analyze these reports, and periodic public statements will be made as warranted.

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### Did You See This?

Although he has many flying hours to his credit and is one of the pioneers of private flying in Canterbury, Mr F. Sharman has never seen an object in the air such as he observed last night.

Mr Sharman's attention was first drawn to a peculiar shaped light in the sky. This was like a horseshoe with the ends pointing to the south, and stationed over South Brighton.

As he watched, he noticed a doughnut-shaped object with crinkly edges, passing through the arms of the horseshoe. He watched this object come through a number of times and it seemed as though it was flying round in circles.

From his experience, Mr Sharman estimated that the object was no higher than 300 to 500ft in the air, but during his half hour's observation, he could find no explanation for it.

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### Another Account Of Bright Object In Southern Sky

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#### ROTORUA POST

A flying object which changed colours from pale lemon through a range to blood red was seen by Janet King, of Elizabeth Street and 11 other people in the street between 8.40 and 9.20 on Saturday night. This apparently is the same object that was reported from Lake Rotoiti and Whitfield Road yesterday.

The object, Janet said, lay due south from Rotorua and looked like a very bright light. It was about 30 degrees up in the sky.

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It seemed to blink and it moved with each blink. While it moved, it did not go out of a certain field in that quarter of the sky.

One of the strangest things about the light was that it was strong enough to shine through light cloud. The object appeared to be about the size of Venus.

After its display, the object faded out.

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SOUTHLAND NEWS

# Strange, flying light seen in lonely valley near Milford

Two men who saw a strange flying light over a lonely stretch of the Eginton Valley late on Wednesday night say that it was both propelled and controlled.

Mr E. R. Robinson, a patrol officer for the Automobile Association (Southland) said today he was driving down the valley in a van with Mr L. Israelson, a cook from the Milford hostel, when the light first appeared.

"It came round the shoulder of a hill and flew directly towards us. Then, as though it saw the headlights of the van, it stopped, hovered and then made off over the hill towards the coast.

"We climbed back into the van and were about to drive off when we saw it again. After we had watched it for some time it moved off at terrific speed, climbing at an angle of about 45 degrees over the hills. We watched it altogether for between five and eight minutes."

Mr Robinson is definite on two particular points: The object was no ordinary aircraft and it was no star or trick of the weather.

"The experts won't talk me into that," he said.

He described the object as being like a big, flaming Tilley Lamp. He and his companion estimated its height at about 500 feet. They made this estimate by judging the objects' height in comparison with the height of the nearby hills.

"It was definitely down in the valley below the height of the hills. It did not make a sound but there was a haze on the top of the trees where its light shone."

The two men were about 31 miles on the Milford side of The Anau when the object appeared. The time was 11.20 p.m. and the night was dark and cloudy.

"I don't mind admitting I wasn't feeling too happy when it was heading straight towards us," said Mr Robinson.

Asked why he considered it was both propelled and controlled, he said that it moved in two directions while they were watching and climbed away at quite a steep angle.

"Before Wednesday night Mr Israelson didn't believe in these spaceship and flying saucer stories. But now... well he's not so sure," said Mr Robinson.

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Air: 39/3/3 S.E.O.(K)

Air Department,  
Private Bag,  
WELLINGTON.

17 September 1957

Mr. J.G. Sands,  
Civil Aviation Administration,  
Regional Office,  
WELLINGTON.

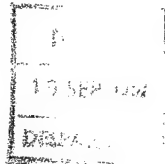
Dear Mr. Sands,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September reporting the unidentified flying object which you witnessed at 5 a.m. this morning.

Without any further detailed information it is a little difficult to investigate this matter, but we will certainly arrange to eliminate all the normal possibilities. If anything of interest is discovered, I shall let you know.

Yours sincerely,

(F.T. Young)



*FEO*

*To thank you. You might care to discuss with Dept of*

*cannot discuss anything further on this matter*

*FEO*

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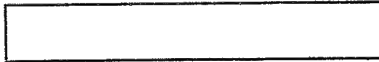
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*S.O. 1/1*

UNCLAS AO 628

REF YOUR AO 199 NO A/C BASED THIS STATION WERE OPERATING NEAR  
COROMANDEL PENINSULA SUNDAY 5 MAY 1957.

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ROUTINE

*S. S. Harris*

UNCLAS AO 246

YOUR AO 199 14 AUG.

OUR RECORDS SHOW NO STATION A/C FLYING 5 MAR 57

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Mr H.H. Fulton,  
Dominion President,  
Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ),  
P.O. Box 72,  
Onghunga,  
AUCKLAND S.E. 5.

26 August, 1957

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 3 August 1957, in which you request details of a reported sighting of an "unidentified flying object" at Ohakea on 17 or 18 June last, is acknowledged.

I have to advise that the only unusual radar indication on the dates you mention was of an apparently almost stationary object. This was due to a radar reflector descending from a burst meteorological balloon becoming temporarily retarded in its descent upon reaching a temperature inversion layer.

Yours faithfully,



✓ Air Secretary



11th September, 1957

The Director,  
Carter Observatory,  
WELLINGTON.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 12th August and the enclosed report concerning an unidentified object - sighted off Cape Colville on 5th May, 1957, by a
2. The report would appear to be a faithful description of what was seen, however, there are discrepancies. As to the nature of the object sighted I can offer no explanation. It is impossible to say from this one report which was submitted some three months or more after the event. The lateness of the report has prevented a one hundred per cent check of aircraft movements on that date.
3. The covering letter of  
to you as requested.

is herewith returned

*HWS*  
(H.W. SHILTON Sqn. Ldr)  
for Wing Commander  
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

Encl: 1

FILE ALL BELOW  
30/10/57 D.S. initials

Memo to Mr Fred Young,  
Office of the DCA.

Report on unidentified flying object.

Dear Mr Young.

I have been advised by Central Registry to send to you my report, as below, on a rather strange sight I saw in the sky this morning, that you will forward it to the correct person for inclusion in file 39/3/3. My report is as follows.

I awoke just before 0500 hrs this morning, having gone to bed early last night. I lit a cigarette & was lying in bed on my back, my gaze being directed out of the window opposite me.

Suddenly, from the left, appeared a red light, travelling from left to right (see diagram at end of report). I at once knew it was the navigation light of an aircraft, then realised that, if it had been, the red light is on the port side & for an aircraft & that if it were an aircraft I would have seen a green light.

The light was red, not unobtrusively, & had an orange content: it was somewhat the same colour as a cigarette glow, if I saw such a light. It twinkled slightly, but not in the way of an aircraft, "winking".



HEAD OFFICE:  
 CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
 AIR DEPARTMENT  
 PRIVATE BAG  
 WELLINGTON, C. <sup>light</sup>

If it had been an aircraft, I would have judged the aircraft to have been at about 2000 feet & travelling quite slowly - about 110 knots or 120 mph. - somewhat the speed one would have expected a Dakota to be travelling.

The direction of travel was approximately from North to South.

I listened for any noise. It was a still morning, I was wide awake, & there was no noise whatever.

The light was not the reflection of my cigarette in the window, as the light I saw was at the top of the window, which was wide open; nor was I moving my cigarette.

The light & the way it was travelling gave me the impression that it was something "dawdling along" on a definite course. It was certainly not a meteor whizzing across the sky in one swift streak.

The diagram of the house in which I gave my statement, the position of my bed, the window, etc. is attached in a separate sheet.

I. G. Sands.

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AIR DEPARTMENT

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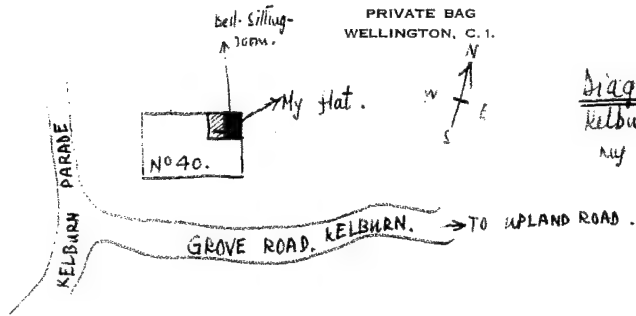
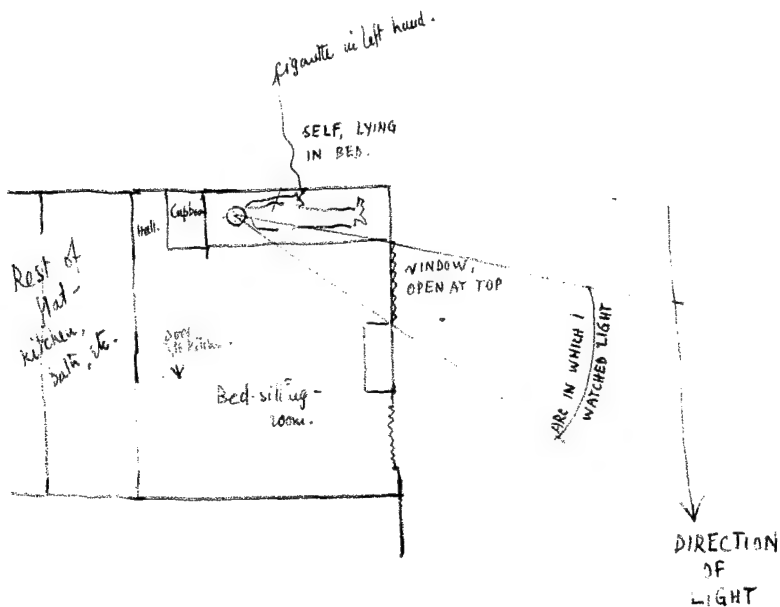


Diagram 1: No. 40, Grove Road Kelburn, at the back of which my Hat.

Diagram 2. My bed-sitting-room position of window + bed, + dice light travelled.



Notes 1. I have put North as far as I know it approximately. I think it's wrong.  
2. I did not see light pass 2nd window, owing to window to outside being...

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REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER ANY  
AIRCRAFT BASED YOUR STATION WERE  
OPERATING NEAR CAPE COLVILLE  
COROMANDEL PENINSULA P.M.  
SUNDAY 5 MAY 57 PARTICULARLY  
BETWEEN 1600 - 1700 HRS MIKE

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Civil records of aircraft movement are not  
kept for this length of time. Only 1 month's

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From - A.T. Centre

To - D.D.I.

Report from a  
civil servant. Phone

States that at 1620 hrs on Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> July 1957, he sighted a bright light in direction of Botanical Gardens & to over Tinakari Hills. The light moved in a NW direction, was the size of a house, diminishing to window size & was in sight for 7 to 8 minutes. It was a brilliant light & changed ~~from~~ to bluish green.

There were no <sup>hot</sup> balloons released at this time & no aircraft were in the vicinity.

Note - A possible reflection of sun's rays from ice crystals?

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Conference Department  
Policy Committee Report

New Zealand

Mr E. L. Greensmith  
Mr J. F. Northey

1944

# Light in H.B. Sky Prompts Reports of Flying Saucers

Sub-  
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HERALD TRIBUNE

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Reports of an unusual sight in the sky last night were circulating in Hastings this morning. The "object" was also reported to be visible for some time over Napier. One Hastings young man took a photograph of it, and another report attached a noise to it.

The sightings were made round about 10 o'clock.

A resident of Frederick Street said his attention was drawn to a light flashing across the sky over Napier. It was moving in a westerly direction, but then suddenly reversed and moved backward and forward in jerky movements. Finally it seemed to disappear in the direction of Cape Kidnappers.

He described it as being of an oval shape when first seen, and moving very rapidly. When it changed direction, however, he said, it was "like a saucer." As it moved across the sky it left behind a long pencil-like stream of light "just like silver."

He called the attention of his landlady to the phenomenon and took a photograph. Later his landlady's husband came home and also reported seeing the object.

A Mahora observer described the object as a "streak of light flashing over the sky." When he saw it the "object" was moving in an easterly direction.

Another young man who had been attending a football practice at Havelock North said that the attention of his companions and himself had been drawn to the "bright light flashing in the sky" by a swishing sound.

From Havelock North, too, came the report that a "bright streak had disappeared in a fiery ball in a cloud over Cape Kidnappers."

Mention of "flying saucers" by a workmate prompted a Mayfair resident to recall that about 10 o'clock last night he had noted a "couple of flashes through the window" but had presumed they were searchlight or car headlight beams.

FOOTNOTE: A searchlight from a ship in port at Napier was operating in the late evening.

14 JAN 1944

is (Chairman)  
Brooks

burn

Greensmith  
Packwood

Nicoll  
Nightingale

*Substantive investigation conducted  
to determine authenticity and  
circumstances within N.Z.  
I.A.S.F.A.*

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1-177.  
11 May 1957

Dear .

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of 9 May, concerning a new type of aircraft propulsion motor, which I have passed for record to the Air Department. I will communicate with you further if there is any additional information they may require.

Yours faithfully,

(T. I. MACDONALD)

LOWER UNIT.

13.5 57 98

Lower Hutt,  
9th May, 1957.

Minister of Defence,  
Wellington.



Sir,

For some years past a group of select Swedish, German, Russian and Mongolian Scientists have been working on a new type of Rocket-Jet Aircraft Propulsion device.

Their Secret Base of operation is somewhere in Inner Mongolia.

This device is not an engine in the ordinary sense.

This device is fired on an Explosive Powder, which, like Carbide

13/5/57 L.S.

...states...  
diffusion of the Explosive  
Powder coming into  
contact with moisture  
extracted from the  
atmosphere. Heavy  
Water is used as a  
Firing starter.

The recent Atomic  
Explosion in Russian  
was not an Atomic  
Explosion at all.

Actually, it was  
an explosion of these  
secret Fuels caused by  
either negligence or  
sabotage.

It was not an experi-  
-mental Explosion.

I forget his name, but  
the Guy who stepped  
into Stalin's job before  
Hruschov, is Minister  
in control of these

Secret aeronautical  
Pocket-jet devices,  
Moscow University  
is strictly devoted to  
studies in this type of  
aircraft at the present  
time.

The next Atomic  
Explosion of Soviet Origin  
is scheduled to take  
place in Tibet where  
it will be used to  
eliminate certain Rebel  
forces there, at an early  
date.

I am not a Communist  
nor a Communist sympath-  
izer, yet I do obtain  
quite a lot of confidential  
information on these  
subjects from time to time.

I have actually seen  
a so-called space craft  
of Soviet origin from

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100 yards away from  
E steps ago, stationary on  
the ground.

Except to my Wife,  
I have never mentioned  
this experience to anyone.

It landed on Stilts!

I am quite sane, not  
mad.

What I know, I know  
, and no one can ever  
convince me otherwise,  
but sooner than be  
Publicly ridiculed, I  
keep it to myself.

Radar observation of  
the air over Southern  
Ireland during the next  
few months would detect  
some unusual aircraft  
movements of unknown  
origin.

Yours sincerely,

2. Helium has certainly  
hidden in one of these  
secret Soviet space  
ships.

REPORT OF AN OBJECT OBSERVED OFF CAPE COLVILLE, NEW  
ZEALAND.

May 5th, 1957.



May 5th, 1957, at approximately 4.30 p.m. in the early evening, I was navigating the Rosa, a fishing boat, off Port Charles on the Coromandel coast. I hold a third engineer's ticket, and was taking the Rosa from the port of Tauranga to Auckland, where it was to be delivered to its owner. I was approaching Channel Island which is several miles offshore and off Cape Colville, when I noticed an irregular smoke trail which seemed to rise from behind the island. This smoke trail twisted in an erratic way across the sky in a westerly direction. As I came abreast of and cleared Channel Island I saw the smoke trails were not from a fire on the island as I had at first imagined, but were out over the Hauraki Gulf. Actually, I had thought the smoke patterns in the sky looked a bit unusual, but hadn't thought much about it.

Watching this maze of smoke trails in the sky, I saw a new trail being formed, and my eye followed the movement until I came to the source of the smoke. I saw an oval, disc-shaped object from which the smoke or fumes were streaming. At first I could not believe what I was seeing, and felt that something might have gone wrong with my eyes. Feeling very disturbed I left the wheel and walked around the Rosa, looking at various items of gear on the deck. Everything was all right and I felt more sure of myself. I was alone on the boat, unfortunately.

I went forward again, and watched the thing in the sky. The object was a fairly narrow oval seen travelling horizontally, and both upper and lower surfaces were similarly curved. Two shallow convex surfaces fitted together face to face would be roughly



similar to its appearance. Smoke streamed away from its sides as it moved on an irregular, constantly changing course through the sky. The sun was setting, half its disc being beneath the horizon. Looking across about 25 miles of water the horizon in this case was the sea.

As I watched, the object approached me at a slight angle, bearing to the left. It then tilted at a steep angle and shooting upwards, showed its circular shape clearly. The object was well above the glare of the sun, and my view of it was not affected by dazzle. It appeared as big as a florin held at arm's length. The rapid manoeuvres it made covered an arc of about 15 degrees. The thing turned through every possible angle during these manoeuvres, and for a period of at least twenty minutes I watched these movements, while I steered the Rosa out towards the Hauraki Gulf.

These peculiar and rapid gyrations were confined to an area approximately equal to two feet in diameter at arm's length, and covered as described above, an angle of about 15 degrees vertically. The late afternoon was very calm, and there was no wind. The lower sky was quite clear of cloud, but there were streaks of cirrus at a high altitude, almost overhead. The object was moving in an area of sky above the setting sun and its glare, but below these high clouds. I was thus able to see it very clearly.

Not knowing the actual size of the object makes it hard for me to say how far away it was. I believe though that the object was some miles distant. The object was very clearly defined. Smoke poured out from its curving sides, narrowed immediately behind, then broadened out into a widening but thinning wake astern. The smoke was a dark greyish colour and the trails remained in the sky for at

FILE

less than ten minutes before vanishing. The area of sky in which the object was moving was thus heavily patterned with these trails, some firm and clear, others fading. The calm air helped to keep the trails from blowing away.

The object appeared greyish - a dark grey or neutral shade, and did not reflect. Had the object been made of polished aluminium, say, it would not have reflected light, the sun being beneath and to the left of it. The object was thus northwest of the setting sun. Had it been an aircraft it would not have reflected light from this position in the sky, and would possibly have been a similar dark colour.

It gave me the unmistakable impression that it was some form of controlled flying machine, but its flight was so rapid that by comparison, a jet plane would appear ridiculously slow. I want to make that clear. The thing was being flown, or directed. Somebody was flying it.

I must also stress that I saw this object in clear daylight, and as it made so many movements in the sky, plunging, heeling over, ascending swiftly and turning through every imaginable angle in its flight, I was able to get an unmistakable impression of its shape. It was a huge disc. Its rapid movements suggested tremendous power -- moving in horizontal flight it appeared to cover a distance of miles in as many seconds.

I consider that it was a very large object, and may have been several hundred feet in diameter. It was as large, I thought, as a big Pan American airliner. I make this statement having seen Pan American airliners at what I believe to be approximately the same

min. of 7:04 AM  
 according to the flight log

NB, MK VIII Saviour!

diff<sup>er</sup>ence. I must say again most decidedly that what I saw that afternoon was some form of flying machine. I do not know of any aircraft which can move with such amazing speed. All turns made by the object were curving, as illustrated in the rough sketch, which is of course merely a simplified picture of the complicated movements it made.

Just before flying off it levelled out, and then moved away very rapidly in horizontal flight, passing over the mainland in the direction of Warkworth and Cape Rodney, in the upper Hauraki Gulf. The tangle of smoke trails remained for some time, and slowly faded out in the evening sky. During all these rapid manoeuvres I heard no sound. However, the noise my boat engine was making may have muffled out any other sound. While I was watching the object diving and wheeling in the sky the sun went down beneath the horizon. It was daylight though when the object suddenly flew off over the mainland.

A navy patrol boat followed me up the Coromandel coast - I saw this boat tied up at the Whitianga wharf, in Mercury Bay. Leaving some time after I sailed from Whitianga, this boat overtook me just after dark, hailing me as it passed. I'd had engine trouble earlier in my trip, and they wanted to know if I was all right. I have wondered since if the crew also saw the object, or if they were too far astern during daylight to have noticed anything.

The object was well out over the Hauraki Gulf when it performed its unusual manoeuvres. When I arrived in Auckland I mentioned what I had seen to the owner of the Rosa, who was sceptical. Apart

Since telling my wife and members of my family what I saw, I have not spoken about the episode until persuaded to make this report by a friend, who heard of my experience from my brother. I watched the newspapers for some days after delivering the Rosa, expecting to hear reports of the object passing over the country districts north of Auckland city, but nothing appeared.

I am a licensed skipper of the Tauranga Big Game Fishing Club, and am also a builder. I have lived at Mount Maunganui for slightly over twenty years, and have been out in coastal waters a lot during that time, but have never before seen anything even remotely similar to the object described in this account. The description given is as accurate as I can make it. I feel that what I saw is important enough to justify study, and hope that this report, fantastic as it may appear, will be given serious consideration.

July 21st 1957.

i have known ... since 1946, and can testify that he is a most reliable person. He has previously been very sceptical about reports of unidentified flying objects. Now however he is most assured about what he has seen and feels that it is not a matter for argument.

... has been a very successful skipper in the Tauranga Big Game Fishing Club fleet, and the boat piloted by him during the 1957 season caught the highest tally of striped marlin.

Knowing his practical attitude and steadiness, I am prepared to accept the accuracy of his report, and with him, hope that this description of a strange flying object will be given serious consideration. I would like to add again that ... is very emphatic that it was a controlled object --- a flying machine with remarkable capabilities.

Mount Maunganui.

July 21st 1957.

Simplified flight path of object

as drawn by

Turns

were curving, and the object appeared  
to cover distances of several miles in  
as many seconds.

Appearance of smoke trail as it  
swirled away behind object, which is  
here roughly drawn by                      from  
two angles.



6 MAY 1957

TIMARU HERALD

## Letter to Editor

### GLITTERING OBJECT

Sir.—The report of Mr J. Lane, Maude Street, Temuka, sighting a glittering object spinning over his garden, gives us great satisfaction, for, in the company of another adult, we watched another object for fully five or six minutes, over the northern end of our ground, the same day.

It was May 1 at 12.20 p.m.; at the time we were engrossed watching large quantities of Angel's Hair swirling down, from one particular source, practically over us, when our attention was drawn to a glittering object, similar to an inverted dinner-plate, of say 18in in diameter, revolving at a tremendous speed, in a clockwise direction. The height when first spotted was no more than 20ft, at a distance of approximately 25ft from the northern end of our residence. On approaching for a closer inspection, the object shot up vertically, disappearing completely and giving every indication of being remotely controlled.

We are fully convinced, through our knowledge gained from data collected from overseas and of our own country, that space ships send out identical discs, testing meteorological conditions, mainly for atomic radiations, which they are greatly concerned about at the present time. May we add that we have seen flying saucers at close range, and the object sighted was similar to the larger types, but in miniature. In the event of these visitors from space, being capable of proving incorrect reports, we would be loath to starting any false rumours appertaining to such matters.

To those who have not had the experience of handling Angel's Hair, may we point out that it is simple to differentiate, between a spider thread, which, at this time of the year is also making its appearance in great lengths, for there is such an incomparable difference between colour and texture. It has been analysed in many countries, and no decision has ever been arrived at to prove that it has not come from any other source than that we are about to describe. It originates from a liquid termed heavy water used in the batteries of carrier-space ships, jettisoned for some reason of their own, which solidifies when striking our atmosphere, disintegrating as it nears the earth, manifesting into longer and finer lengths of up to 40ft long. It is a bluish white colour, on handling proves to be of a stretchy fibrous texture, dissolving when handling, leaving no stain or odour, and apparently not injurious in any way. We have received numerous reports of Angel's Hair being sighted recently around the district from Clendeboyne to

## Investigator's

"NORTHERN ADVOCATE"  
Views About

## Flying Saucers

Ten years of investigation have failed to produce an earthly explanation of "flying saucers", the answer that fitted all the facts was that they came from other worlds.

Reasons for this view were given by Mr Harold H. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) to an audience of 150 at Whangarei Town Hall last night.

Of the 700 reported sightings of unidentified flying objects throughout New Zealand during the last five years, he said, 75 per cent could possibly be explained as natural phenomena.

### NORTHLAND REPORTS

The remainder he claimed, were actual observations of extra-terrestrial vehicles.

Mr Fulton illustrated his lecture with 63 lantern slides. Between September 1, 1952, and October 30, 1956, he said, the Northern Advocate had reported 22 observations of unidentified flying objects over Northland.

Forty-six people had shared the observation.

Unidentified flying objects were first reported in the United States in June, 1947, Mr Fulton said.

Mr Fulton said that saucers were sighted mainly during periods when the earth was closest to Mars, which occurred every 2 months.

During the last such period this New Zealand organisation had received more than 100 "saucer" reports.

### OBJECTIVES EXPLAINED

Mr Fulton said the CSI was non-profit, voluntary organisation with 350 financial members.

Its purpose was to help people find the facts about unidentified flying objects.

Mr Fulton is a member of the RNZAF engineering section Whenuapai.



The Lance. 3 5-57.

Invasion Preparations Under Way

Good stuff  
Lpm

# WELSH VILLAGERS WAIT FLYING-SAUCCER ARMADA

For the "New Zealand Free Lance."

All the townfolk of Stafford, a market town on the Welsh border, are to get their best bedrooms ready for visitors from outer space—due to the outskirts of the town any time between now and the next.

CAUSE of the bother is 34-year-old Gavin Gibbons, a serious, stoop-shouldered young man, who, having spent two years looking into reports of flying saucers seen in the vicinity of Stafford, felt he must warn Staffordians that their town has been picked as a landing base.

The spot chosen for touch-down, he believes, is a disused airfield in the surrounding country-side. According to Gibbons, the 30 or more flying saucers sighted in that period, (since when he has seen nine himself) were obviously reconnaissance craft spying out the land.

"It is perfectly possible that landings will be made simultaneously in several countries," he said. "Perhaps hundreds of sites have been the subject of the spacemen's investigations. But in Britain they seem to have chosen Stafford.

Why? It is a town large enough to ensure a sufficient number of people available to be won over to the essentially peaceful purpose of the invasion, yet small enough to permit of military handling in the event of any misunderstanding . . ."

He is convinced that though the whole world will hear of the landing within five minutes of its occurrence—the spacemen will paralyse normal methods of communication by means of secret rays, and work telepathically on the minds of people in Stafford. They hope in this way to have established a bridgehead before anyone from outside can interfere.

### "Must Be Friendly"

Gibbons, a modern Shropshire lad, urges everyone not to give the cold shoulder to the sky-men, but to invite them in for a glass of ale—or milk. He, himself, as he takes pains to confirm, is a strict teetotaler.

"We must be friendly at all costs," he insists. "Their objects will undoubtedly be to make peace for us on earth, and we shall have little chance to stop them. If we fire on them they will throw out a protective screen, and our bullets will bounce right back in our faces!"

This Welsh-born saucer expert dared to give one vicar in the district an amended text for his Christmas sermon. It ran like this: "And lo! They saw a flying saucer in the east . . ."

The vicar was not converted to this modern approach.

"But you know," Gibbons insisted, "The star of Bethlehem could easily have been a flying saucer, bringing Wise Men from Space . . ."

So firm is his faith in "soser wib" (Welsh version of the flying saucer) that he went on to write a book called "The Coming of the Space Ship," which sets his amazing theories out in detail.

In it he delivered a broadside to an Australian, Professor van der Riet Wooley, new British Astronomer Royal, who dismissed saucer-sightings as "utter bilge."

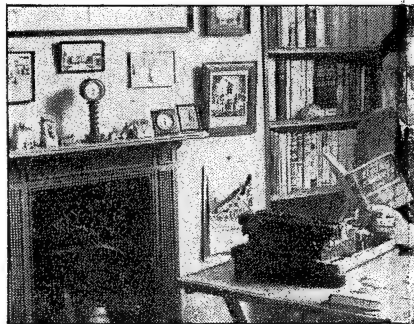
With typical Welsh fervour and biblical conviction, he cited the saying, "In My Father's House there are many mansions . . ." "Who are we," he declaims, "to say that this could vicar of Seighfor not refer to other worlds and other

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Two local vicars him up. Says Rector of Aldridge, Gibbons may well have always spoke and powers in the These strange i ported by so mar may well be part tions to contact us

A Fellow of the cal Society, he has lens telescope in 1

he can investigate explosions on MR signals from the Rev. Cedric IV have no doubt a



GAVIN GIBBONS, 34-year-old resident of Stafford, claims to have seen nine flying saucers.

peoples?" And he points out that there have been reports of strange things seen in the skies since the days of ancient Rome. "We have been watched for a very long time!"

On the flyleaf of his "saucer" book Gibbons wrote in Welsh: "Other sheep have I that are not of this fold," He told me: "That could refer to a race of supermen in the ether. They might be what some call angels, of the course. Certainly they are persons of superior intellect to our own, and desire to help us out of the mess in which we are drifting into. They have long couple in my o

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GEORGE J. STOCK took this picture of a vimana, "reconnaissance craft," over Passiac, United States of America, on July 29, 1952.

friendly man, and I could easily make them understand that we have no hostile feelings toward them . . ."

A team of spare-time observers in the town are ready to let Gavin Gibbons know the minute the saucers touch down.

They are encouraged by his dictum that "there can never be too many of us on the look-out . . . don't take it for granted that the vapour trail winding across the heavens comes from an airplane. Find the machine if you can and make sure that it is something familiar. Study cloud formation and the stars. While you are studying these natural phenomena, something extra-terrestrial, something more startling, may sail into your field of view."

### Reports Flood In

Incidental reports come flooding in. Three men in an R.A.F. lorry leaving an airfield near Shrewsbury saw an unidentifiable, huge egg-shaped craft flying faster than any known make of jet could travel, leaving a silvery vapour trail. It glowed with a deep golden brilliancy.

A retired railwayman in the district saw an object in the sky looking like a fountain pen. He said it was dull grey except for the front part, which shone, and seemed to be made up of several colours. Schoolgirls reported a group of "stars" moving "downward" in an odd circular movement above their heads as they went home from school. Window cleaners, housewives, commercial travellers—all have strange visions to relate, and many of them were seen later by others (who confirmed the details) as they travelled on.

In Mr. Gibbons opinion small boys make the best witnesses. "They notice so many significant details."

Flying saucers, he says, can be seen at any time of the day or night, but the best light conditions occur between five and six in the evening.

"One doesn't have to be in any

special frame of mind," he says. "Some of my watchers spot them when washing up or doing something equally prosaic. One of the signs that you are about to spot one is a tickling sensation in the nose."

Mr. Gibbons sees no inconsistency in the remarkable diversity of flying saucer descriptions. He has classified them and given them names—like a space-ship fleet.

Type one are vulyas, vast metallic discs; another kind are vunus, cigar-shaped. Reconnaissance craft he calls vimanas. The unmanned "scanners" are named vidya.

This public school and Oxford man maintains that the British Government—in league with most other governments—"must have issued secret orders to scientists and civil servants. Obviously they have been urged resolutely to deny the existence of flying saucers." The reason, he presumes, is that they are afraid of a widespread panic if his theory of an imminent invasion from outer space catches on with the public.

### Apparent Sincerity

"But did the public flinch from Dunkirk or Pearl Harbour?" he asks. "They did not. If told the truth they would face up to it bravely. They must be told in order to prepare them for the startling reorganisation that will surely follow any mass flying-saucer landings."

Mr. Gibbons presents his conclusions about Saucers with apparent sincerity.

He gives good reasons (particularly in reports of incidents witnessed by trained air crew) for accepting that strange phenomena have been seen in the sky for which at present no one can account.

And whatever the world at large may think about his belief that its civilisation is about to be transformed by spacemen—it has left the market town of Stafford "saucer-eyed."

*flying saucers*



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# FLYING SAUCERS

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This issue is dedicated in honour and fond memory of MRS. ETHNE EARLE HAMBER, M.A., who passed away at her home in Christchurch on the 12th September. Mrs. Hamber, C.S.I. representative since our inauguration, was a very fine lady who had a brilliant career, and was founder and patron of the New Zealand Interplanetary Society, serving as president for a number of years. Her loss is a sad one for N.Z.I.S. and C.S.I.

Edited by  
HAROLD H. FULTON

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## Editorial

### PROJECT SKYWATCH SWINGS INTO ACTION

"Project Skywatch," designed to enable a most comprehensive survey of "Unidentified Flying Objects," period August '56-February, '57, has been successfully launched. Already quite an appreciable number of arresting observations have been received at headquarters.

Because the Fijian, Tongan and Samoan areas have been somewhat neglected in the past and because, too, of the interesting reports received from this theatre recently, we have decided to include this area of the Pacific in our Project Skywatch operation.

To enable news of our scheme to become more widely known and because we have invited the public's participation, copies of our special bulletin detailing the operation were forwarded to all newspapers. We have to thank the press for its generous mention of our plans. Copies were also sent to New Zealand broadcasting stations.

To further broaden the news cast of our project and perhaps bring in some good reports from skilled observers, copies of "Skywatch" bulletins were forwarded to all New Zealand and Pacific Meteorological Stations, Airport Control Towers and Aer-radio Stations.

To date we are happy to report that our reps. and members are showing proof of their genuine interest for the scheme and giving excellent co-operation. Many reports (sightings and other references) which do not appear in the Auckland papers are received, in most cases the following day, even from the far south. This is truly appreciated, for it permits of very quick follow-up action and we have far better chance of ascertaining important facts missing in the first report.

Certainly, as our colleagues know, we would eventually (about three weeks later) re-

ceive all these press mentions from a press cutting agency, but this is far too late to hope to effect good or more certain investigation. We are kept well in the picture from all parts of the world, by kindred groups, now globally located. Our press cutting service also covers England, Australia and Japan, the English clips arriving weekly by airmail. Certainly such extensive coverage is costly and our funds never find chance to accumulate, but we are doing the very best possible with available resources. We still need much essential equipment and it is our long hope that one day our cause and work will interest or impress the right people who may be able to assist in the most effective way known to man.

At this date in mid-August, as I prepare this editorial, it does really look as if our forecast for numerous world-wide sightings of UFOs to take place during and following the Earth-Mars "opposition," shows promise of again ringing true. Many of our readers may have forgotten the forecast we made in February, 1954, for the second half of '54. The numerous sightings and many hotly disputed landings reported in widely separated countries of the northern hemisphere, during the months June through to December, proved most conclusively the accuracy of our forecast, at that time. Civilian researchers received no acknow-

ledgment from official or press sources, nor are we greatly worried about it. However, the events coming as they did when expected gave us great heart and much needed stimulus and confidence in a field of research dogged by setbacks and discouragements generally. We have found that the same ground has to be repeatedly reploughed and the extraordinary evidence similarly re-demonstrated in an effort to gain proper recognition by those in authority and those blinded by an obsession of prejudice in the extreme.

Then seemingly paradoxically, we don't for a moment believe that top world authorities are in the least blind to the strange goings on in our skies. We are just as certain the many official denials, interwoven as they are with strange contradictory suggestions, are part of a long range plan to prepare the peoples of the world for astonishing official disclosures that must eventually be made. Are the peoples of the world ready for such news? Must surely be their most worried question. For sure, the leaders of the great powers know far more positive facts about our "Space Visitors" than civilian researchers have yet been able to muster; that this world has such visitors, we have in the main little doubt.

Meanwhile, on with "Project Skywatch."

## About Ourselves . . .

### OUR AIMS AND OUR CLAIMS

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION, a non-profit organization, makes a continued research and investigation of "Unidentified Flying Objects and Correlated happenings." Membership is invited (£1 per annum). Regular monthly meetings and other relevant activities are in progress. Full Library facilities.

Leading Civilian Researchers, world wide, who have deeply probed the riddle of the "Unidentified Flying Objects," agree unanimously that there is an overwhelming case for the appearance in our skies of real physical devices (space going vehicles), controlled by apparent superior intelligences, operating from sources as yet alien to our world. Such visitations are continuous and periodically on the increase, and must lead to extraordinary changes in the basic concepts of human beliefs, practice, enlightenments, and scientific and technological attainments. Join our organization and keep abreast of these para-normal events. Our beliefs and suspicions are based on cold hard facts, as established by the most qualified of sources. Only prejudice in some quarters and the unprecedented nature of these happenings prevent the leaders of the world's greater nations granting official recognition of these facts. One thing is deadly certain. Sooner or later the authorities must admit of this and communicate the news, with, we hope, great wisdom to the peoples of our world.

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We wish to thank Mr. William Tennent, forced, because of poor health, to resign from the committee, most sincerely for the assistance he has given us in the past. Bill has been with us for 2½ years. He has promised to be along at our regular monthly meetings to assist whenever health permits.

## C.S.I. PUBLICATION "FLYING SAUCERS" OUR FIRST FULLY PRINTED ISSUE

We have looked forward to being able to have the magazine fully printed since our inauguration of October, 1952. You will agree that the printed cover of our last four issues added prestige to our quarterly publication; with full print we hope to gain lots more. It is an expensive venture, but we feel confident that the risk is fully justified. With print we have doubled the number normally produced, so, Associates, we are relying on you all to interest many new subscribers. There is also room for more advertising (25/- 3 page, plus cost of special blocks if required). If you are in business, send in your advt. If not, maybe you know someone that may or can be INTERESTED.

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## MANY FORMS OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

Associates are strongly advised to enlarge their knowledge from the many excellent publications on how to better recognise the many common and uncommon forms natural phenomena may take. There is no denying that many reported observations of "unusual things in the sky" can be truthfully explained as unrecognised manifestations of natural phenomena or mistaken identity. Then again, too, we caution those who are too ready to lightly dismiss expert observations. That unkind and nastily sounding word "ignorance" equally applies to both extremes.

## At the Monthly General Meeting

### PRESIDENT SAYS ASTRONOMICAL WORLD DUE FOR BIG SHAKE UP

Although the June and July attendances were a little below average, some 50 members inclusive of friends gathered for the August meeting. Mrs. Weitzner and Mr. Fulton spoke during the evening, which was followed by a most enthusiastic question time (to be a regular feature). The meeting was informed of the decisions resulting from the 14th August committee meeting, the most important being the venture into full print for the magazine and the intention of holding a further public meeting on 31st October, 1956.

All attending the meeting were made to feel more at ease and an extraordinary atmosphere of friendliness was created by the incorporation of the American "idea"—cards with names pinned to lapels. In this way, normal social barriers caused through shyness and forgetfulness of names were overcome. This is to be a regular feature also.

The President in his address surveyed the official scene of UFO investigations since 1947. He pointed out the many contradictions and the wide disparity of opinions made by the various nations' official spokesmen. This

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was shown by quoting from these statements. Official explanations so far engendered were considered totally inadequate in every way; it was perfectly obvious that "truth" was conspicuous only by its absence in official memorandums on UFO research.

He was also of the opinion that the top direction of the astronomical world was overdue for a big shake-up. The attitude of some of the prominent members of this science revealed a total lack of enterprise and courageousness. The colossus of evidence, also observed and reported on by a sizeable number of professional astronomers, was as easily ignored and automatically relegated to the "taboo erratics" as had the remainder of these extraordinary happenings in our midst. For a science that is supposed to know more about the heavens than any other faculty, its present performance in relation to the UFO enigma is far from exemplary. Top direction at present is unfortunately sadly lacking in commonsense and foresight. Astronomy is a worthy science. Numerous persons have been drawn to its ranks in the hope of learning something educational following the countless appearances of "Unidentified Flying Objects," yet at an astronomical meeting the subject is almost damned. Such complacency and nonsensical treatment of a subject that should rightfully demand their respect and most urgent attentions is plain, absolute folly.

Members of CSI were advised to join the astronomical societies throughout the Dominion. Not only would they become better observers of normal sky phenomena, but they would also be serving an extremely useful public service to the very young folk, who will surely grow up to meet a space age in reality.

The President also pointed out that each of the 30-odd books now available on the subject of UFO research all had their value. Although Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt's book, "REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS," would be accepted as the most hard-factual account of "UFO" findings (as a result of official research), nevertheless it was his opinion that Ruppelt only told about one-third of the story. Ruppelt waited nearly nine months for official sanction of his book. He made a statement to this effect himself sometime before his book appeared. The Donald Quarles' statement of October, 1955, was made to look ridiculous in the extreme to skeptic and believer alike on their reading Ruppelt's documentary of official USAF UFO investigations.

Those authors who claim personal experience and contact with space people may yet have something; they had not by any means been proved hoaxers or liars, and until they are or are not, it is unwise to entirely reject or accept their stories. Officialdom has only added to the confusion, perhaps deliberately, making it more difficult for the public to sort the wheat from the chaff. Not until our top official spokesmen give the peoples of the world the unabridged, unvarnished facts, will it be possible to do so, concluded the President.

that a UFO will be sighted this day, but if it does, and it lingers long enough for careful study, a first class report will be added to the files. Throughout New Zealand fellow members, remembering the occasion, will be making a parallel watch. Any worthy reports received will be immediately forwarded to London to be collated with data expected from observers all round the globe.

## **DISTORTED, ENLARGED AND GREATLY SENSATIONAL STATEMENTS**

On Saturday, 11th August, your Editor received a radio phone call from a reporter on the staff of the Sydney "Sun" requesting CSI opinions of Dr. Finch's London cable of the previous day, CSI's present plans and news of recent UFO activity over New Zealand.

Your Editor answered all queries readily, and required the reporter to quote accurately and in non-sensational manner. This he promised faithfully to do. The Sydney "Voice" of the "Sun" promised to send copies of the news story immediately after printing.

When eventually a press clip did arrive via another normal clip service, your Editor was frankly disgusted to note under a half-inch headline, "FLYING SAUCER PANIC IN N.Z.," the most distorted story, almost unrecognisable from the actual radio phone conversation. If you happen to read the press report reject its contents entirely.

EDITOR C.S.I.

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## **Meetings**

**The September General Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER at the Unity Hall**

The coloured film, "DUST OR DESTINY," a Moodie Institute film, will be screened by Mr. Kelvin Cuff at our 26th September general meeting.

**A further Public Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st at the Unity Hall, 323 Queen Street, Auckland. The October 24th General Meeting is cancelled.**

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CSI committee members have organized a special "lookout" on the 8th September, the second "International Flying Saucer Sighting Day," a plan put into effect by Dr. Bernard Finch of the British "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW." From 8 p.m. till dusk, from a high promontory overlooking Auckland, a most careful watch will be kept for the possible appearance of an unrecognizable flying object. The party will be equipped with Theodolite, Telescopes, Binoculars, Cameras, Compasses and Maps of the area. There is only a very small chance

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## **OBSERVATIONS REPORTED IN DETAIL IN THIS ISSUE**

A percentage of the sightings reported in this issue may truly be cases of mistaken identity, etc., etc.; however, we don't think so. We feel you must be impressed by the many points of correlation and corroboration given in these widely separated testimonies. How much longer do world authorities plan to keep the general public uninformed? These observations could add up to great danger or an age of golden enlightenment. Their silence is neither helpful nor healthy.

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FRANCIS BROWNLEY, S/Sgt., 340th Fd. Svc. Sqdn., Whiteman Air Force Base, Sedalia, Missouri, one of our growing number of U.S. associates, has a request to make of a New Zealand member. S/Sgt. Brownley is most anxious to obtain the following back numbers of C.S.I. magazines. Vol. 1, No. 1 and 2; Vol 2, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Can any member help, please. Supplies have long been exhausted at Headquarters.

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What You've Been Waiting For . . .

## NEW ZEALAND SIGHTING REPORTS

### MANY STOPPED THEIR CARS AND WATCHED AWE-INSPIRED

Report on a sighting of a U.F.O. at Napier by Mr. D. McDonald on night of 22nd November, 1955. Mr. McDonald was interviewed by Mr. A. B. Wallace, C.S.I. Hawkes Bay Representative.

"Once you have seen one you will know that it is the real thing," said Mr. McDonald of Napier when interviewed about his sighting of a flying object in the sky of 22/11/55. Mr. McDonald and his family of four all saw the U.F.O. from the embankment road between West-shore, Napier. They watched the object for five minutes. After a brief disappearance the object reappeared and by that time some 20 people in cars had stopped and watched the object. Mr. McDonald's description, which was substantiated by his family, was that it was a green ball very much larger than a star. It was apparently stationary in the sky when they first observed it, but it then started to revolve slowly, changing colour on the outside to red and moving over to the west, disappearing temporarily behind some clouds. In the meantime several cars had stopped, when the object reappeared moving slowly towards the east. It remained in sight for several minutes and then moved off at terrific speed. Mr. McDonald said that when the object first started to rotate, it appeared to have a shadow above it in the sky. He added that several of the people who had witnessed the sighting had been frightened by the visitation. Mr. McDonald thought the object was flying at about jet plane altitude, but he was positive the object was not a plane, planet, star or any other recognizable phenomenon.

### A VERY FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE

On the 12th June your Editor learned of a very interesting Auckland observation. First learned from another who knew the witness, subsequent inquiries brought the following to light. Let's read the airman's description of his experience:

Dear Sir— I have the honour to report in reply to your telephone call to me this day. I have compiled the accompanying description of my first impression of a "Flying Saucer" which I have seen.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) BRIAN LOVELOCK.

"On the evening of the 10th of June, 1956, at approx. 9.30 p.m., I was walking on the right-hand side of St. Leonard's Road (near Waikumete) on the foot-path towards Archibald Road. It was a cold and wet night and the wind was blowing very strongly towards me from what I judge to be approx. N.E. The first thing that attracted my attention to the object was that something bright was moving slowly in the corner of my eye, as it were, against the wind.

I immediately looked up and to my great shock and fear, I saw above and behind the houses on my half-right, about 40 degree angle and 200 feet from the ground, an object which had these characteristics: The object appeared to be hovering and moving slowly eastward; it was like an upside down saucer with bell shaped top. The "saucer" glowed or should I say emanated a blue-white light (like sodium light). It also grew dim and bright alternately, as if it were a light fixed on a dimmer with a slide moved up and down. The light did not seem to be reflected to any great extent as would the lights

of a car. I'm afraid I was so shocked and scared I did not notice any mechanical protruberances or windows, if any. During this whole business I had a most uncanny feeling as if someone or something was "sizing me up." This passed when the object suddenly took off at a terrific speed straight up. After it had disappeared I raced for the nearest street light and stood under its light. It took me some time to "cool down" and sort things out.

L.A.C. Lovelock, Marine Section, Hobsonville, gave added details and a sketch of the object; its outline is remarkably similar to Adamski's scout-ship photos. Your Editor has interviewed L.A.C. Lovelock a number of times. The airman also made an appearance (on strong request) before members at C.S.I. June general meeting. This interview was tape recorded. L.A.C. Lovelock, a bright, intelligent person of 21 years, left a good impression with C.S.I. He is an active member of a city youth movement. We have no reason to doubt his story.

### CHRISTCHURCH PEOPLE WITNESS A NUMBER OF STRANGE SIGHTS

Miss L. Mooney of Christchurch writes to C.S.I. that she and her friends, a party numbering eight on one occasion, have on three separate occasions during May, 1956, witnessed unusual lights moving across the sky. These lights, coloured blue and white, seemed to travel slowly in up and down zig-zag-like motions on one or two occasions. On another occasion the light rose above the horizon only to lower again repeatedly. These observations, which Miss Mooney has gone to great pains to give C.S.I. a most complete report on, were witnessed on January 22nd, May 11th, 12th and 27th. She is most anxious to discuss these matters with other Christchurch members. She especially seeks assistance from someone who may better recognize what is being seen. (55 Red-nith Ave., Spreydon.)

### STRANGE SIGHTS IN WELLINGTON AFTER-NOON SKY LEAD TO HOAX ACCUSATION, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?

June 30th., first International Flying Saucer Sighting Day, as declared by Britain's "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW," and worked out by Dr. Bernard Finch, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.C.M. We in New Zealand were actively co-operating with this world-wide watch out. Would we have anything to report?

On July 1st we learned of the Wellington reports. Here is what appeared in the Wellington "Evening Post's Sports Post," June 30th. Note: None of the people involved had any connection with C.S.I.

Three rocket-like objects, three times the size of a Dakota aircraft, were seen by at least four people over Kelburn just after 4.30 p.m. today.

Described as cigar-shaped, and emitting an exhaust-like glow, they were seen by residents in Upland Road and Glenmore Street, according to reports received by "The Post."

They were seen just for a minute from Upland Road, as a hail shower cleared, heading south towards Cook Strait. They were described as dark, and wingless.

Mr. John Williams, of Hawker Street, said that three objects went overhead in formation. "They were sym-

metrical, thick in the centre, and tapering to the ends like cigars," he said.

"They gave off a glint from what sun there was. There was a slight trail just like a jet trail behind them. They were close together, and going at a 'fair rate,' though I could not estimate the speed."

Mr. R. Jamieson, a Victorian University College student, who was walking from the college to Kelburn along Kelburn Parade about 4.35, told "The Post" he saw "three or four solid truncated objects travelling at high speed overhead at between 2000 and 3000 feet. They were similar to one another, and it was definitely not a balloon," he said.

The Weather Office stated that a possible explanation was shattered pieces of radar balloon and target released at 3.40 p.m. and descending with the northerly wind.

The supervisor of the Civil Aviation Administration's air traffic control centre said the only aircraft in the sky at that time was an N.A.C. aircraft which took off from Rongotai at 4.25 and climbed into the clouds flying above Mt. Victoria and Kelburn.

"We have nothing to account for the report," the supervisor of the centre said. No jets were flying from Ohakea and R.A.A.F. Lincolns visiting Whenuapai were on the ground.

Wellington's morning paper of 2nd July, under the heading "Story Too Good To Be True," wrote of the Saturday, 30th June, report as a result of an organized hoax. A reporter claimed that he had failed to locate any of the claimed observers at the addresses given in the "Post" report, therefore the assumption was made that it was hoax. It is little mystery to C.S.I. to fathom why people are so reluctant to give their true names and addresses, when ten to one their amateur or skilled alike observation will almost certainly be explained away by some brush-off or all-wise expert as moondogs on the prowl, or cigar-shaped handles from the "loca," seeping their users home. Failing that, such sincere observers can count on their observations being written off as hoax, if all other explanations are just too weather-worn or ridiculous for even these disbelieving folks to expect the public to swallow. In all sincerity we ask reporters to be a little more careful in their handling of incidents that come to their notice; soberly we ask them to resist the temptation to laugh at their informers, until they are a little more certain of the facts. If we sound a little trite, we ask forgiveness, for we wish the reporters' and press' co-operation in these extraordinary matters.

In co-operation in the Wellington report, C.S.I. was a little more successful. We did locate one of the observers, Mr. V. R. Jamieson, Staff, Wellington Supreme Court. Mr. Jamieson replied to our letter of inquiry and we quote in part:

"Your belief that my report was not a hoax is quite justified, for I did in fact see three cigar-shaped objects over the harbour, heading south. They were at a height of about 2,000 to 3,000 feet, and were travelling at terrific speed. Unfortunately, I am no judge of speed, but they were moving at least twice as fast as a Vampire Jet. There was no sound that I could distinguish, but the rear of at least two of the aircraft emitted a faint sort of greenish glow. The third object seemed slightly larger than the other two, and had no visible glow. All three appeared greyish in colour, but the visibility was not particularly good, and I may have been mistaken in this."

This was not all, for the "Nelson Evening Mail," July 2nd, reported among other interesting observations they received over the week-end: "Two Stoke residents saw a completely different sight at 5.45 p.m. Three cigar-shaped objects were seen against the glow of the western sky, they stated today. One of the observers was an ex-R.N.Z.A.F. officer accustomed to making meteorological reports and he described the objects as unlike any cloud formation he had ever seen. The 'cigars' were described as moving slowly in line towards the north. They did not change shape and appeared black in colour against the sun-set."

C.S.I. Representatives in Nelson have located and interviewed most of the observers mentioned in the glowing red and green disc reports seen later that same Sunday evening at 9.30 p.m. It is well known that J.F.O. investigators that the larger cigar-shaped craft, apparently act as the mother vessels for the scouting discs. Both these types are frequently reported together, and the most reliable and skilled observers have witnessed the actual launching and taking aboard of the smaller objects by the carrier craft.

The London cable (10th Aug.) quoting Dr. Finch's "Antarctic Base" and "Earth Invasion" theories are not, we repeat NOT, at all improbabilities, but would point out that such a possible incursion from space, whether we like it or not, will not necessarily be a hostile one. Just as good and evil is spaced throughout our lives and world, so may it be distributed through space. (Dr. Finch based his theories on the Wellington, June 30th, observations, along with much other accumulated information.) Your Editor wrote a letter to the Editor of the Wellington morning press enclosing a copy of Mr. Jamieson's letter to C.S.I.

## LIGHTS OVER "BLIND CHANNEL" (TASMAN BAY)

Report by Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bethwaite of Nelson,  
1st July.

At 8.5 p.m. on leaving a hangar at Nelson Airport the Bethwaites stopped to observe the following peculiar phenomena:—

Suddenly a bright yellow light appeared in the sky apparently high above the Blind Channel which skirts the north-western boundary of the 'drome, somewhat less than a mile distant from the hangar. This light travelled downward in a curve to apparently hover just above the water. Then two other lights appeared, one on either side of the hovering light. These two side lights were quite a distance from the centre light and remained perfectly motionless just above the water. The two side lights kept blinking off and on, but not rhythmically or in unison. The central light was continually on the move jerking up and down and from side to side, but generally higher above the water than the two side lights. All lights looked about the size, colour and brilliance one would expect street lights to appear at this distance. Under observation for 10 minutes, during which time the Bethwaites considered climbing to the platform of the "met" control tower nearby (but it was all in darkness) or walking to the edge of the 'drome (but again it was dark and so far). In trying to rationalize the episode in their own minds, they tried to imagine the central light attached to the mast of a boat pitching violently in the sea, but the horizontal movement in particular was far too great for such an explanation. Also the channel is sheltered and it was a windless night. Neither could they account for the curved descent of the central light out of the sky in the first place.

Conditions at the time were very dark and still. No stars were showing. The performance was still continuing when they left for home. They admitted it was exceedingly difficult to judge just how far distance the display was, and they guessed the position to be just above the water of the Blind Channel.

## GREEN BALL OF LIGHT IN NIGHT SKY

"Evening Star," Dunedin, 6th July, 1956.

You would have been intrigued by a stellar show which opened out before Mr. S. Clarke, of Green Island, about 10 o'clock last night.

Mr. Clarke saw a bright green ball—tennis size—of light appear on the western horizon. It moved eastwards across the sky, gradually enlarging to football dimensions, and at the same time turning orange.

The Saddle Hill it began to emit a train of sparks, about a yard long to the eye, before disappearing.

Then, from the direction of Brighton, a bright red glow appeared in the sky.

Astronomical enthusiasts locally think that Mr. Clarke's phenomenon was probably a meteor, which exploded.

Something similar was seen by observers three weeks ago, when an intensely brilliant green, almost phosphorescent, meteor came out of the constellation Scorpio on the eastern horizon and moved across the sky over the city to explode above Flagstaff.

## RED BALL IN SKY SEEN BY LOCAL MAN

"Clutha Leader," Balclutha, 6th July, 1956.

A red ball of light travelling north was seen in the sky on Friday night by Mr. Jim Beedy, of Paisley Street, Balclutha, while he was sitting in his truck.

He described it this morning as looking like the rear red reflector light of a modern car seen through a mist. He witnessed the phenomena for about four seconds. A friend in his truck also saw it.

At first he thought it was local reflection, although he thought it was strange at the time. On Saturday morning he read in the daily newspapers that a similar light had been seen in the sky over Dunedin.

Mr. Beedy said it was high above the clouds and it was hard to estimate its speed. It travelled roughly at the speed of a car about 100 yards away going 30 m.p.h.

He was looking at the light when his friend asked him what had attracted his attention. Mr. Beedy pointed it out and his friend thought it was lightning, but changed her mind when she noticed it was red. It lit up the clouds.

"I wouldn't say it was a 'flying saucer,' but it was a very unusual sight," he said.

## BRILLIANT RAYS OF LIGHT FAN OUT ACROSS SKY

20th July, 1956.

Glowing silvery white and stretching almost horizon to horizon a most curious phenomenon of light was witnessed by numerous citizens of Christchurch on the evening of July 20th. Great interest was caused by the beautiful sight, the streaks resembling the beams of many powerful searchlights. Official meteorological explanation was that high parallel cirrus clouds, made up of ice crystals, were reflecting the light of the moon. Judging by information sent to C.S.I. by southern reps, many just could not accept this explanation. The pattern was too perfect, they said. The hub of the rays stayed below the horizon but slowly moved from N.E. to S.E. during the 2½ hours our informers observed the phenomenon.

## STRANGE SIGHT Baffles WEATHER MAN

19th July, 1956.

On the Thursday morning, 4.08 a.m., 19th July, I saw a bright orange, pear-shaped object to the W.S.W. of the Whenuapai Control Tower. It appeared to be approx. 25-30 degrees above the horizon. During the one to two minutes I observed the object it did not appear to be at any great distance. I left the tower and proceeded to the radar hut (some 400 yards distant). Upon arrival at the hut (I had temporarily lost sight of it behind buildings) the object had disappeared. Approximately five minutes later I noticed a stratocumulus cloud, height 3,500 ft., to be now outlined by an orange light, giving the impression that it was so lighted from above

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and beyond. About two minutes later the light had gone.

The light from the object was most intense in the centre and somewhat diffused on the outer edges. Fog at the time could have caused this effect. There is an orange light mounted on a telegraph pole at Whenuapai gate, but this gate light was obscured from my original sighting location and more south. The moon was in a northerly direction and higher in the sky.

I have not previously sighted anything like this before, nor have I been able to find any satisfactory explanation for the object I sighted.

A. A. BOWERS, Met. Officer, Whenuapai.

## "SAUCER" CROSSES TASMAN

"Taranaki Daily News," 16th July.

The bright red glow surrounded by a flaming halo which was reported to have been seen over the northern suburbs of Sydney on Sunday morning is claimed to have been seen by two young men from the top of Whenuakura Hill between Waverley and Patea at 1 o'clock on Monday morning.

Returning from Palmerston North, the two men, Mr. T. Crawford, Whenuakura, and Mr. M. Pease, Hawera, suddenly noticed a bright glow in the sky as they passed over the brow of the hill.

They stopped their car and watched as the phenomenon moved towards them from the sea and then turned slightly and moved away between Whenuakura and the sea.

### Cruised round

To the watching pair, who had never seen anything like it before, the glow, which appeared to have certain lines of an aircraft, seemed to cruise round for about a quarter of an hour before disappearing.

Mr. Crawford said he could not be sure of the distance of the object from them—it could have been 50 miles away—but he thought it was about three or four times bigger than an ordinary-sized bird.

He mentioned having seen the object next morning at the breakfast table but had refrained from reporting it until he read about the Sydney sighting.

## BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN BY MANY

"Daily Advertiser," Waimate.

A bright light to the left of the radio transmitting masts at Highcliff last night attracted the attention of many folk who telephoned the "Otago Daily Times." The orange coloured light was first noticed about 9.30 p.m. and seemed to be moving slowly to the left. A few hours later it had disappeared.

## "FLYING SAUCER" OVER THE CITY?

"Southland Daily News," Invercargill, 24th July, 1956.

A "flying saucer" was reported over Invercargill last night by five residents. These unidentified flying objects, as they are technically known, have been reported, seen, and photographed in almost every country of the world but are only occasionally reported in Southland.

The "saucer" supposed to have been seen last night was described as a "round, dome-shaped object emitting a red haze of light," and its progress was followed across the sky for about 12 minutes before it disappeared.

The object was first seen hovering in the east but moved slowly in a northerly direction and then picked up speed to vanish quickly in the clouds.

It was first thought that the object was a star, but the observers consider this impossible as there was a solid background of clouds.

A very bright "star" has been seen in the east for the past week, and one person at Bluff on Saturday night described it as a flying saucer.

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On Saturday night the light changed from a very bright white to an orange-red, the Bluff observer says.

The change of colour was noticed in the town itself, on the wharf, and at Stirling Point, by several persons. It was visible for some time before disappearing behind a cloud.

The meteorological office at the Invercargill airport conducts no observation of the stars, but one official said that he thought the bright star might have been the planet Venus, which is fairly close to Earth at this time and often visible during the day.

(Not Venus, possibly Mars was seen by the Bluff observer.—Ed.)

### OBJECT IN SKY

"Southland Daily News," 26th July, 1956.

A Riverton resident was startled the other evening to see a large red object flashing across the north-westerly sky, to disappear behind the Longwood range. He was returning home on his tractor when he sighted the object and because of the engine noise was unable to hear whether the object made a noise or not.

To him the object was the size of a reddish football and had a short reddish tail, the whole travelling rapidly across the sky. His opinion was that it was a meteor—he held no brief for the flying saucer theory.

### SURVEY ENGINEER TRACKED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WITH 20 POWER THEODOLITE IN DAYLIGHT

The news came to your Editor just as he was finishing duty for the day. An R.N.Z.A.F. Devon aircraft crew visiting Woodbourne on the 26th July brought back the news to Whenuapai. A phone rings and I listen intently to the brief details of an observation that had stirred up great interest in Blenheim and Woodbourne that very morning. First thing next morning the wheels of C.S.I. went into action. Two urgent telegrams are sent to sources near the scene, one being to the "Marlborough Express," Blenheim's evening paper. Back came a press clip, with a reporter's satirical remarks. The press report on the incident, neat and conclusive, to anyone reading it, it was perfectly obvious that some clown (unnamed) had set up a theodolite in the main street, set it on Venus (at present a morning star) and left the curious passers-by who stole a peep to wonder and conjecture to their hearts content.

However, after a number of letters (almost doped myself by the press report) and a kind mention of C.S.I.'s request for information by the "Express," we learned a far more interesting story. After an exchange of letters with Mr. Clark, the Engineer who made the sighting, we feel you will be most interested to read what we discovered. A copy and letter has been forwarded to the Editor of the "Express" for the paper's further possible interest.

26th July, 1956.

Grovetown, Blenheim.  
30th July, 1956.

Mr. H. H. Fulton,  
Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a record of the activity of an object observed by myself with a theodolite and with the naked eye. The object became too faint to be seen without assistance from the telescope, and was getting further away all the time.

It appeared to be moving in three dimensions, and its greatest direction was away.

On the 26th July, 1956, I happened to glance up to the window and saw an unusual object in the sky. I set up my theodolite at 10.15 a.m. and recorded its altitude and immediately obtained a sun shot and calculated the

bearing from the azimuth of the sun, and noticed that whatever it was, was about to cross the meridian, approx. 37½ degrees ahead of the sun. I checked with the Nautical Almanac and could not find anything to correspond. The object was moving in a westerly direction, arising in altitude and moving away at great speed.

At 11.15 a.m. another record was taken, but the object could not be seen very easily with the naked eye. At 11.30 a.m. it had dropped in altitude and become invisible. It was then I observed Venus, a different object altogether, which was in the near vicinity all the time. The first object was similar to Venus in shape, but was flat at the bottom, where the shade ring of Venus was at right angles to the sun, making it perpendicular in the flat part.

Venus was a distinct half sphere, but the other was not a perfect half sphere, but was more domed, with flat parts or edges and not a distinct edge of a half sphere. There may have been more edges than shown on the diagram, but the object was too distant to tell. I could only tell there was a distinct difference.

When first observed it was much larger in the telescope than Venus, but faded smaller till right out of sight. I left the theodolite sighted on Venus and the public then began looking and as the theodolite was giving impressions in reverse (the shiny side of Venus appeared to be away from the sun) this created a misunderstanding, which I did not explain, but let them go away puzzled.

I didn't reveal that what I first saw was not Venus, as I would have been ridiculed, as I had already been laughed at by the reporter when I first rang him. As far as I know, I was the only one to see the object, as I did not want anyone else altering the verniers on the instrument.

The object appeared to have a bluish hue in front and a rusty hue behind, but that may have been atmosphere. When the clouds came between the object, there was what appeared to be a white light or glow behind the cloud, but when the clouds were not there, the white glow was not visible.

It was not a met. balloon, as it was moving against the westerly air stream, and it would have been too far away to see a balloon. What puzzled me was the westerly movement, which was very near that of the sun, about 15 degrees per hour, but Venus was there as well; has been for some days and still is.

By the enclosed data, you will be able to verify that it could not have been Venus, hoping that this detail will help you in your investigation (organization).

I am, yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. J. CLARK.

Observational data sheet forwarded with report.

From Latitude 41° 31' 10" — Long. 173° 57' 30"  
26th July, 1956.

NZST 10.15 a.m. Alt. 33.20' Poler < 55.40' (Zenith angle)

GMT 22.15 Bearing 2.36' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

NZST 11.15 a.m. Alt. 34.20' Poler < 55.40' (Zenith angle)

GMT 23.15 Bearing 347.25' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

NZST 11.30 a.m. Alt. 31.25' Poler < 58.35' (Zenith angle)

GMT 23.30 Bearing 342.12' true calc. from sun Azimuth 25/7/56.

### ADDED BY C.S.I.

True Azimuth and Altitude of Venus at the times given above on 26th July, 1956, computed by R.N.Z.A.F. Nav. Officers using standard navigator almanac:

At 10.15 a.m. Alt. 29°46' AZ. 353°

At 11.15 a.m. Alt. 26°57' AZ. 338°

At 11.30 a.m. Alt. 25°44' AZ. 334°

Venus passed Meridian at 21.49.11 GMT.  
9.49 a.m. NZST.

**FURTHER DETAILS ASCERTAINED FROM MR. M. J. CLARK FOLLOWING C.S.I.'S ENQUIRY AS TO THE OBSERVER'S OCCUPATION AND EXPERIENCE WITH A THEODOLITE**

Mr. Clark writes:

"I wish to verify my earlier letter re the object sighted on the 26th July, 1956, and assure you that my report was as correct as I could make it.

"The transit used was a standard theodolite made by E. R. Watts & Son on the 24th October, 1921, No. 3472, and the power of the telescope was 20. I have been using this instrument for the last three years on engineering projects and have never found the instrument to be in error.

Since 1935 I have been using a theodolite and I am quite familiar with all types. I have used them in all parts of the world under all conditions including under firing and bombing. I have used levels of all types, sextants for navigation purposes and all types of survey instruments. I am a Civil Engineer employed till 9th August as Assistant Borough Engineer, Blenheim, and from the 13th August Staff Engineer for the Cook County Council, Gisborne, to where I will be shifting this weekend. I am a radio amateur and operate my own station ZL2BU, also a member of the Institute of Engineering Technology in England.

"When the object was first sighted by the naked eye, was slightly an orange colour, similar to Mars, but did not appear through the telescope to be quite so much so, but was quite distinctly different from the white light reflected from Venus. In front of the object the impression I received was that it had a blue tint and out of the back, although it was not an exhaust stream, there appeared to be an orange tint, but it was not easily defined. There was no definite fluctuation of light from the object.

"The observations made were just as stated at the various times marked and the error in transferring NZST to GMT was noticed, but the azimuth was calculated from the correct GMT. The error was in copying off the scribbling pad."

(Venus is sketched as a half-sphere, perpendicular, whereas the object sighted is not only larger, but is akin to a many sided or facets on a dome, with the flat side horizontal at the bottom.—Ed.)

"The sketches are as near as I can remember them, but the strange object was flat on the bottom and may not have been quite as high as I have drawn, but it was definitely not a half-circle but went in chords. Venus was a half-circle and lying on a different plane."

(Signed) M. J. CLARK.

**PAPATOETOE PEOPLE SEE STRANGE ORANGE LIGHT**

Reports Mrs. Wood, C.S.I. member. "Last Friday night, July 27th, at 6.10 p.m. my friend and I were outside when we spotted a strange orange coloured object in the sky. It was about the size of a motor car lamp." The object was seen climbing steeply and had a multi-coloured tail; it was lost in the clouds temporary and later again seen moving away at high speed. There were two other witnesses, all of whom felt sure it was not a meteor. C.S.I. learned that others had seen similar things later that night but the people were reluctant to give details.

**STRANGE LIGHT IN SKY SEEN AT WAIRAU BAR**

"The Marlborough Express," July 28th, 1956.

A strange, bright, fast-moving light was reported over Cook Strait by four people at Wairau Bar on Saturday night.

**FLYING SAUCERS**

The first observer was Mr. N. C. Daken, of Wairau Pa Road, who called his wife and then called Mr. T. MacDonald, of Wairau Pa, by telephone. This was at about 9.20 p.m. Mr. MacDonald's view from his home was obscured by a tree and he and his wife went to Mr. Daken's home.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald saw the light for about 10 minutes and Mr. and Mrs. Daken saw it for about 20 minutes.

The observers describe the light as having been round and of an orange colour, bright on the leading edge and fading to a green tinge at what appeared to be the tail. When first seen the light was as bright as a star, but as it approached it became much more brilliant. When it passed through dark rain clouds, it illuminated them.

Height and speed the observers found hard to judge. It flew low along the horizon, at times climbing at 45 degrees (half-way between the horizon and the zenith). The speed was obviously too great, observers believe, to be even that of a jet aeroplane. The light travelled in an arc from the Vernon Bluffs on the one hand, to Port Underwood on the other. Mr. Daken believes he saw a flare drop from the object.

All the time the light was in the sky, there was a glow in the sky in that area.

**Earlier reports**

It was Mr. MacDonald who a year ago reported a light in the same area. That was a longer, less round light, he said.

"I am pleased about this second appearance," he said, "as it shows I was not having hallucinations last year."

Mr. and Mrs. Daken also were pleased to have witnesses of what they had seen. "I would not like anyone to have thought we were having a Saturday night party here," she said this morning. In an effort to obtain witnesses on Saturday night, they telephoned many neighbours.

29th July, 1956.

A light very similar to that seen over Cook Strait by Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Daken and Mr. and Mrs. T. MacDonald on Saturday night was seen over the Wither Hills, south of Blenheim, by three people on Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. L. Cording, driving home with Mrs. Cording's father, Mr. R. Bailey, about 10.30 on Sunday night, saw the object. Like that seen by the Saturday night observers at Wairau Bar, it was an orange coloured ball, tapering to a green tail. On Sunday, however, it was not moving at great speed over big distances as was Saturday's object. It moved up and down at an angle of about 45 degrees, hovering occasionally. At first the observers thought it was Mars, but Mars was found to be in a different part of the sky.

**STRANGE OBJECTS IN NELSON SKY TODAY**  
"The Nelson Evening Mail," July 30th, 1956.

A number of small, silver, unidentified objects were seen in the sky over Nelson by a woman resident in Murphy Street, at 8.40 o'clock this morning.

Her little daughter, aged four, was with her at the time and was also able to describe the objects.

Two were seen at first, directly below the sun and about one-third as big. "They shone brightly while cloud in the vicinity had a dull look," commented the observer, who shyly asked that her name not be used. Slightly oval in shape the two objects got smaller and suddenly vanished.

A few moments later the same observer saw three similar discs in line over the cemetery. They were also stationary and in a straight line with the one on the left slightly higher and the line sloping down to the right.

These also vanished in puffs after growing smaller. "They had clear outlines and at no time appeared like clouds," commented the observer.

"They could not have been weather balloons at that time," commented the staff of the Meteorological Station at Tahamanui when the matter was referred to them.

### STRANGE LIGHT WAS SEEN IN DUNEDIN "Otago Evening Star," 6th August, 1956.

The phenomenon which mystified so many people in Suva on Friday evening and Saturday morning was also visible in the Dunedin sky. The description given to the "Star" this morning by Mrs. G. Wilson, of Leith Street, was almost identical with the one in the report from Suva on Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson and her husband sighted the object about 10.30 p.m. on Friday. She described it as the brightest thing in the sky, and the rays thrown from it formed the shape of an inverted cross.

The Wilsons would have been prepared to accept the object as having been an abnormally bright star but for the fact that it did not twinkle during the 15-minute period they watched it. It was stationary in the eastern sky.

The director of the Beverley Begg Observatory, Mr. A. J. Doig, said today it could quite possibly have been Mars, which is the brightest object in the eastern sky at this time of the year.

But, he said, the report from Suva suggested it was not Mars. It was described as a golden yellow light, and Mars has a reddish tinge, he explained.

Its colour could have been due to atmospheric conditions, but it was most unlikely that object would hold its golden light for the seven hours it was visible in Suva, he said.

### OBJECT SEEN IN SKY AT ESKDALE

"Daily Telegraph," Napier, 6th August, 1956.

A mysterious glowing ball about a quarter the size of the moon, hovering in the sky at an angle of 30 degrees from the ground, held the attention of Mr. D. Lindsay, a farmer, of Eskdale, and his family for about five minutes shortly after 5.30 yesterday morning.

Mr. Lindsay said today he awakened at 5.30. On opening the venetian blinds in his bedroom he saw the strange object—a perfect, golden-coloured sphere—in the sky. "While I was watching it, it seemed to travel away and become smaller until it was the size of a pinhead. Then it would suddenly return to its previous size," he said.

#### Brilliant Light

Mr. Lindsay awoke his wife and child and together they watched the object travel away and come close again for a full five minutes. Mr. Lindsay said the object was in the sky in a north-north-east direction from Eskdale and well clear of the hills. "It was so brilliant," he said, "that when a cloud passed between it and ourselves we could see the whole cloud and the sky illuminated."

It was stressed by Mr. Lindsay that the object was a perfect sphere and glowed with a golden red colour. It grew small and large again several times while he and his family were looking at it, he said. Mr. Lindsay estimated that the size of the object would be comparable to 35 to 40 of the largest stars grouped closely together.

### MOVING LIGHT SEEN OVER HOSPITAL HILL

"The Gisborne Herald," 8th August, 1956.

A description which appeared in Tuesday night's "Herald" of an unidentified object which an Eskdale, Napier, farmer saw floating on Tuesday morning tallies closely with an observation made by Mr. P. Galloway, a Gisborne resident, some hours later.

Resting in his bedroom at his home in Valley Road, Mangapapa, Mr. Galloway saw through a window a glow-

ing ball which travelled at a considerable altitude from south to north, disappearing behind clouds over Hospital Hill.

According to his observation lasting several minutes, the object was globular in shape and glowed bright over its whole surface. It had the appearance of a star of unusual magnitude.

Realising that even a very bright star would not emit so much light at that hour of the day—approximately 10.45 a.m.—Mr. Galloway went out-doors to make a further observation. He was unable to pick it up again, however, as cloud had obscured the sky.

### CORRESPONDENCE

"The Taumarunui Press," 8th August, 1956.

#### UNUSUAL OBJECT IN THE SKY

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—While driving to Taumarunui yesterday, August 7th, and when a few miles south of Te Kuiti, in the corner of my vision appeared what seemed to be the glint of an aircraft at about 3000 ft. shining in the sun. I glanced idly up at it, and away again, then experienced a "double take" as I realised its shape was not that of an aircraft. I have had a good deal to do with aircraft of several types and have flown approximately 1000 hours.

This object could be described as a disc or sphere, but whichever it was, to my vision, it was perfectly round and, shining with steady radiance, it was clear cut against the blue sky. While watching the road I glanced back at it several times. Its motion, upward and southward ahead of me, was effortless but from the rate at which its size diminished its speed must have been fantastic. Its height, when I first noticed it, was much greater than it had seemed as an aircraft and I had it in perfect view for 12 to 15 seconds before it grew too small and faint and a small cloud finally lost it to view. The time was 4.10 p.m.

I would be interested to know if any of your readers noticed this object.—Yours, etc., R. A. FERRI, Hamilton.

### THREE ADULTS MAKE 13-MINUTE OBSERVATION OF GLOWING OBJECT AT CLOSE QUARTERS. DETAILS GIVEN OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE NEWS OF FIRST NEW ZEALAND REPORTED LANDING

Mr. X, a farmer from near Tolaga Bay, gives C.S.I. first-hand account of a sighting at close quarters on the early morning of July 19th. All three witnesses to the incident have appended their signature to the testimony reproduced below. A sketch of the object was included in the report.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 30th July to hand, for which many thanks. I have been meaning to get in touch with some organization interested, but with moving to a new locality I just haven't had the time. Now, concerning this "object" that I saw, I will endeavour to give you as clear a picture as possible. If you require further information please write to me and I will do my best to be explicit. I would also be most appreciative of any further information concerning these objects. Up until the present I haven't been a scoffer. However, I hadn't taken any notice of these manifestations and this experience sort of caught us napping. My mother and aunt, both reliable women and myself had a close view, unobstructed, from our front verandah at my X station home.

We were awakened at approx. 4.31 a.m. by a brilliant light shining in the window. I might add here that we had taken down curtains and blinds prior to shifting. This object was approx. 200 yards distant and on about eye level, as the house is approx. 30' to 40' above sea-

level. The object was surging up and down slowly in a similar way to a magnifying glass. It was straight above the sand, as it was reflected in the wet sand. There was a faint feeling of heat, not excessive, but definitely there. It can best be described as being an object almost completely round, and there was a band of light around the centre, but slightly above the middle. A marble with a washer over it would fit the description. From the bottom there were six streams of light dripping out. I saw dripping as that best describes it, like molten metal dropping. This only took place when it was surging up and down.

Also, from the top there were two beams of light which shot out about 12 feet and slowly retracted to the body again, almost as though sending out radar, or some other such signals. The band of light around the middle changed colour, but only when it took off, when the light became more brilliant. We could see no signs of apertures or portholes as the light was so brilliant, almost like staring into a powerful electric light bulb. I went down to see if I could find any deposit in the morning, but with no success. At 4.44 a.m. this object slowly rose to about 60 feet and glided out over the sea for about half a mile and then slowly began to rise. At no time did it speed. What time it arrived we do not know, but a shepherd of mine, living due west of us about 4 miles away, saw a light travelling in an easterly direction about 4.15 a.m. The night was brilliantly clear, bright moonlight, cold, and there was little or no wind. Unfortunately, our phone was out of order on this occasion and we had no camera.

This object disappeared travelling almost due east. Several of the local people saw the light, but did not investigate further. Fishing trawlers are inclined to sneak in close at night and get out before first-light, so lights would not arouse any curiosity. This object was about 30 feet in diameter; it was definitely not saucer shaped. From my observations I would be emphatic and say that "it" could quite easily have been controlled by some sort of intelligence. Meteors could be counted out as they do not hover. Although pressed to inform the local paper, I did not, as no one likes to be held up to ridicule.

I would also like to tell you of another experience which occurred to friends some three years ago this coming shearing. Two friends of mine, hard-headed farmers, told me this as it happened to them. They swore to me to keep it to myself as they were afraid of chaffing. They were out mustering one morning for shearing on a rough block of country in the Gisborne back country. The time was a few minutes after dawn, when things are indistinct. They were on a promontory above a patch of scrub. When they barked their dogs to shift the stock, an object arose out of the scrub and went away up this valley, leaving a trail of white ash. One of them went down and actually touched some of the substance which disintegrated immediately (this is the substance named "Angels' Hair" or "Threads of the Virgin"—Ed.). This stuff was on all the low bushes. Unfortunately they did not investigate further. In the light of my recent experience, they are extremely interested.

*Mr. X ends by expressing the wish that he be now considered a member of C.S.I. and states that he wishes to obtain as much information as possible on the subject. Our investigation is continuing fervently.*

*I had learned of this sighting from two other private sources, one being a fellow serviceman, who knows the farm manager personally. My friend was visiting his parents' home on leave at Tolaga Bay at this very time. My letter to Mr. X subsequently brought the above most extraordinary and important information. My friend was personally most impressed with this farmer's experience as he holds him in high regard.—Ed.*

## Further Confirmation of Anaura Bay Observation . . .

9/9/56

Dear Sir,

Your letter of August 25th to hand, for which many thanks. I would have answered sooner, but owing to pressure of work, neglected to do so. With regard to publishing the account I sent you, by all means do so, and our name can be used in your magazine. I enclose £1 for membership fee. The data in these books is simply amazing and I am getting more of those books you have recommended. Regarding the date of the sighting I am positive it was Thursday morning, July 19th. The colour changed very little. The outside ring was slightly darker while hovering and got white hot (the same colour as the body) when it started to move off. The illustration on your magazine cover is very much like the object we saw. I am relieved that our description was reasonably accurate. I would very much like to meet you and discuss this experience. If I am coming to Auckland I will certainly contact you. I expect to be in Auckland in early November. In the meantime many thanks for your letter and enlightening literature.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. ROBINSON.

P.S.—Two other signatures to the observation.

O. M. ROBINSON.  
YVONNE SPEUS-BLACK.

## NEW PLYMOUTH SIGHTING

"Taranaki Daily News," 11th August, 1956.

A strange spinning object in the heavens near New Plymouth was reported by a resident living in the Port Taranaki area last night. She said that she and three members of her family watched it for several minutes before it was obscured by cloud.

The resident, who telephoned the "Taranaki Daily News" about 9.30 p.m., described the object as shedding a golden glow and said it could be seen from her home in Paritutu Road.

Other people living in nearby Paritutu Road also saw the object.

The woman said her attention was first attracted by her dog growling. She went out to quieten the animal and saw it looking at the sky. At the same time other people in the neighbourhood were looking up and shouting about the object.

The object appeared to be spinning and at times leaving a trail of haze that partly obscured it. She said it was high up to the west and over the sea, about the size of a dinner plate, round, but flatish on the top and bottom.

Several people in the area watched it before it was obscured by cloud, but they could still see its reflection for some time against the cloud.

## BRILLIANT RED LIGHT BLINKS ON AND OFF

13th August, 1956.

A member from Wellsford, Mr. P. Nicholls, was most intrigued on the evening of August 13th. After inadvertently spotting a brilliant light not far above the eastern horizon at 6.20 p.m. which at first he took for the planet Mars, he had just realized it was yet too early for the planet to rise when the light blinked out. With the aid of a pair of 8x30 glasses, Mr. Nicholls observed the light closely for the next four minutes. During this time the light blinked on and off a number of times and then stayed on and began to move slowly northwards (two hands span). As it so moved it grew dimmer and finally disappeared below the horizon. Mr. Nicholls is reasonably sure he was not fooled by an aircraft.



## SWIFT FLYING CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED

September 3rd, 1956.

Witnessed by many observers, spanning a distance of 200 miles, a glowing object flying at a low level crossed Auckland heading north-west at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, 3rd September. The most expert observers so far ascertained, were two Air Force Squadron Leaders, K. B. Smith and O. Staple. The officers were at 500 feet making a landing run into Whenuapai Air Force base, when the glowing object crossed their flight path, disappearing to the north-west as their Hastings aircraft touched down. It was in sight for upwards of a half minute. First taken for a jet, Squadron Leader Smith said, they changed their minds quickly when the object revealed its terrific speed. It had a glowing half crescent shaped light in front and a more brilliant separated light trailing to the rear. "This trailing light seemed to pulsate," said Squadron Leader Staple. The pilots could not see the shape of the object between the lights. Your editor interviewed both officers, both of whom confirmed the press report and gave additional details. The object was travelling a flat horizontal trajectory at an estimated height of 2000 ft., said the Squadron Leaders. "We have not previously seen anything like this. It did not resemble shooting stars—meteors—we have seen plenty of those."

Your editor also interviewed Sergeant T. E. Cook, also of Whenuapai. Sgt. Cook in company with two others saw the object from their car whilst approaching the city on the new northern outlet highway. "The object was cylindrical in shape, had a glowing light up front and was trailing pinkish-blue flame-like light from the rear." "It was a rocket," stated Mrs. Glowacki who was a passenger in the car. Sgt. Cook, following the fixed gaze of Mrs. Glowacki's son, who was the first to spot it, watched the object approach very fast from their front, and in the space of 9 to 10 seconds had disappeared to their left rear in a north-westerly direction. They are quite sure in their own minds that the object was not a meteor.

Mr. L. C. Dassler of Oropi, Tauranga (a former flight sergeant navigator with 1500 flying hours in the R.N.Z.A.F.), reported seeing "a pinkish-purple flame and an indistinct shape of a hull," about 1000 feet above Te Poi near Matamata. It was travelling faster than any jet he had seen. Mr. F. J. Aikin, a Reporoa farmer, saw a pinkish and white pear-shaped object travelling very fast across the western sky.

A gang of waterside workers loading the "Mataroa" at Queen's Wharf, Auckland, said they saw "about four windows in the side." The object was cigar-shaped with a blue flame shooting from the rear. Many others reported seeing the object. CSI is currently investigating.

**Auckland's evening paper 5th September, 1956, further reports . . .**

"The Auckland Star," Sept. 5th, 1956.

Something that looked like a flying ball-point pen has joined the array of aerial phenomena reported over Auckland. But the man who saw it says without hesitation, "It was a meteor."

He is Mr. L. A. Warner, head of the science department at Avondale College. He also says without hesitation that Monday night's object in the sky (which he didn't see) was a meteor.

A different view is taken by Captain H. Hill, assistant marine superintendent for the New Zealand Shipping Co., Ltd., and a self-confessed former critic of flying saucer theories. He saw Monday's object, and said emphatically: "It was not a meteor."

Captain Hill saw the object from Takapuna at 6:45 p.m. It appeared as a cluster of bluish lights, moving

swiftly and silently in level flight from Rangitoto towards Milford. After about five seconds it abruptly vanished.

"I have had 28 years at sea, and I've seen meteors and comets and I've seen planets rising and setting in all conditions," he said. "This was definitely an aircraft of some type."

### Glowed brightly

Mr. Warner made his observation on Friday night. What he saw was a brightly-moving object like a slightly curved ball-point pen, except that its trailing end was diffused to a streamer-like formation.

*Mr. L. A. Warner, Avondale College Science Head, mentioned in the press report, rang your editor and stated firmly that he had not made any reference or expressed any such opinion about the object sighted on Monday night, the 3rd of September, as accredited to him by the "Star's" reporter. He also rang Captain H. Hill and informed that gentleman that he had not made the remarks mentioned in the press report. Mr. Warner has an open mind on the subject, and has quite an interest in the problem of UFO appearances.*

I spoke to Captain H. Hill via phone, who immediately confirmed his reported impression of the sighting. He kindly invited CSI officers to visit his point of observation and make any considered necessary checks of bearing, angles of elevation, arc of flight witnessed, etc. This has been arranged. Captain Hill added, "My estimation of the height the object was flying is 800 to 900 feet, and not very distant." He had discussed the matter with the captains of two of his company's ships, which were at the time of sighting approaching Auckland Harbour some 10 to 15 miles west. The ships "watches" had not reported anything. The object had passed Captain Hill to the west going north-west. He considered the fact that the ships had not seen anything supported his contention that the object was quite close.

In order to obtain as much information on this incident as possible (we have heard of many people having sighted it, particularly further south of Auckland), CSI has inserted a large advt. in the local press calling for all details possible from the public. We are hopeful of good returns.

## BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED, CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED

Christchurch, 6.20 p.m., 26th August, 1956.

Mrs. Turnbull, Hills Rd., Christchurch, sighted "a long, cigar-shaped object, clearly outlined and brilliantly lighted, travelling very fast from north to south in a downward curve." Mrs. Turnbull watched the strange object for at least 30 seconds—perhaps longer. She had rang Harewood Airfield and apparently the tower personnel put her on to our Christchurch representative. (Credit Mrs. E. B. Hamber, Ch'ch. rep. Thank you, too, Harewood.)

## UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY

"The Nelson Evening Mail," August 27th, 1956.

A Nile Street resident, Mr. G. Ferguson, has reported observing an unidentified object in the sky over Nelson shortly after noon today.

He described it as a silver disc clearly visible to himself and his family from 12.20 p.m. to 12.50 p.m. Viewed through a telescope the object appeared slightly larger but was still only a silver disc.

Mr. Ferguson's attention was drawn to the sky by a Dakota aircraft which was circling over the city at the time. He said it appeared to circle around the object but the control tower at Nelson aerodrome has advised that no reports of anything unusual were received from

the aircraft. They said it was the normal Nelson to Westport flight circling to gain height before it set a course for the West Coast.

Mr. Ferguson said the object remained visible for half an hour after the plane had left. It did not move.

He said he was particularly interested in the object because it resembled one seen by himself and a group of people at Cable Bay two years ago.

Addendum: On immediate follow inquiries made by our Nelson rep, these additional details came to light: Mr. Ferguson said that through his 8in. telescope the object was round like a grapefruit and was surrounded by a glow. Our Nelson rep., who is also a keen amateur astronomer, checked on Venus with his 6in. reflector in the early morning and noted that that planet was showing a clear half-sphere shape. Further inquiries and checks are being made; all are reasonably assured that something other than a planet was sighted by Mr. Ferguson. (Credit Mr. J. Fletcher, Nelson Rep.)

## A FATHER LOOKED UP AND SAW . . .

"The Auckland Star," Sept. 6th, 1956.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Thursday (P.A.).—It was no meteor that a Taranaki farmer, Mr. Bert Thomson, of Kaponga, saw pass yesterday morning—and he's no believer in outer-space mysteries.

### What was it?

Mr. Thomson ("I have perfectly good eyes") described it as a mysterious white "aircraft" about 70 feet long, 30 feet wide flying at about 1500 feet in an easterly direction between Hawera and Eltham.

It flew with little noise but at considerable speed—probably 300 to 400 miles an hour.

Mr. Thomson, who had got up to tend a sick animal, said he heard a hissing sound which gradually increased, and saw a white light followed by a blue one.

As the object came closer he saw it had a turret-like glass nose from which the white light came, delta-like rounded wings, a larger glass turret on the middle of the main body from which the blue light came, and a spring tail.

The hissing sound, he said, seemed to indicate a jet-like engine. He could see no wheels or markings on the object.

*ADDENDUM.—The hissing sound has often been reported, when UFOs are near enough to be heard. Remember the brilliant blue discs that paced the length of New Zealand on the night of December 6th, 1952, some 12 widely separated parties who reported the observations that night, all reported the hissing sound.—Ed.*

As you can see . . .

## They're With Us Again!

As this issue goes to press, the incidence of U.F.O. sightings are on the increase; numerous local reports are still coming in but cannot be included in this issue. Keep up to date with these momentous events by attending the monthly general meetings — see page 4 for dates.

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# FLIGHT WITHOUT EFFORT

Excerpt from "Flying Saucer Review"

"Electro-gravitics, seeking the source of gravity and its control, has reached a stage where profound implications for the entire human race begin to emerge," writes an American journalist in the current issue of the Swiss aviation monthly, "Interavia." "Perhaps the most startling and immediate implications of all involve aircraft, guided missiles—atmospheric and free space flight of all kinds."

If one of the several lines of research achieved their goal—and it seemed certain that this must occur—gravitational acceleration as a structural, aerodynamic and medical problem would cease to exist. So would the task of providing combustible fuels in massive volume in order to escape the earth's gravitic pull—now the biggest headache facing today's would-be "space-men."

And towards the long-term progress of mankind a whole new concept of electro-physics was being levered out into the light of human knowledge. Some projects were over 30 years old.

"The concept of weightlessness in conventional materials which are normally heavy, like steel, aluminium and barium, is difficult enough," explains the journalist, "but some theories, so far borne out empirically in the laboratory, postulate that not only can they be made weightless, but they can in fact be given a negative weight."

In this particular line of research, the weights of some materials had been cut by as much as 30 per cent. by "energizing" them. Disc aerofoils, two feet in

diameter, incorporating a variation of the simple two-plate electrical condenser, charged with 50 kilovolts and a total continuous energy input of 50 watts, had achieved a speed of seventeen feet per second in a circular air course twenty feet in diameter.

Larger discs, three feet in diameter, had run in a fifty-foot diameter air course under a charge of 150 kilovolts with such impressive results that the cloak of secrecy had been thrown over them.

Variations in this work had been done in a vacuum with startling results. A flame-jet generator to supply power up to 15 million volts was being developed; and such a force raised exponentially to levels capable of pushing man-carrying vehicles through the air—or outer space—at ultra high speeds was now the object of concerted efforts in many countries.

Once achieved, it would allow vehicles to behave like flying saucers—"Flying Saucer Review," Vol. 1, No. 1, and Vol. 1, No. 5.

Entirely new and unsuspected electrical waves similar to electro-magnetic radio waves in basic concept are apparent in the ether, says "Interavia's" contributor. They have been created and transmitted through layers of the most efficient kinds of electro-magnetic and electrostatic shielding without apparent loss of power in any way. There was evidence, but no proof, that these waves were not limited by the speed of light; the reason why the new science seemed to strike at the very foundations of Einsteinian Relativity Theory.

But rather than invalidate current basic concepts such as Relativity, the new knowledge of gravity would probably expand their scope, ramifications and general usefulness.

The most successful line of electro-gravitics research so far reported was that carried out by Townsend T. Brown, an American who had been researching into gravity for the past 30 years. He was now conducting research projects in the United States and on the Continent and postulated that there was between electricity and gravity a relationship called parallel and/or similar to that which existed between electricity and magnetism. And as the coil was the usable link in the case of electro-magnetics, so was the condenser that link in the case of electro-gravitics.

The detailed implications of man's conquest of gravity, continued "Interavia's" correspondent, were innumerable. In cars, trains and boats the headaches of transmission of power from engine to wheels or propellers would simply cease to exist. Construction of bridges and big buildings would be greatly simplified by temporary induced weightlessness.\* Other facets of work now under way indicated the possibility of close control of plant life; new therapeutic techniques; permanent fuel-less heating units for homes and industry; new manufacturing techniques and a whole new field of chemistry. The list was endless . . . and growing.

Ignoring the military significance of electro-gravitics in international affairs, what the development of the new science might do to the value of raw materials was perhaps interesting to contemplate. Some materials were more prone to induced weightlessness than others. They

were becoming known as **gravitic isotopes**. Some were already quite hard to find, but others were common and, for the moment, cheap. Since these ultimately might be the vital lofting materials required to the creation of contra-gravitational fields, their value might become extremely high with equivalent re-arrangement of wealth of national resources, balance of economic power and world geo-strategic concepts.

How soon all this would come about was directly proportional to the amount of effort put into it. Surprisingly, countries usually in the lead in this type of research had only been fooling around. Britain, with her National Physical Laboratory, had apparently never seriously considered that the attempt to overcome gravity was worth the effort and was now scurrying around trying to discover what it was all about. The Americans† only put token amounts of money into research, while the French, a little more open-mindedly, had initiated a number of projects, but these were on a very small scale.

Most of the work undertaken so far had been of a private nature, by undercapitalised university professors in lofts and basements. But the word was afoot now and the Governments were taking a growing interest.

\*It is believed the Pharaohs of Egypt possessed the secret and used it to build the Pyramids.

†It is now well known that about fifteen American electronic and aircraft companies are actively engaged on anti-gravity research. See *Flying Saucer Review*, Jan.-Feb. The Indian Government, too, is interested and has offered a substantial prize for the most valuable contribution to anti-gravity.—Ed.

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# Project Magnet

## THE CANADIAN FLYING SAUCER STUDY

"Project Magnet" was authorized in December, 1950, following a request made to the Canadian Department of Transport by W. B. Smith, for permission to make use of the Department's laboratory and field facilities in a study of unidentified flying objects and physical principles which might appear to be involved.

The programme consisted of two parts. The first part was the collecting of as much high quality data as possible, analysing it, and where possible, drawing conclusions from it. The second part consisted of a systematic questioning of all our basic concepts in the hopes of turning up a discrepancy which might prove to be the key to a new technology.

Unfortunately, the programme was plagued by well-meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy, or copy which could be turned to political account, to such an extent that both those who were working on the project and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. Consequently, when the "Project Magnet" Report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through Federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole project had suffered.

"Project Magnet" was officially dropped by the Department of Transport in October, 1954, although the Department indicated its willingness to permit the continued use of laboratory facilities, provided this could be done at no cost to the public treasury. The project has been continuing under these conditions, and to this extent may be said to have gone underground. The Government of Canada is not a participant in the project and not in any way responsible for its conclusions.

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The conclusions reached by "Project Magnet" and contained in the official report were based on a rigid statistical analysis of sighting reports and were as follows: There is a 91% probability that at least some of the sightings were of real objects of unknown origin. There is about a 60% probability that these objects were alien vehicles. (Alien meaning not of earthly fabrication.)

The conclusions based on studies of the basic physical concepts were as follows: Many of our fundamental concepts are inherently ambiguous and quite a different philosophy can be built up on the alternatives. Several of these alternatives lead to much simpler arithmetic, and presentations which do not have to resort to patchwork corrections to make them all-embracing. Furthermore, some of our ideas with respect to fields and their behaviour are wrong.

Recent "Project Magnet" activities have dealt with following up any and all leads. Many of these leads were dead ends, but a few were quite significant and well worth the overall effort. At the present time a definite pattern is emerging, and the groundwork is being laid for a new technology which may literally lead us to the stars.

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## ALL ABOUT PROJECT MAGNET

It gives us every pleasure to pass on to our readers this most interesting statement on "Project Magnet" and excerpts from a recent accompanying letter. Wilbur B. Smith is head of the Canadian Government's Transport Department's Tele-communication Division. Members will recall many newspaper and book references to Smith (Keyhoe) and what he has to say is worthy of more than a passing interest. We thank him for the "statement" and his most welcome letter.—Ed.

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April 24th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Fulton,

I acknowledge your letter of April 15th and wish to thank you for your interest in my activities. Although "Project Magnet" has been officially closed down, I am still carrying on the investigation work on my own. In order to clarify my position I have prepared the enclosed statement. I have no objection to the publication of this statement provided that it is published in its entirety as submitted.

As hinted in the last paragraph of this statement, a great deal has been learned towards the founding of a new and advanced technology, but as yet we are in the kindergarten, and have a lot of crawling and toddling to do before we can walk, much less run!

It is quite true that our knowledge of the physical world in which we live is most inadequate and some of our ideas are quite wrong. But most people with any

sort of a background in science have little difficulty in pointing out the deficiencies. Add to this the knowledge obtained through studies of the flying saucers and it all starts to clear up. It is really surprising how much of the new technology actually is known now, but unrecog- nized because it looks like something else; something that we have taught ourselves to accept blindly, sometimes contrary to our own better judgment. I think that if we were left to our own devices for about fifty years we could get off this planet by field manipulation. I think if as much effort were to be put on this project as was put on the atom bomb, we could do it in ten years. However, I sincerely hope that we don't do it until we outgrow the childish belligerence with which the majority seem to be afflicted.

With best regards,

W. B. SMITH.

## UFO INVESTIGATORS AGREE THAT SAUCERS EXIST—BUT ARE THEIR OCCUPANTS

# Humanoid or Human?

By Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa

After a long wait, the United States and Great Britain finally spoke unofficially through their best-informed saucerologists (Keyhoe, Ruppelt, Cramp and Lord Dowding) on the intriguing question of UFOs. Following closely on their heels were France's top-notch ufological specialists (Gieue, Plantier, Thirouin, and Michel) with their penetrating saucer-phenomena findings.

British, American and French saucer experts agree to a man that flying saucers are real, honest-to-goodness aircraft. They are all in agreement that the saucer-shaped flying machines are not of terrestrial manufacture. But not one of the enthusiastic ufologists will come out openly, clearly and boldly with a statement as to who is behind the saucer vehicles. Oh, yes, they have repeatedly declared that a superior intelligence is behind the strange movements of the extramundane visitants. But none of the scientifically-trained saucer investigators has said—in spite of the accumulated evidence before them—that the saucer-ship occupants are human beings: God-fashioned creatures with body and soul, capable of thinking, reasoning, conversing, and inventing and constructing complicated flying constructions with billion-mile ranges.

It has shocked me no end whenever a saucerologist has asserted that flying-saucers must be operated by pure spirits. I have been equally shocked by saucerological declarations that our extra-terrestrial visitors must be half human and half beast. I have been no less disturbed by certain ufological pronouncements which have stressed the belief that disk-land pilots must be almost, but not quite, human! Such nonsense!

The respected investigating author who really surprises me is France's Mathematician Aimé Michel. While his book, **THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS**, rates high on my list of saucercraft publications, because of his unmistakably scientific, cold-fact approach to the UFO problem, I cannot for the life of me understand why he has refused to evaluate Europe's, South America's and North America's "talking little men" and "dead little men" reports.

Now, Scientist Michel has accepted the testimony of Gabriel Gachignard ("a simple man, honest, without

imagination"), who claims that in October of 1952 he saw, from a distance of 50 yards, a 15-foot cigar land at Marignane Airport, at Marseilles. By the same token, why can't Scientist Michel accept the testimonies of other equally simple, honest and unimaginative witnesses, such as France's Pierre Lucas, Jean-Pierre Mitto, and Antoine Mazaud, Venezuela's Gustavo Gonzales and Jose Ponce, and America's John Quincey Black and John Van Allen, all of whom swear they saw one or more smallish, and/or average-height, human creatures leave or enter decidedly unconventional flying craft?

Let us remember that Black and Allen, two Brush Creek, Cal., mining prospectors, related that, at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 1953, they spotted, from a distance of about 40 feet, an eight-foot-diameter, disc-like aircraft, which moments later was entered by a four-foot pilot, "a white man, with black hair and a closely-shaven face" who wore outlandish clothes and non-American foot-gear. Basil Benedict, a California newsman who interviewed Black and Allen after their saucer pilot experience, wrote on June 25, 1953, that he could not arrive "at a single reason why these miners should attempt to perpetrate a hoax" on him.

What has surprised so many lay saucerologists is the keen interest which Christian theologians have increasingly shown in the saucer-pilot reports. Nearly two years ago a distinguished American clergyman, whom I have known very well for the past 42 years and who now resides in Vatican City, was kind enough to answer a brief but to-the-point questionnaire of mine dealing with these momentous topics: (1) the existence or non-existence of saucercraft; (2) the take-off point or points of flying saucers; (3) the bodily appearance and degree of intelligence of our saucerish visitants; (4) whether or not the disc visitors are related to terrestrial human beings; (5) whether or not the Book of Genesis is the Church's sole basis for deciding the origins of extra-terrestrial intelligent life; (6) whether or not the disc pilots bear the same manner of original sin which has been transmitted to terrestrial humanity by sinful Adam and Eve.

I had barely received a reply to my questionnaire than I became fully acquainted with two notably sub-

stantiated facts: first, that Fathers Gregory Miller and C. M. de Beata Assumptione and several other Catholic priests the world over who had personally observed flying saucers, were privately asserting that the airborne objects which they had seen might have an extra-terrestrial basis; second, that Catholic theologians K. Staab, M. Schmaus, F. J. Connell, W. T. Wood, P. Crowley, and a score of other Catholic theological authorities were voicing the opinion that human creatures like ourselves might reside on other planets, and that, should we terrestrials be smart enough to build interplanetary aircraft and one day land on extra-terrestrial soil, we might meet our solar-system brethren.

But it remained for my Vatican City correspondent (whose name for the moment I may not mention) to tell me precisely how a group of celebrated Roman ecclesiastical minds felt about extramundane humanity, original sin, etc. This is what my correspondent wrote me, in part: "The Faith-binding article that all human beings are descendants of Adam, according to many theologians, really applies to Earthians, although some theologians hold that it applies to all persons with body and soul, regardless of where they may be . . . This question had not been settled by the Church; and, as a consequence, it is not unreasonable for the faithful Catholic to hold either position until the Church renders an Article-of-Faith decision."

This unofficial information tells us that theologians in Vatican City form two schools: one holds that the Book of Genesis, when speaking of the creation of Man, really refers to the formation of Terrestrial Man; the other maintains that the same narrative unfolds the story of the origins of the very First Man—the progenitor of universal humankind, on this and other planetary bodies.

Regardless of which school we follow, we cannot escape the extremely important fact that Terrestrial In-

telligent Beings and Extra-terrestrial Intelligent Beings have been made "to the image and likeness of God." To them alone He gave the upright stature; to them alone He gave a unique bodily shape, the ability to "make use of reason and intellect to understand and consider God," the faculties of language, thought and ingeniousness, and the will to attain eternal happiness in His Kingdom.

I repeat: the informal, unofficial belief of Roman theologians is that, if saucer-ships exist, they are manned by highly intelligent human beings, who look very much like us.

Some of our more scientifically-bent theologians residing here and abroad contend that the Sauerians are here primarily to investigate whether Earthians constitute a potential or actual threat to the peace of Sauerland. True, their trips do have scientific purposes—the possible discovery of new metals, and new plants and soils for the preparation of better medicinals, the learning of the extent to which our Earth has tilted; the sighting of newly-emerged oceanic islands and the plotting of locations where islands once existed; the determining of whether certain shorelines may be inundated at some future time; the progress we have made in aeronautics, astronautics, astrophysics, astronomy, electronics, and ballistics. Yet, their chief concern is—do men like Scientist Zwicky wish to bomb their planets out of their normal orbital paths and into abnormal, artificial routes around the Sun? How warlike could Earthians become if they were given more terrific H-bombs and 25,000-mile-per-hour warcraft?

The wise theologians are convinced that Earthmen must first outlaw war if they wish to win the respect of Sauerians. Even if future terrestrial astronauts do enter the atmosphere of saucer-based Luna, the Sauerians will not allow them to land if they discover that their intruders still have war-like and conquistadorial ideas in mind.

## RADIO SIGNALS FROM VENUS INDICATE ATMOSPHERE LIKE OURS . . .

"Buffalo Evening News," August 27th, 1956.

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 27—Venus has been broadcasting some astronomically interesting radio signals, an Ohio State University scientist said today.

The signals come in pulses often a second or more and sometimes there is a long string of them, with more or less uniform intervals between, said Dr. John D. Kraus in a paper read to the American Astronomical Society.

The frequency of the signals ranges from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 cycles a second. Those at the higher frequency arrive as much as 2 seconds ahead of those on the lower side of the band. This suggests, Dr. Kraus said, that the electrified atmospheres of Venus and the Earth and the space between have an anomalous way of dispersing radio waves.

The distant planet also sends out another class of radio signals which might be the product of lightning storms, Dr. Kraus said. Sometimes they sizzle away for as long as 12 hours. They fluctuate greatly in intensity, with peaks occurring 20, 39, 63 and 90 minutes, 6 hours 25 minutes, and 11 days apart.

Every day the peaks of intensity arrive about 7 minutes earlier than they did the day previously. This gives a clue to the planet's rotation period, Dr. Kraus said, and probably means that it turns around once every certain number of days minus 7 minutes for each day in the process.

It will take more observing to determine the number of days required for rotation, Dr. Kraus reported.

Venus is overlaid by a thick bank of clouds which prevents direct observation of the planet's surface. The radio signals some day may enable scientists to find out more about what lies beneath these clouds.

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# From Australia

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### "FLYING SAUCER" AT PROSERPINE "Register," Townsville, Queensland.

MACKAY, May 16.—Four people saw a "flying saucer" off Proserpine last Saturday night. They were: Miss Grace Herbetson and Mr. John Murray, of Airlie Beach, and two fishermen.

The story of the four people's experience was brought to Mackay today by South Australian businessman, Mr. K. Morley.

Mr. Morley said Miss Herbetson and Mr. Murray were on the beach at about 8 p.m. when they saw a large reddish object come swiftly from an easterly direction and hover over Airlie Beach for several minutes.

Miss Herbetson and Mr. Murray and the fishermen told Mr. Morley the saucer made a humming noise as it hovered above them and then sped away to the east, where it appeared to stand stationary over Hayman Island.

### "Bright Lights in Sky" R.A.A.F. IN "SAUCER" HUNT OVER SYDNEY

"Sunday Telegraph," Sydney, July 8th, 1956.

An R.A.A.F. plane flew over North Sydney yesterday to investigate a report of two unidentified objects in the air.

The pilot found no explanation for the sighting of the objects.

The R.A.A.F. was acting on a report from Mr. Alan Light of Lloyd Avenue, Cremorne.

Mr. Light had earlier told the Sunday Telegraph that he and other Cremorne residents sighted two unusual objects in the sky.

Mr. Light was a radar equipment operator with the R.A.A.F. in World War II.

"The objects had a metallic appearance, and gave off a bright light," he said.

"They appeared between noon and 1 p.m. about 2000 feet up.

"They were almost stationary.

"The objects disappeared for about an hour, but one reappeared again about 10 past two.

"They weren't aircraft nor were they weather balloons—I've seen plenty of them."

An R.A.A.F. spokesman said the objects could have been reflected light from the planet Venus, at present close to the earth.

### Mystery Blasts Rock Melbourne PEOPLE HURLED TO GROUND, HOMES SHAKE

"Telegraph," Sydney, June 29th, 1956.

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Mysterious explosions rocked Melbourne on a 60-mile arc just before 3 p.m. today.

Defence, Civil Aviation and Weather Bureau authorities could give no explanation of the blasts.

But police said the explosions and the accompanying tremors were the strongest Melbourne had felt.

A wind blast following the explosions hurled people to the ground at Altona, eighty miles south-west of Melbourne.

Mr. G. Phillips, of Geelong Road, Footscray, said he was blown from his bicycle.

A few minutes before 3 p.m. explosions occurred on the 60-mile arc.

Tremors which followed shook homes in most Melbourne suburbs and towns near the city.

In many homes windows were cracked and crockery was broken.

#### Wide area

Reports of the explosion came from widely separated centres such as:

Frankston, 24 miles south of Melbourne on the eastern side of Port Phillip Bay.

Keilor, 10 miles north-west of Melbourne City.

Werribee, 20 miles south of Melbourne, on the western side of Port Phillip Bay.

Ringwood, 15 miles east of Melbourne.

The heart of the city.

To add to the mystery, the noise and concussion were felt only in parts of some city buildings.

The blasts startled thousands of city shoppers.

Huge plate-glass windows shook.

Fire engines went to many houses which occupiers feared had blown up.

A brick wall collapsed in Banksia Stret, Heidelberg, eight miles north-west of Melbourne.

Dogs howled and hid under houses.

Official reactions were:

Lara, Essendon an Mangalore airports said no aircraft were up at the time.

The Weather Bureau reported no meteors.

Melbourne Observatory's seismograph recorded no earthquakes.

The Defence Department said no new weapon or aircraft tests could have caused the blasts.

Munitions factories and storage depots said no ammunition had blown up.

Quarry masters said they were not exploding charges at the time.

### "FLYING SAUCERS" OVER TOKYO

Japan News, Tokyo, May 1st, 1956.

"Flying saucers" were reported over various parts of Tokyo on Wednesday night.

The strange flying objects, which have been creating a sensation since they were first reported in the U.S. in 1947, were seen in Chiba Prefecture and Koto, Kita and Nakano Wards.

In Kita-Sunamachi, Koto Ward, factory worker Sadao Hachiya, 23, and five of his friends saw a bright object about the size of a football flying low over the roof-tops.

They told the Yomiuri Shimbun's Koto Bureau that the object, which was a brilliant white, flew toward Kameido Station and disappeared just before 8 p.m.

In Hirobun-cho, Kita Ward, Miss Turuko Kurihara, 23, saw a greenish object with a red tail flashing across the skies "faster than a jet plane" at about 7.59 p.m.

Miss Kurihara said the object, from 20 to 30 times the size of the tail end of a plane, was in sight for about five seconds.

The flashing object made no noise but caused severe distortion on television sets in that area, according to residents.

## WEB-LIKE THREADS PUZZLE SCIENTISTS Melbourne, July 10th, 1956 (By Airmail).

Regions of web-like white threads drifting through Melbourne's seaside suburbs hang from lines and wires, stick to cars and clothes, catch in trees—and vanish in a few hours.

Six scientists of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Organisation have studied the threads. They have tested them with ethyl acetate, acetone, lactophenol blue dye, magnified them a hundred times, burnt them, melted them, turned them orange.

Said one of them, "It's not wool, it doesn't come from feathers, it's not cotton, it's not wood-fibre, and it doesn't look like a synthetic fibre."

Some of them are thinking in terms of spiders yet to be identified but, as the threads have a melting quality, they are further puzzled.

Copy of the letter forwarded to the named organization on the date stated below.

Director,  
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Organization,  
Melbourne, Australia.

Dear Sir,

An in receipt of cable news item dated July 12th, originating Melbourne, reporting C.S.I.O. Scientist's investigations of strange web-like threads which fall in Melbourne seaside suburbs. Should your organization have more than a passing interest, I take pleasure in passing on the information below, with the hope that it may be of some value.

During the course of my nine years' interest and investigations of 'Unidentified Flying Objects', many reports have been received, where the strange objects and this threadlike substance has been witnessed simultaneously. Usually witnesses have claimed that the white material appeared to be jettisoned from the rear of the objects.

Both military and civilian scientists have investigated this substance, but in the main their analysis have not been published. They have, however, made much comment on its apparent properties. At this time I have quite a dossier on the falls of 'Angels' Hair' on 'Threads of the Virgin' (popular terms of description). There have been a number of earlier falls in Australia and New Zealand. This gelatinous material quickly vanishes on being handled, it sometimes stains the skin a greenish hue temporary—this also shortly vanishes. All traces have usually vanished within 24 hours, as a maximum. Its colour varies slightly with falls—white, dirty white, ash-grey—and sometimes has a pinkish tint. It is reportedly quite strong—resisting tensional loads (or stretching), but on release coils up in a pig-tail-like curl. It burns readily and is usually electro-statically charged.

One of the most spectacular falls of 'Angels' Hair' (see 'Sydney Morning Herald', Sat., Oct. 30th, 1954) occurred at Florence, Italy, on the 23th Oct., 1954. Some 15,000 football fans lost interest in the game, as did the players and for 30 minutes excitedly watched formations of manoeuvring disc and cigar-shaped objects performing in the clear sky above. The objects were seen to jettison whitish material which drifted down and settled in the immediate area.

Cable news further reported that a professor on the scene (not named) managed to salvage a portion and subject it to an analysis at his laboratory. He stated that the analysis showed that the predominant constituents were Boron, Calcium, Silicon, and Magnesium. "It bore resemblance to the constituents of Borosilicate glass," stated the professor.

In the 'Sydney Morning' report, mentioned above, Sydney University's Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Professor A. V. Stephens; the Dean of Faculty of Science, Professor T. G. Room and Dr. J. M. Blat, of the Physics Division, all made comment on the Florence incident.

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Professor Charles Maney, Head of the Physics Dept., Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, U.S.A., is most seriously interested in the 'UFO' and is currently investigating this strange whitish substance.

A large fall last year in the United States, reported to have covered an entire Atomic Commission plant, baffled scientists on the location. Their published comment read very similar to that reported in the Melbourne cable news first referred to.

I am aware, too, of the terrific explosion (press reported 23th and 29th June, 1956) that rocked Melbourne over a 60-mile arc. These incidents are on the increase and mainly occur in the vicinity of populated areas. Some of these mysterious aerial explosions rock areas up to 90 miles radius and are frequently preceded by a vivid orange or blue flash. Most times the weather is fine in the areas affected and all blameworthy authorities vigorously deny responsibility.

Shock waves from aircraft breaking the sonic barrier create similar effects without the flash, but the areas affected are usually selective and far more narrowly defined. These explosions represent another link in the clue to the answer to the saucer riddle.

I do not know the exact date of the recent Melbourne fall of 'Angels' Hair,' investigated by your scientists, but you cannot help but notice that the aerial explosion that rocked Melbourne preceded the fall of thread-like material by only a few days, if that.

I have listed the seven major clues correlated to UFOs in the accompanying news sheet enclosed, for your possible interest. Sincerely hope I have not bored you with all this detail, only wish to aid your investigating officers.

Would most appreciate learning more details of the recent incident and result of investigation, if so concluded.

Your faithfully,

HAROLD H. FULTON.

## STRANGE LIGHTS PUZZLE R.A.A.F. — CONTROL TOWER TRIES TO CONTACT

"Fiji Times," 19th July.

The mystery of the strange lights seen over Levuka on July 18th has been deepened by reports of similar lights seen in the sky over Sydney on the same night. All Sydney newspapers had reports of the mysterious lights, but a check by puzzled aviation officials find that there were no aircraft near where the lights were reported. The control tower at Sydney Airport failed to make radio contact with the object.

## MYSTERY LIGHT REPORTED OVER SYDNEY

"Telegraph," Sydney, N.S.W., 16th July, 1956.

Sydney people reported having seen a bright light surrounded by a red halo over French's Forest yesterday. They said the light appeared soon after 11 a.m. and hovered over the forest for half an hour.

People who phoned the "Daily Telegraph" said the light moved too slowly to have come from an aircraft.

Mr. C. W. Waterman, of Ourimbah Road, Mosman, was sitting on the front verandah of his house when he noticed it.

He said: "It was a brilliant pinpoint like a miniature electric globe, surrounded by a red aura."

My son, Beresford, brought out a pair of high-powered fieldglasses and we had a closer look.

"Through the glasses the light took on a triangular, lampshade-like shape."

"About 11.25 it disappeared in a cloud haze, but reappeared five minutes later, moving slowly out to sea."

Mr. A. Lennon, of Hornsby, also phoned the "Daily Telegraph."

He said the light increased and diminished in intensity for 15 minutes, then disappeared, slowly travelling east.

A spokesman for Mascot Control could not account for the light.

"We did not have any weather balloons up between 11 a.m. and noon," he said.

The R.A.A.F. Home Command Operations Officer said no Air Force plane was over Northern Sydney at the time.

### R.A.A.F. REPORT

Royal Australian Air Force observers were the first to report, which they saw, as a very strong, steady light. Other reports said, however, that the light alternated between a stationary position and a fast movement through the sky. The Observatory at Sydney said the only explanation they could be that the light came from the planet Venus. (Someone at the observation will get jolted over this—because Venus is at present a morning star.—Ed.)

—Credit Mrs. Jolly, Hamilton.

### STRANGE LIGHTS IN SKY OVER LEVUKA

Fiji "Times," July 23rd.

The first report which appeared briefly in the Fiji "Times" last week came from Mr. A. L. Miller, Mr. Les Williams and eight Fijians who were on a fishing expedition on the night of June 13th, between Wakaya and Levuka.

Said Mr. Miller, "They were preparing coffee about 2 a.m. when we saw the object in the sky. It was a large object, shaped like a circle and glowing with light. It was moving slowly towards them in the skies from the direction of Kororua." He added, "We all saw it at the same time and thought the end of the world was upon us as it came through the sky towards us." All ten men said they watched the weird circle of brilliant light approaching them noiselessly through the air; they said it all passed over Wakaya. They had a clear view of it. The men stated that they could see square portholes in the "thing" which was brilliantly lit from within.

They said that at 4 a.m. the object had disappeared over the island of Ovalau. Three residents of Levuka also saw a similar object in the sky on the evening of July 18th.

### U.F.O. SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

Fiji "Times," August 3rd.

First reported at 10.45 a.m., a brilliant object in the sky, seen by many people, caused much excitement. Stated one observer, Mr. John L. Narayan, draughtsman: "At about 11 o'clock yesterday I saw a group of people looking up over the Lilac Theatre in a feathery patch of milky clouds which was cast over the azure sky. I saw a flying saucer exactly like the ones I used to read about in comics. It was in the form of a pancake. I could not see it spinning exactly, but I had a feeling that it was rotating. It was a disc slightly flattened at the sides, more than at the centre. Suddenly it vanished as mysteriously as it had come."

### STRANGE OBJECT SEEN BY HUNDREDS OVER SUVA

P. Nicholls, R.D.1, Wellsford.  
"Herald-Tribune," H.B.

SUVA, Aug. 4.—A sky phenomenon last night and early today puzzled hundreds of Suva observers. The object first appeared over the city from the east shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday. It was still visible at 3 a.m. today.

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Among many reports was that of Mr. Hari Ram, Bachelor of Science, a master at the Marist Brothers' College in Suva. He said that at 9.50 p.m. yesterday he saw a spindle-shaped deep golden-yellow light moving to the north from the east.

Three distinct rods of light radiated from it, the longest of which was vertically upward. The tapering end was curved and diffused.

For over 62 minutes he saw the main rays change several times and assume the shape of a plus sign.

A circular patch of clear blue sky surrounded the object.

The meteorological officer in charge at Laucala Bay, Mr. A. Good, said his office could not explain the object. (We are seriously investigating this report.—Ed.)

### A DIARY ENTRY EXTRAORDINARY

From Mr. A. B. S. Russell, Accountant and Store-keeper for a large Western Australia estate, "Congelin Park, Williams," comes the details of a very interesting early 1956 sighting. Mr. Russell, a captain (army) during the last World War, had read the article on C.S.I. and your Editor's activities as published in "PEOPLE" magazine May 2nd, 1956, and rightly considered we would be interested in his experience.

Excerpt from FOWLER BROTHERS, Diary, Friday, 20th January, 1956—

Fine and warm, wind S.E.

Clover harvesting proceeding, crusher being assembled and tried out. Cregnali N. phoned from Perth to say they will be at Narrogin 6 a.m. Arranged to meet them.

E.L. engine going all day. Pumps wanted for watering gardens. Strange flying object seen by Mrs. Russell and self at 5 p.m. First sighted by Mrs. R. from T. J. S. Fowler's front lawn. Locality of object about one hand's span S.E. of moon, which was clearly visible. Mrs. R. thought the object might be a very bright star and drew my attention to it. At first glance I thought it might be bright sun's rays on a high flying, hovering bird. As my eyes got properly focused I could see it was a big object at considerable height, anything from 10,000 to 20,000 feet. No noise whatsoever. Hovering continued for a minute or two and then the object started to move with spasmodic impetus towards the S.W. (surface winds were S.E.) The strange, slow spasmodic forward movement continued until the object went out of sight in the far S.W. The shape of the object, as far as I could see (sketch like a cottage loaf of bread). When it got away from its first almost vertical position, it seemed to have depth of body.

Lights. There seemed to be a bright light aft (white) with a duller yellow light above and forward. As the object got further away advancing by jumps forward at roughly second intervals, and not at any great speed, the white light aft seemed to brighten with each forward jump. When fading in the far distance, the last we could see of it was the intermittent brightening of the white light.

We are convinced that it was not any sort of plane or helicopter we had ever heard of. It was not a bird nor a star nor comet, nor was it a balloon nor a piece of paper at great height, which we have sometimes seen carried up to fantastic heights by "willy-willies" and such-like. We reported the matter by phone to the Dept. of Civil Aviation, who requested us to write a full account to the Dept. at Perth for redirecting to Melbourne.

Footnote: Mr. Russell enclosed a copy of the reply he received from Perth. A most cordial reply—thanking Mr. Russell for his report, informing him that it would go to the appropriate Military authorities in Melbourne for investigation.

To C.S.I. members this Western Australian sighting proves very interesting, because the following night at Whenuapai, Auckland, N.Z., four met. personnel of the radar hut making a routine raincloud search were com-

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pletely baffled by a cluster of strange, very strong blips that appeared on the screen of their M7 set. (Full details our Mar.-June edition.)

It was not until July that we learned from Mr. Campbell of Ponsonby, Auckland, that he had seen first one very bright moving light in the sky, at 1.15 a.m. 22/1/56, and on bringing his wife out to witness the strange object, he was further surprised to see now 10 to 12 whitish, oval lights moving very fast south-west in a vee formation. Mr. Campbell was quite sure of the day and date—for he had noticed the press report the following Tuesday telling of the Whenuapai radar incident.

"The Free Press," Singapore, Malaya.

Headed "Atlantean Survivors in Space Ships Pilot Those Flying Saucers," a strong argument for the UFOs is featured on a full page of the Singapore "The Free Press," 18th June, 1956, by Pelham Groom. "Have you seen one?" asks "The Free Press." "What are your views on Flying Saucers? We are anxious to find out what readers think of this potentially dangerous subject. Where do you think they come from? What are Flying Saucers?" Pelham Groom is a man who writes on this subject after 20 years' experience in the Royal Air Force. What he has to say here is not all conjecture. "Flying Saucers are a vital concern to every man, woman and child. Your safety may be endangered any day. Write to the Free Press. We want all the news we can get on Flying Saucers." (CSI has made immediate contribution.—Ed.)

## HUNDREDS SEE STRANGE OBJECT

"Telegraph," Sydney, 7th August, 1956.

Hundreds of people last night watched "a peculiar red object like a comet" moving in the sky east of Sydney. The object was sighted by people from Bondi to Lane Cove.

The object was first noticed at 9 p.m. and was still visible an hour and a quarter later.

Groups of Bondi people stood on street corners watching the object.

Mr. H. Warham, Clyde Street, Bondi, said he and his family watched the object for an hour.

He said: "It's the most astonishing thing I've ever seen."

"It looked like a rocket with a tail heading for the earth at terrific speed.

"It glowed in a fiery red brilliance, then faded almost to a pin point. Then it seemed to return.

"I've seen everything that flies in the sky, but this defies description."

"Although I don't believe in flying saucers, I find it hard to believe this is anything like a plane.

"It's the first time I've noticed it."

"Kept Rising"

Mr. W. F. Boyling, Lane Cove, said: "At first it looked like the light on the top of a television mast.

"But when it kept rising in the sky I became really interested.

"At times it was obscured by clouds. But it was quite bright. I've never seen anything like this before."

The Government Astronomer (Mr. H. Wood) discounted the suggestion that the object was Venus.

He said: "It could have been Mars, but it has been in that position some time and hasn't drawn much attention."

Cloudy conditions made it impossible for Mr. Wood to watch the object through the Observatory's telescope.

## WEIRD LIGHTS IN SKY

"Mirror," Sydney, 13th August, 1956.

Arkansas City, Mon. (Ins).—Several unidentified tear-shaped objects casting weird lights in the sky caused a mystery when they were reported seen floating over several Kansas communities.

Two of the strange objects, with lighted, dangling tentacles, were viewed for five hours over Arkansas City by Brian Coyne, city editor of the Arkansas City Traveler, his wife, Irene, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradberry, who had been fishing, and three policemen.

Coyne said the mysterious bulbs cast a metallic blue or bluish green light and moved slowly, frequently changing positions.

Witnesses in Wichita, Hutchinson, El Dorado and Wellington (Kas.) also reported seeing what appeared to be a huge light bulb dancing in the sky.

A State patrolman first reported seeing the objects moving east at a high rate of speed near Hutchinson.

Later, McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita sent out a B29 bomber and Smokey Hill Air Force Base despatched two jet planes to investigate.

An object was picked up on the radar screen at Hutchinson.

The mystery has not been solved.

## Books . . . for the Student

**THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS** by Aimé Michel (tr. by Paul Selver). New York: Criterion Books, Inc. 255 pp. \$3.95.

8 Robert Hale, London.

By Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa.

For the second time this year a French-authored saucer work has been translated into English and circulated in English-speaking countries.

The first French saucercraft book, Jimmy Guieu's **FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD**, came out early this spring. The current saucerwork, **THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS**, will officially be offered for sale in America on June 8th, 1956.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS** is not a narrative romanticizing saucer sightings and saucer landings. On the contrary, it is a soberly thought-out and well-written volume by a celebrated French mathema-

tician and engineer named Aimé Michel. Author Michel, who is typical of the real matter-of-fact, rationalist French scientist, does not take flying saucers for granted. He does not blantly exclaim, "Flying saucers exist!" Rather, he submits his facts—his portfolio-packed flying saucer evidence, and says to the reader: "Here they are—the carefully-reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects throughout the world: in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the United States . . . Now, you be the judge of whether they could possibly be the products of terrestrial aeronautical engineers."

Michel dispassionately evaluates the natural-phenomena hypothesis of America's Dr. Donald Menzel. He observes that Menzel's attitude to the flying saucers "seems to me (Michel) hardly consistent with ordinary common sense."

The author also analyzes Lt. Plantier's solution of the flying saucer riddle. Michel terms it "all-embracing and revolutionary." Three years ago, Lt. Plantier, one

of the smartest minds of the new French Air Force, indicated that a not-as-yet terrestrially-exploited space energy powered the flying saucers. He even attempted to explain "the silence, the thermal resistance, the changes of shape, and the manoeuvrability of the flying disks."

"Flying Saucers and Theology" is the section of Michel's book which particularly caught my eye. On pages 240-243, he reproduces an article which was originally written by Washington's Father F. J. Connell for the AMERICAN ECCLESIASTICAL REVIEW. In this literary contribution, the Washington priest conceives of four spiritual states in which beings exist. While Scientist Michel makes no personal comments on these four orders of beings, he neither attempts to evaluate the alleged flying-saucer landing reports and "little men" contact

stories appearing in all French newspapers in 1954.

Does Michel prefer to believe that flying-saucer pilots are created unlike us and, therefore, "breathe with methane as we breathe oxygen, and quench their thirst with ammonia and hydrochloric acid?"

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, which contains an introduction, three parts, an index and 32 interesting illustrations, deserves the attention and respect accorded the disc works of Major Donald E. Keyhole and Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt. The Michel volume, although a serious book composed of cold facts and involved theories, will be enjoyed not only by the technically-inclined reader but also by the science-fiction enthusiast who is accustomed to devouring exciting stories about things extra-terrestrial.

## THE UFO ANNUAL — 1956

Edited by M. K. Jessup

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"FORGOTTEN MYSTERIES," by R. DeWitt Miller, is an absorbing book dealing with oddities (including saucers) which have been neglected by science and forgotten by the masses. It's enchanting reading and no doubt would be of interest to anyone interested in the unorthodox and seemingly unsolvable mysteries.

Another book by Miller, recently published and just recently reviewed by the Director is "YOU DO TAKE IT WITH YOU." Although not particularly interested in the paranormal, the Director enjoyed the book thoroughly and noted added oddities related to UFO. A good addition to any UFO researcher's collection.

Received is a review copy of UFO ANNUAL by M. K. Jessup. The writer highly endorses this book which lists chronologically sightings and important events in ufology for 1955. Equally absorbing is the author's scholarly opinion, elastic theories and occasionally trenchant comments which garnish the quotative text. The UFO ANNUAL is a well-timed sequel to Jessup's previous work, The Case for the UFO.

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## U.F.O.'s. IN THE AMERICAS

### LET'S HAVE "SAUCER" FACTS, WRITER URGES GOVERNMENT

By DR. B. D. BENINCASA

"Tonawanda News," July 21st, 1956.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe (ret.), famed American saucerologist, has put Air Secretary Quarles on the spot.

The retired Marine Corps major, who has chalked up another best-selling saucerbook, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy," has submitted 11 sharp-worded, hard-hitting questions to the Air Force through Sen. Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the Committee on Finance. According to Max E. Miller, head of California's Flying Saucers International, Keyhoe's 11 provocative questions remain unanswered.

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(Editor's Note: Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa, 27 Montcalm Ave., Buffalo, has reviewed a number of books and articles on flying saucers for THE NEWS. Today's article is an exclusive story on one of today's most controversial subjects.)

I quote below a portion of Keyhoe's memorable letter to Senator Byrd, which contains 11 disturbing questions and also a request that Congress check into the Air Force flying saucer records in an effort to determine why it has refused to reveal the full, unvarnished truth regarding the mysterious spaceships from neighbouring planets.

#### Asks for Answers

"Because of the inherent dangers in this (flying saucer) censorship," Major Keyhoe writes, "I urge that

you (Senator Byrd) forward the following questions and statements to Secretary of the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles, with a request for specific answers."

For Keyhoe's list of questions follows:  
"1. Why has the Air Force concealed an official intelligence report, dated Sept. 23, 1947, which stated the flying saucers were real?"

#### Report was Signed

"For your information, this report was signed by the chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Centre, approved by all members of ATIC, and submitted via director of Air Force Intelligence to the commanding general Army Air Force.

"2. Why has the Air Force kept from the press the official ATIC 'Estimate of the Situation,' drawn up in the summer of 1948, which stated that the flying saucers were interplanetary spaceships?"

"3. With the two above-mentioned documents in its hands, why did the Air Force, in December, 1949, tell the press that the flying saucers were hoaxes, mirages, hallucinations and mistakes by pilots? Why did the Air Force deliberately omit the serious reports and opinions of hundreds of veteran service and airline pilots, airport controllers, radar experts and other trained observers who insisted the saucers were unknown machines under intelligent control?"

#### Secrecy Questioned

"4. Why has the Air Force hidden the 1952 Air Force Intelligence analysis of the flying saucers' 'controlled motion' and its specific conclusion that these UFO's were interplanetary spaceships?"

"5. Why has the Air Force kept secret the recommendations of a panel of top scientists and aviation leaders, agreed to in January, 1953, that the UFO investigation be greatly enlarged and that the American people be given all information on 'saucers' in Air Force possession, including the official conclusions?"

#### Observers Muzzled?

"6. Why has the Air Force hidden all UFO reports from the public since 1953—even those it had previously released?"

"7. If the flying saucers are non-existent, as Secretary Quarles has tried to convince the public, why are service pilots, radarmen and other trained observers officially muzzled?"

"For your information, the official orders are JANAP 146, AFR 200-2, and official instructions to personnel of the Civil Aeronautics Administration based on JANAP 146. This latter order also applies to civilian airline pilots who report flying saucers officially, on a communication system known as CIRVIS—Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

"8. If the flying saucers are imaginary, why do armed Air Defense Command jets continue to chase these UFO's by standing ADC orders? Why does the Air Force continue to spend the taxpayers' money in a global investigation of flying saucers by hundreds of intelligence officers, the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, and top-ranking scientists and consultants under secret Air Force contract?"

#### Report is Cited

"9. Why did Secretary Quarles and certain Air Force officers state in Special Report 14 that no pattern has been found, no indication of intelligent manoeuvres, and not enough data to build a working model—when in December, 1949, the ATIC Project 'Grudge' Report stated that the majority of reports described a disc-shaped object about 1-10th as thick as its diameter?"

"Why did this Special Report 14, dated October 25, 1955, list several of its weakest sighting reports as the 'cream of the crop when actually the Intelligence files showed hundreds of baffling, unsolved reports by the most experienced pilots, guided missile trackers, and other trained observers?"

"10. Does the Air Force agree with General Douglas MacArthur's statement, as published by the "New York Times," Oct. 8, 1955, that the world nations will have to unite against attack by people from other planets?"

#### Existence Confirmed

"11. The existence of the official document mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5, has been confirmed by Edward J. Ruppelt, formerly head of the Air Force UFO Investigative Agency, Project Blue Book. Does Secretary Quarles claim that Mr. Ruppelt is lying to the public?"

"During the past seven years an Air Force 'silence group' has repeatedly 'explained away' the most important UFO sightings; it has led millions of citizens to ignore the 'saucer' reports as nonsense. To achieve this, it has ridiculed the best qualified witnesses here and abroad."

Major Keyhoe winds up his letter to Senator Byrd in this manner:

#### Investigation Urged

"May I respectfully request, Senator Byrd, that you examine the evidence, or have it examined by competent analysts outside the Air Force? In the best interests of the American people, and of the world, I urge that you ask for a congressional investigation into the Air Force secrecy on this subject. Such an investigation should call for public testimony by men who have fought for the truth, namely:

"General W. N. Garland, USAF; Col. Frank Dunn, USAF; Col. W. S. Smith, Intelligence, USAF; Major Dewey Pournet, USAF; Col. D. J. Blakeslee, USAF; Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book; William Lear, of Lear, Inc., electronics and aviation industrial leader, who has declared the saucers to be interplanetary; Prof. Hermann Oberth, space-travel expert and rocket designer, now on secret work at Redstone Arsenal, and all the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and airline pilots whose reports are on record."

## "FLYING CIGAR" PHOTOGRAPHED

Singapore "Free Press" June 11th.

Newspapers in Buenos Aires have published pictures purporting to show a giant "Flying Cigar" which a Government employe and police are said to have seen in Argentina's Salta Province on April 13th. The object was estimated to be about 1,000 feet long, flying at tremendous speed giving off silver rays and leaving a silver streak in the sky. . .

National police headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, said an aluminium, cigar shaped craft was spotted flying at great speed over Northern Argentina. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have seen the craft, police said. The police statement said the craft was flying north to south, that it took less than three minutes to disappear from sight and that it left behind a miles-long trail of white vapor.

## CIGAR SHAPED CRAFT OVER ARGENTINA

On May 8, 1956, telegrams from Salta City, Argentina, were published by Rio's newspapers reporting the following incident:

In spite of the stubborn silence and secrecy of military and civilian authorities, it is known that National Intelligence officers have been investigating the incident since the date of the sighting. It happened on March 15, 1956, when the badly jolted population of the Liapuna region watched a number of cigar shaped craft flying overhead at daylight. The weird craft crossed the sky at great speed, doing amazing manoeuvres. At one time they stopped motionless in space and stood stationary for some time. At this moment some photos were taken by

people witnessing the craft. All the observers reported that the craft were cigar shaped, without wings or tail, and noiseless. This description dismissed the possibility that the craft might have been jet planes coming from Bolivia or Chile.

## THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN

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Caracas, Venezuela, 12th March, 1956.

Alfredo Dalke, an amateur astronomer, reported seeing two discoid objects which crossed and recrossed the skies over his home in the Los Rosales section of Caracas. Mr. Dalke was observing the planet Jupiter with a 3-inch objective and a 40-power eyepiece and had lifted his head to scan the skies when he saw the object shooting out from the east in a horizontal trajectory. He immediately focused the telescope on the object and saw that it was a disc emitting a bluish-green light. It made a 90 degree turn and disappeared behind some clouds. He continued to search for the object when to his surprise another one appeared moving in the same direction; this one stopped suddenly, seemed to hover for a few moments, and shot upwards in almost the same way as the first. The conditions for observation were excellent.

Los Angeles, 30th May and June 1st, 1956.

More jet booms caused a stir in this huge metropolis, and led to much speculation privately and in the press. Frightened citizens, broken store windows and violent concussion earmarked the explosions and, as usual, the old jet plane explanation was dug out of the skeleton closet for duty as whipping boy. What is most astonishing is that despite repeated complaints and demands for action, the Air Force will not admit that jet planes are causing the concussions, and don't seem to be able to do anything about stopping them.

Near Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 1st, 1956.

An anonymous couple (by request) report seeing an unusual object (also unusual in saucer annals). The couple had just gone to bed, and the husband was lying awake and gazing out the window when he saw the object coming across the open field. They said the thing was three times as large as an airplane and looked like a "lighted hotel at a distance." There were many lighted portholes (like windows on separate floors). The colour of all lights was definitely amber like traffic lights. The lights seemed to flash or revolve or turn. They watched it come rather slowly until it was within about 200ft. of their home—directly over a house across the intersection. Then suddenly the object changed course and headed toward what would be Atlantic City or the Atlantic Coast and at such a speed it was out of sight in seconds. At no time was any sound heard. About two minutes later a jet went over in the direction the UFO had just vanished. The whole episode took place within the space of between 30 seconds and one minute.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 5th, 1956.

National Police Headquarters announced that an aluminium, cigar-shaped object was spotted flying at great speed over North Argentina April 13th. More than 50 persons in the province of Salta were said to have

seen the object, leading to speculation it was an experimental intercontinental ballistic missile.

(Cr. Frank Reid.)

Cheboygan, Michigan, June 7th, 1956.

State police were unable to account for a brilliant flash of light seen last night between the mainland and Bois Blanc Island in the Straits of Mackinac. Troopers said a search of the shore 20 miles on either side of Cheboygan failed to turn up a clue. There were no reports of ships in trouble or of unaccounted-for planes. Reports of a fireball described as a block wide came about 9:30 in the evening. Cheboygan Police Sgt. George Faught said he saw it half a mile off shore. He said it was 150 feet high. R. E. Hunt, general manager of radio station WCBY, said a brilliant flash was visible for 20 seconds and then a dull glow continued for about five minutes. Reports of the flash also came from the Great Lakes freighters Mohawk and Samuel Mitchell. (P. Robert Frank of Detroit, who submitted this report, stated that later editions of the Detroit News carried no further information, and said he thought that looked a little "fishy". We agree.)

Schenectady, New York, 25th June, 1956.

Numerous reports of a mysterious explosion in the Carmen or Colonie area about 1 a.m. resulted in Rotterdam police inspection of all highways and side roads without finding an explanation.

Orchards, Oregon, July 12th, 1956.

UFOs that looked somewhat similar to dirigibles, were observed and reported to police in three separate telephone calls. The first report was from a woman who said that she saw the objects at about 3:45 p.m. while out driving near Ontario. The object appeared to be a grey dirigible with a long neon light on the bottom. When first seen, she said, she and her husband thought it might be a cloud. It was hanging over the Ontario airport about 1000 feet in the air. They drove on five or six miles, then spotted two more of them. The object farthest from them suddenly disappeared straight up into the sky. The other disappeared about six minutes later. Shortly after this couple (anonymous at their request) reported to officers by telephone, two other women called in and reported seeing five or six "round, shiny objects with a shiny streak underneath." Officers said Air Force officials from Boise, Idaho, were expected in Ontario to get a first-hand report on the sighting.

(Cr.: Member Ed Bruno Waetzig, Orchards.)

Arkansas City, Texas, July 19th, 1956.

City Editor Brian Coyne of the Arkansas City Daily Traveller, accompanied by Trooper (State) Dick Hadsall and Arkansas City policemen, observed a teardrop-shaped, bluish-green object with two shafts of light spraying earthward, from various locations near Arkansas City. The men moved about to get a good look at several of the objects which showed up about 1 a.m. The "prongs" or streams of light were first observed directed toward earth, and then extending from the sides of the objects.

A McDonnell Air Force Base Officer, questioned by reporters about the object, "could offer no help." It was later learned that the State Highway Patrol, which had been alerted by observers, had been asked a lot of questions about the objects including: (1) "What size is it in comparison to a key or dime?" (2) "Would it compare in size to a light bulb?" (3) "Is there any noise coming from the object?"

These brightly illuminated objects were seen in the skies over Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kansas. A ball of fire travelling east at a high rate of speed was picked up on radar at Hutchinson, Kansas, Naval Air Station. A B-29 bomber was sent by McConnell AFB at Wichita to investigate the objects over the Arkansas City area.

Coyne answered the AF questions about the objects he had observed thusly: "The objects appear to be about the size of a 200-watt light bulb. There is no noise that can be attributed to the objects and skies over Arkansas City. Very clear except for a few light clouds. There are a lot of stars." He also added: "I have tended to discount stories about flying objects, but brother, I am now a believer."

(Editor's note: The statement about being a believer now is typical of those who formerly scoffed at UFO and then were confronted with the evidence presented by their own eyes. Our files are full of just such statements following the first sighting of a UFO by a sceptic.)

A radio report on 22nd July said that an Air Force plane had crash-landed due to being struck in the air by "another aircraft." Although the place and exact date were not noted at the time, a friend in Alamogordo informs us that he heard Paul Harvey discussing it on his news programme and that according to Harvey the plane was struck by an object which came from above and "sliced" through an elevator surface on one side. No evidence of burning or scorching, so we can assume that a meteor did not do the damage. We would like to ask members to submit any and all information on this particular accident for it has all the earmarks of the "Dum-Dum Airport" incident of a couple of years ago.

#### IS NEW GOC DRIVE IN PREPARATION FOR COMING UFO SEASON??

As is the usual thing during UFO influxes, the Air Defense Ground Observer Corps, has put out another urgent plea for new members. This has happened for two seasons so far (1952 and 1954) and we're beginning to wonder if the renewed effort on their part is not just another phase of preparation for UFO reports and sightings. Letters from GOC supervisors and members in the past have indicated that the Air Force puts a good deal of stress on the reporting of UFOs by observers on duty.

The "Strolling Astronomer," an amateur astronomer's magazine, carried notations by Brian Warner in its Nov.-Dec., 1955 issue concerning "flashing lunar mountains" which he observed in January, 1955.

(Cr.: Josephine Myers.)

Frank Edwards, all-time saucer enthusiast and now broadcasting from Indianapolis, Indiana, has reported several sightings in Indiana during the first part of July.

Although we do not at this writing have the details, Mr. Edwards took his TV equipment to the scene of one sighting and conducted an on-the-spot broadcast. It's too bad Frank isn't carried nationwide for we are sure that he would be invaluable at this time, in getting current saucer information across to the general public. AFRO member Bob Greenway, vacationing in the middle-west at the present, informs us that the sightings in that area appear to be taking place in the hours between midnight and dawn. A quick look at the sightings listed under this column will bear this surmise out.

#### SAUCER DESCENDS ON DARK STREET, SCARES GIRLS

Case 162, Jacksonville, Florida, May 9th, 1956.

This weird story first reached us by letter from Richard Socchera of Buffalo, N.Y. We believe the incident, being unusual, deserves full review and thus will quote from Socchera's comments regarding the sighting; the sighter's letter to her father (quoted by Socchera) and

finally a letter received by CRIFO from the sighter whose name is Joan Frost, then residing in Jacksonville. A co-sighter was Miss Gertie Wynn of Jacksonville. Following is Joan's letter to her father:

"Something happened to my girl friend, Gertie, and me last night that scared me out of ten years growth. We went to a dance on the outskirts of Jacksonville by bus. We didn't like it there so we left at 10:15. We were waiting for the bus to go home on this small side street. There was no one around and not too many houses and no cars. We waited until 11:00 or later, and this is what happened. We looked up and saw two stars moving very high. They were flashing on and off following each other. They were travelling across the sky at a terrific rate of speed. We thought at first they were falling stars except they didn't fall, but went out of sight. About 15 minutes later they came back and one went up into the other. It came over towards us and dropped lower and lower until it got just over us. It was round and red and had three lights on it. I started to run down the street and Gertie just stood there with her mouth wide open. The thing didn't make a sound, no engine or motor or anything. Just then the bus came and the object rose again. The door (on the bottom) opened up and the other object came out. The two objects started moving slowly away. There were only a few people on the bus and they and the driver got out. We all watched the objects go for about ten minutes. The bus driver said they couldn't be jet planes because being so slow we surely would have heard the jet engines. We knew they weren't jets. Gertie and I shook all night long. We thought we were gonners for sure. Whatever they were, they saw us standing there. After our experience, we bought two books on flying saucers and are going to study them."

Joan's father is a personal friend and co-worker of Richard Socchera. Comments Socchera: "His daughter had never shown much interest in anything pertaining to UFOs. She was a four-year honour student in high school and always very serious minded. Mr. Frost has never known her to play pranks or perpetrate a hoax."

Following is Joan's letter to CRIFO, dated June 10: "I received a letter from you on May 25 inquiring about my "saucer" experience. I am sorry I did not reply promptly but I was in the process of preparing to come home here to Buffalo. My girl friend and I did not notify the police or anyone of this incident and as far as I know, I do not believe the newspapers recorded the sighting. I have no idea of what size the object was as it was very dark and there were no street lights in that area. It was approximately a distance of three telephone poles above us or maybe four. There was no sound and we did not smell anything. However, there was a breeze and if an odour was present it very likely could have been carried from us. The door on the bottom appeared to be like a bomb bay, shaped in a long square with only three cracks visible. As it came down toward us, and while in the sky, it appeared to have three white lights which were pulsating. However, as it tipped downward and hovered above us it seemed to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light. That is why at first we thought it was a red hot falling star, but then realized that even though it was descending at a terrific speed, a star or meteor would drop even faster. I do not know any way of contacting the passengers on the bus or their names. The only way you might be able to locate the bus driver is by writing to the Jacksonville Coach Co., and this driver was operating the Lake Shore or number '22' bus at 11:00 on May 9th. You also asked me what kind of object came out of the parent object. This I do not know because when it did drop out both were very high and looked identical. We didn't say anything to anyone because we are young and felt people would just say we were crazy or making up a nice big story. I did write to my dad though, because he knows that I am sensible and wouldn't relate anything that wasn't a reality. I didn't know there was such an organization as yours in existence but I think it is a wonderful thing."

## MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Correspondent: Alan C. Arnold.

Quite a few McKinneys were interested in a round silvery object seen in the sky on the afternoon of April 4, 1956, from about 3:00 p.m. until sundown. The object, apparently stationary, was in the western sky. Capt. Roy Hall, local weather observer, gives this account of the sighting:

I happen to be the U.S. Weather Observer here, and while downtown on the afternoon of the 4th of April some linemen working on telephone poles called my attention and interest to a silvery object in the north-west sky. The sky was then clear. I told them it was doubtless a weather balloon, and almost forgot the matter. However, on arriving at home, in the western part of this city, I noted the object again and was astonished to see that it was above cirrus clouds that had drifted over within the last hour. Knowing the clouds were at around 11,000 feet up, I ran a triangulation on the object, taking one reading at home and another three miles north. I was amazed again to find that it worked out at around 100,000 feet. I took another triangulation at home again and found it at the same height. Some quick figuring, after ascertaining the diameter of the object in minutes, showed it to be 250 feet, or thereabouts, in diameter.

I called an amateur astronomer here, who has a 200-power scope, and called the weather bureau at Fort Worth, Texas. The weather bureau said they had no balloons up, and doubted that any balloon in the United States was so big. The young astronomer drew a sketch of it for me. He said that through his telescope it showed no appendages of any kind, and that it looked to be made of a rubbery substance and, the most remarkable part of all, the object was not revolving in the air, as it seemed to have a raised edge extending around it up and down and this did not move or rotate, though the object was moving toward the south-west at around 100 m.p.h. The weather bureau advised me that the upper air current near or at the object was from west to east, so far as they knew, at about 150 m.p.h.

I have answers here from the Air Force bases at Fort Worth and Perrin Field, in Grayson County, touching on the object and in answer to my queries. Perrin Field says they have no information on the strange balloon, if it was a balloon, and Carswell AFB says they are evaluating my report. And there the matter stands. I have no idea what it was. Long after sunset it glowed in the sky, due to the sun's rays, I suppose. It was gone the next a.m. It stood in the north-west sky from 3:00 p.m. until dark, despite its westward course. Hundreds of people here saw it.

## AIR FORCE UNDER BOMBARDMENT

A "letter barrage" is sweeping towards the Capital regarding the great Saucer Mystery. Many groups sending open letters to their congressmen demanding to know why the public is kept in ignorance concerning phenomena in our skies. Major Keyhoe demanding congressional investigation. Has an "inner group" the right to prevent "THE HORIZONS OF HUMANITY BEING OPENED UP INTO HERE-TO-FORE UNKNOWN AND WONDERFUL HEIGHTS." A.F. Chief of Staff Twining said at Amarillo, Texas, 15/5/54: "The best brains of the Air Force are working on this problem of Unidentified Flying Objects, trying to solve this riddle." Since phenomena is global, public now demands that the files be opened so they can take part in this unprecedented SEARCH. Unknown intelligences are in our atmosphere. Who is responsible for the censorship and for deciding that the American public is not mature enough to be told? Moods are mounting, patience is thinning. The Air Force "cover-up" statement of last October is backfiring. "Statement represents secrecy and smear on its own pilots" charges one writer. A New Zealand editor describes it as a

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"shamefully misleading and deliberately untruthful" statement. A publisher calls it "one of the most outrageous pieces of misinformation ever foisted on the American public." WHERE WILL THIS END?

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## LULL IS BROKEN . . . SAUCERS ARE BACK

"Orbit," August 3rd, 1956.

Saucers, operating on a pushbutton, were released to earth in July. So it seemed to CRIFO whose mail and phone suddenly became alive with reports of strange glowing objects and grotesqueries in the sky. First breaking the phone's quiet was news commentator Frank Edwards calling from Indianapolis, July 9th. He related a striking incident occurring near Bloomington, Indiana, which involved four boys on an early morning fishing venture. According to Edwards, the boys were startled by a "tremendously bright light" which hummed over head then stopped over a clump of trees near a railroad switch. The boys ran a mile and a half and told their experience to the sheriff. Same date and also early in the morning, a Joe Morris of Terre Haute was fishing some miles west of Bloomington. He told Edwards that he saw a bright object which he judged to be about 500 ft. high flying from the east. He also heard the humming sound.

Case 163, Bromley, Ky., July 1 or 2, 1956—The sighters, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Grimes, are not sure of the date, but they are certain they saw a huge glowing object about a quarter the size of the moon shining through their bedroom window about 3 a.m. Both were awakened at the same instant by the intense yellow glow and Mr. Grimes estimated that it was about 30 degrees above the horizon. To him it appeared round and self-luminous. Reassuring himself that he was not being deceived by Mars or a bright star, Grimes watched again, same time, the following night, but saw nothing.

Case 164, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, July 10, 1956—Two Cincinnatians witnessed a circular object "lit up like a lantern" pacing an air transport plane heading for Boone County Airport, Kentucky. They said the object was bigger and brighter than the landing lights shown by the aircraft, and when the plane landed the object continued its course, then swerved and blinked out. Both sighters had been skeptical of saucers, but were changing their minds.

Case 165, Conway, Mass., July 2, 1956—Predating Fourth of July's fireworks, about the same time as the Bromley and Bloomington sightings, was an incident which involved a reversible UFO. The sighter, Jack Pease, thought at first the object was a shooting star or plane, but its behaviour proved differently. Said the Greenfield "Recorder-Gazette": "It appeared to be composed of one bright light and although travelling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, was able to reverse its course completely. A low-pitched hum, rather than a whir was detected. The object crossed and recrossed the sky several times before speeding away."<sup>12</sup>

FLYING SAUCERS

Case 166, Yonkers, N.Y., June 29, 30, July 2, 1956—The "Herald-Statesman" of Yonkers, July 5, said: "Sky-watchers report thrilling post-midnight sight . . . It is of orange colour, more nearly red. To one with a 30-power telescope it appears round, then oval. It was moving at what seemed to be considerable speed. One report is that the phenomenon was noted after 1 a.m. on Saturday. Another report tells of the orange-in-the-sky around the same hour or a little later just ahead of the rainstorm . . ." While the remainder of the newspaper's item gibbered in ridicule, a letter received from Leo Wiegiers of Yonkers, describes his observations in more detail. Said Wiegiers:

" . . . I phoned the "Herald-Statesman" and spoke to Oxie Reichler, editor, regarding my sighting on June 29-30. He asked, 'Are you talking about the orange-coloured thing seen in the sky over Yonkers?' I told him that I didn't know anyone else saw anything and not to use my name if he were to write a story. Replied Reichler, 'We got a report that a red ball was seen before 2 a.m. only this morning (July 3). There were others, too . . .'" Wiegiers then described his sighting of June 29 as follows: "9:45 p.m., clear evening, no wind. My wife pointed to a round, reddish-orange light to the left of the big dipper. It seemed to grow and was not too sharply defined in outline to the naked eye and emitted no sound. A moment before I had been observing Saturn with my 30x60 mm. Bausch & Lomb Balseope and turned when my wife said, 'Look at that peculiar light.' Quickly swinging the scope around, I first looked with naked eye and saw it standing still and silent. Then sighting it in the scope, it appeared orange, of a flashing brilliance. Suddenly, it began to move north and I soon found it extremely hard to keep in vision due to its accelerating speed. I tracked it for about 13 seconds before it faded from view in the direction of West Point.

"On June 30, I was alone on the back porch about 10:30 p.m. and saw another object coming from the south. It was going directly overhead. My scope was not properly focused for this object but I recall it was of a silvery-white colour and oval in shape. This, too, went by very rapidly and silently. I confess I was unprepared, and cannot say what it was—but I'm sure the previous night's UFO was the same type reported by Reichler."

Case 167, Los Angeles, Cal., July 16, 1956—We quote from the Los Angeles "Examiner" as follows: A mysterious light that glowed brilliantly in the sky before it disappeared in a sudden blaze touched off hundreds of calls to police from residents in the south-western area. Workers at the control tower at the International Airport estimated the altitude of the strange object at about 2000 ft. They said it emitted a strong reddish glow similar to the red nose light on a Constellation. As seen from the tower, the light moved in a south-easterly direction, about seven or eight degrees above the horizon. The tower couldn't estimate its speed, but said it moved at a blimp-like pace. A check, however, showed there was no blimp or plane in the area at the time. The light was visible for about four minutes from 11:02 p.m., on. Then it suddenly blazed forth in an orange glow and vanished from sight.†

\*Rev. Albert Bailor, Greenfield, Mass.

†R. J. Tompkins, Los Angeles, Cal.

Case 168, Kansas, July 19th, 1956—Said the Denver "Post" in part: ". . . the Kansas highway patrol reported radar at the Hutchinson, Kansas, naval air station had picked up 'a ball of fire travelling east at a high speed.' A B47 was sent into the air by Forbes AFB at Topeka to investigate the reports, centreing around Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kansas. The pilot said he found only 'waste gas torches in an oil field.' Said the patrol, 'The object stayed in the sky long after daylight; one disappeared around 5:15 a.m. and the other a few minutes later.' Further east, near Emporia, a Santa Fe

railroad tower operator reported seeing what appeared to be an artificial light in the sky around 3 a.m. An Emporia policeman said he observed the same light for about 20 minutes. It appeared to 'come and go' like it was turning off and on. Brian Coyne, city editor of the Arkansas City "Daily Traveler," said 'a brilliantly lighted tear-shaped object with prongs or streams of light spraying downward' was sighted shortly after mid-night. A second 'flying object' was sighted around 1 a.m., said Coyne. Accompanied by trooper Dick Hadsall and police from Arkansas City, Coyne observed the 'flying objects' from various locations. He said they 'did not appear to move rapidly but did move vertically and horizontally over a wide area of the sky. The prongs or streams of bright light,' Coyne said, 'also were observed first as directed towards earth and then extending from the sides of the object.' He described the head of the object as being green in colour or bluish green."<sup>77</sup>

Case 169, Cincinnati, 1 a.m. June 17th, 1956—The following case was related to CRIFPO by Lloyd Kuwatch, member of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society, who vouches for the veracity of the sighters, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tasset. According to Kuwatch, the Tassets awakened, watched the strange object through an open window. At first it was a stationary, silent brilliant spot in the north-west sky, about 15 degrees above the horizon. Then it seemed to move closer, and without declination or swerve it grew in size. In fullest view, it appeared almost twice the size of the moon, was fiery red and shaped "like a bowl facing downward." Dangling from the bottom were bright red streamers. In view for about 10 minutes, the object disappeared. On request for Kuwatch, the Tassets watched the same area the next night, but saw nothing.

Ed.: Noted is the dangling red streamers which bears similarity to "streams of light spraying downward" described by Brian Coyne in Case 167. Another point, no other person reported the nondescript object witnessed by the Tassets despite its tremendous size. Such would indicate that the object was nearby and not a test flare dropped over the Madison Proving Grounds (Indiana) which lies over 50 miles to the south-west. Distance also rules out Wright-Patterson Field. Surely if such a huge flare had been dropped at those distances, the proverbial switchboards would have been busy and CRIFPO would have heard.

\*Robert Wick, Chicago, Ill.; George Wilson, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Thomas Olsen, Baltimore, Md.; C. H. Marck, Jr., Denver, Colo.; Richard Hall, N. O. La.; L. A. Parker, Topeka, Kan. Also see photo July 30th issue, *Life*.

#### "AIR FORCE PLANE OWNED BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT"

Case 170, In air over Pixley, Cal., July 22nd, 1956—The above headline quoted from the "Rocky Mountain News," Denver, Colo., typifies others appearing in the nation's press. However, for the story we quote from the San Francisco "Chronicle" as follows: "A Hamilton AFB transport plane survived a 9000 ft. vertical dive and landed safely with three-fourths of its tail elevator missing. The pilot, co-pilot and crew of two all blacked out following a mysterious mid-air incident that no one was able to explain. Major Medwin Stenvers, the pilot, said the C-181D, was cruising at 16,000 ft. over Pixley. 'Suddenly, there was a loud bang, a severe vibration and we went into a dive,' he said. Major Stenvers had the plane under manual control at the time. While he and his co-pilot battled to bring it out of the spin, the two crewmen were scrambling to regain their feet in the cabin. Finally, Stenvers saw the nose begin to come up, averting certain death. But then all four crew members blacked out. When he and his co-pilot, Capt. Robert Marble, came to, the plane was going almost straight up, he said. He guessed the craft had dropped to 7000 ft. before changing direction. Major Stenvers was unable to explain what happened. He said he saw no other planes about him.

He thought a faulty port engine had caused trouble and feathered the propeller before landing at Kern County airport at 11:30 a.m. Only when he inspected the plane on the ground did he notice the badly damaged tail section. About 36 square feet of the left elevator was missing. The remaining portion was hanging shredded and torn. There also was a dent about ten inches in diameter under the left stabilizer. The two crewmen suffered minor cuts when they were thrown about the cabin. Major Stenvers and Capt. Marble were questioned by officials from Edwards AFB. All men were or are part of the 2317th Air Transport Squadron at Hamilton AFB.

"According to one UP report: One official said it looked like 'something had struck it from above but we don't know.' Another UP report said: The Air Force ordered tight security measures into effect and stationed guards around the plane at the airport. An AP report said that the sheriff's office investigated a report that another plane had crashed nearby but found no evidence."<sup>†</sup>

†John Blumer, Danville, Cal.; C. H. Marck, Jr., Denver, Colo.; George Cicharz, St. Louis Park, Minn.; N. Cuandra, Oakland, Cal.; Arthur Rounds, Brentwood, Mo.; James Geer, Tiburon, Cal.; Geo. Ormrod, Phoenix, Ariz.; H. G. Rovner, Phila., Pa.

## ANTARCTIC PHENOMENON

In 1954, whilst a member of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, writes Roger Bankes, I was stationed at Base "F," at that time the most southerly base, situated in the Argentine Islands off the west coast of Graham Land, latitude 68. Soon after mid-winter we witnessed upon two mornings what we believed to be hitherto unrecorded optical phenomena.

# Comment

To the Editor,  
C.R.I.F.O. "Orbit"

Dear Mr. Stringfield,

"In your letter of March 31st you ask 'Is it true that you have adamantly refused to accept the much-kicked-around interplanetary theory, that is, in relation to the flying saucer?'"

"Adamantly" is not the proper word. I have always tried to approach the problem objectively, which is more than most writers do when they insist that saucers are interplanetary. Briefly, my position is this. I have studied the reported Air Force sightings. I have collected a number of sightings myself. I have talked with people who have seen flying saucers. I have seen many of them myself, including some that I was expecting to see and several outstanding ones that took me completely by surprise. Of the latter, I have at least four major sightings that would have been termed flying saucers by almost any one but an experimental scientist. In all of these cases I was able to get not merely a satisfactory answer but undoubtedly the correct answer. My answer to your first basic question, therefore, is that the objects do not remain unexplained in my own analysis. There are, of course, some alleged sightings that cannot be accounted for in detail. Within the evidence presented, I believe that I can find a reasonable explanation. Whether it is the correct one I have no way of knowing. Actually, there are often several acceptable ones and it is difficult to choose between them.

"As for your question about which is more probable, an unknown meteorological phenomenon or an interplanetary vehicle, I say that the first is decidedly the

At about 05.30 hours (local time) low mist over the ice-field dispersed to reveal a slightly clouded sky with good visibility. In the clear air of the Antarctic it is often possible to identify mountains sufficiently high to rise above the curvature of the earth 100 miles distant and, as at that time of the year it remains quite dark until 10.00 hours, we were able to observe the sky clearly. There was a pearly iridescence suffused over the whole sky, much in the manner of oil spread upon the surface of a wet road.

Against this, to the north-east, were ranged a series of pools of light, for the most part, except where they commingled, well-defined ovals of pink and green hue about a dozen in number. These extended over a 60° arc of the horizon and measured individually from 2° to 6°. Two days later much the same thing occurred with the addition of two clear viridine ellipses towards the north. They did not change their position appreciably and remained visible for about an hour until gradually obscured by dawning day.

As we kept a 24-hour watch on the sky, recording all changes in the weather, we were almost daily familiar with the curious forms of Alto Cumulus type 7 and lenticular cloud peculiar to the Antarctic, and in the opinion of the more experienced meteorologists present the luminous orbs could not have been the Mother of Pearl clouds that are rarely to be seen before dawn or after sunset. As they were witnessed by other bases 300 miles distant simultaneously they were thought to be beyond the tropopause and unconnected with water vapour; there was no disturbance recorded in the ionosphere, nor anything unusual in the routine Radiosonde ascents.

At no time did these spheres appear other than clear coloured lights, but in some cases their saucer shape was so defined that, had they not been witnessed by trained observers under ideal conditions, the phenomena could have given rise to a variety of fanciful speculations.

more probable by a large factor. We know that there are unknown meteorological phenomena. We are coming across new ones from time to time whereas we have never seen an interplanetary vehicle. This statement does not mean, of course, that interplanetary vehicles could not exist. But such a vehicle must be subject to the same physical laws as any vehicle that we would put into space. In the reported behaviour of flying saucers, their elusiveness, their ability to dodge, their tremendous speeds and accelerations, are the characteristics of the optical phenomena that I have investigated. I fully agree that the postulate of super intelligent beings equipped with interplanetary vehicles that defy all of our natural laws would adequately explain the observed phenomena. So would the postulate of ghosts, except that ghosts are out of date and interplanetary travel is on everyone's mind. But merely because a postulate is adequate does not make it correct. The writers about flying saucers, especially those who try to make a villain out of the Air Force and see Martians behind every cloud, do not subject the data to rigorous scientific reasoning. I could go into this point ad infinitum. The trouble with most of the people who have subscribed to the interplanetary explanation is that they know nothing about the multiple peculiarities of atmospheric optics—and next to nothing about the peculiar behaviour of radar and call those witnesses "expert" who make certain statements about the infallibility of radar. I have talked with Dr. Clyde Tombaugh about his several sightings, only one of which—to my knowledge—had any aspect of the spectacular. Here I have two or three possible explanations, any one of which is more reasonable than the spaceship. Some of my

sightings were considerably more spectacular. I have disclosed them to the Air Force and plan to publish them in detail whenever I get around to revising my book on flying saucers. I will state, however, that in March of 1955 a flying saucer flashing red and green lights twice buzzed an Air Force B29 in which I was flying between Point Barrow and Fairbanks, Alaska. Its estimated speed was something of the order of 100 miles per second—and yet it was not an interplanetary object. I also saw the green flying saucer from New Mexico, in early September, 1954. One of the green fireballs.

"One of the greatest difficulties in dealing with flying saucers falls in what you call 'fringe' groups. Flying saucers have had their share of hoaxes. To these we must add the publicity seekers and those who are mere opportunists. Worst of all, perhaps, are those who write the weirdest sort of pseudo-science about interplanetary invasion, saucer bases on the moon, and panic in the Pentagon."

—DR. DONALD H. MENZEL, Director,  
Harvard College Observatory.

## DR. BENINCASA REPLIES TO DR. MENZEL

Dear Mr. Stringfield,

I have read Dr. Donald H. Menzel's U.F.O. letter, which appeared in the June 1st issue of ORBIT. I must say that I have found it a puzzling piece of defensive writing.

In order for the saucercraft enthusiast to gain a reasonably good insight into the current variety of Menzelianism, he must examine the Harvard astronomer's ORBIT communication both contextually and in-between-the-lines. Inferentially, the examiner may learn that Scientist Menzel has probed into the U.F.O. problem a good deal more deeply than he will presently concede. The letter examiner may also discover that Dr. Menzel is neither telling all he knows about saucer-ships, nor stating his precise position on the question of U.F.O.s.

As a one-third physical-sciences instructor and executive-staff aircrafter, I should like to venture the opinion that the famed Harvard telescopicist is slowly but surely approaching the saucer problem from a more sensible and realistic angle. It is my guess that he refuses officially to commit himself on the true nature of saucers, for two understandable reasons; first, he has published a best-seller called *FLYING SAUCERS*, in which he debunks the idea of interorbital flying machines; therefore, cognizant of the fact that he must be consistent, the Harvard scientist has had to think up and dig up every conceivable argument be it right or wrong—which would help bolster up his thesis of optical illusions and unexplainable natural occurrences. Secondly, Scientist Menzel, who is still formally wedded to the ultra-conservative school of lifeless extra-terrestrialism, does not wish to run the risk of offending his conventionalist associates by doing an about-face, saucerologically speaking.

Yet, dare one assert that certain passages in the ORBIT communication point to a Menzelian subscription to the Doctrine of Janusianism (which is derived from the word "Janus"—a dual-visaged mythological divinity)?

It appears that from one side of his mouth, Dr. Menzel sputters meteorological terms when referring to Ufological phenomena; and again, from the other side of his mouth, he conciliatively declares that "the postulate of super-intelligent beings equipped with interplanetary vehicles that defy all of our natural laws" would adequately explain the amazing flight behaviour of certain U.F.O.s.

Have the saucer-vehicle works of Major Keyhole and Capt. Ruppelt cast Astronomer Menzel atop the proverbial fence? Into whose camp will he eventually jump? Only time will tell, whether he will have decided openly to confess that flying saucers are real, solid, navigable, and humanity-controlled unconventional aircraft from one or more distant worlds.

Sincerely yours,

DR. BENJAMIN D. BENINCASA.

## What goes on in EUROPE ?

### KIDLINGTON AND STONESFIELD REPORT "FLYING OBJECTS"

"Oxford Mail," 12th July, 1956.

From two different sources this week have come reports of unidentified flying objects, the name by which "flying saucers" are now known to those who take a scientific interest in the things.

In the Kidlington district yesterday a housewife noticed in a clear blue sky a silver object, spherical, with a flange round its middle. It was stationary, and was about the size of a football.

She watched the object for more than a minute.

In the Stonesfield area on Tuesday, a man who was gardening saw a large object about the size of an American B-52, the large aircraft familiar in the Oxford area, but consisting of two spheres, "travelling very fast and very high." The spheres appeared to be joined by a bar-like structure.

He had the object in sight for about three seconds before it vanished.

It was a clear day. There were aircraft in the vicinity.

### FLYING SAUCERS AT REDHILL?

"Surrey Mirror," Redhill, 13th July, 1956.

Three local people claim to have seen an object resembling the popular conception of a flying saucer in the

sky over Redhill on Sunday afternoon. In an interview with our representative on Wednesday, Mr. Leonard Wornham, who lives at Janita, Woodhatch-road, Redhill, said that at about 3.30 p.m. he was in the garden of his home when his nephew, Mr. Eric Bennett, spotted an object in the sky approximately due east. After searching for about a minute he saw what appeared to be a large star in the direction of Nutfield. His nephew went indoors and fetched a pair of binoculars and when Mr. Wornham had them focussed he saw a pure white disc-shaped object with a smaller dome on top. At first it was stationary and then appeared to come nearer and then suddenly it became half white and half brilliant red and in a flash it went straight up and disappeared. Another witness was his sister, Mrs. D. Bennett, and altogether the unknown object was under observation for over ten minutes.

### "FLYING SAUCER" IN WHARFEDALE?

"Yorkshire Evening News," Leeds, 25th July, 1956.

A flying saucer is reported to have been seen in Wharfedale. It was seen by both Mr. John Kelley, of Fairview, Pool-in-Wharfedale, and his mother, Mrs. E. Kelley, while they were motoring in Upper Wharfedale.

Mr. Kelley said today that he and his mother were on the road between Barden and Burnsall and stopped their car by the roadside.

We were sitting looking towards Simon's Seat when an object appeared over the hill, he said.

At first it looked rather like a kite or a big balloon. As we watched it, it came nearer. It was grey and round rather like looking at a grey moon.

It was possibly about a couple of miles away and was about twice the size that an aeroplane would have been at the same distance and height.

Then it turned on its side and it was just like two saucers, one on top of the other. It hovered about a bit before it went back over Simon's Seat, said Mr. Kelley.

I have never seen anything like it. Nothing was further from my mind than flying saucers but I cannot think what else it could possibly be.

The object, whatever it was, was obviously under some sort of control. It came forward, stopped, dropped a bit and then went up again, before flying off. It was certainly not just floating about.

## FLYING SAUCER . . .

**"Birmingham Mail," Birmingham, 8th August, 1956.**  
The flying saucer season has opened in Bari (Italy). A former Italian Air Force officer said he saw "a round object, glowing with a reddish light," cross the sky of Bari. Five relatives of the pilot also saw the object.

## WHAT DID MR. PORCHER SEE?

**"Evening Chronicle," Manchester, 14th August, 1956.**

- FLYING CUP?
- FLYING SAUCER?
- A REFLECTION?
- AN ILLUSION?

Was the red, glowing object which Paul Porcher saw law in the sky over Eccles last night a flying saucer—or an optical illusion?

Mr. Porcher, of Franklyn Avenue, Flixton, Manchester, is a photographer with Manchester-Oil Refinery Ltd., Old Trafford.

He said: "It was 5 p.m. I came out of the darkroom at work and glanced up. I saw the object framed between the slope of two roofs at Barton Power Station.

### No Noise

"It was about 50 yards across and 250 to 300 feet up. It seemed to have bevelled edges and was shaped like a cup upside down on a saucer.

"It remained stationary for about 15 seconds and then moved very fast towards Eccles. There was no noise and it was red in colour.

"I am not claiming to have seen a flying saucer. It may have been a reflection or an optical illusion."

Winton meteorologist Mr. G. S. Wood commented: "The formation of the clouds at that time mean that what Mr. Porcher saw could NOT have been a reflection of the sun on the cloud. The fact that it remained stationary for some time rules out the possibility of it being a meteor. It could NOT have been a comet, either, since it appeared so near.

"But this does not in itself mean that it was an optical illusion. I never rule out the possibility of flying saucers in these cases."

## WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?

**"Leicester Evening Mail," Leicester, 16th August, 1956.**  
It is, I believe, two years since there were reports of "strange objects" over Leicestershire.

Now comes a report of unusual orange lights, far bigger than any aircraft lights, over Oadby on Tuesday night.

Mr. David Hester, of 414 Gipsy-lane, Leicester, and Miss Brenda Wagstaff, of 3 Farley-road, Stoneygate, called to tell me of what they saw.

### Four Lights

They were waiting at a bus stop in London-road near Miss Wagstaff's home when an orange glow in the clear night attracted their attention.

They were amazed to see three other similar lights—one much bigger than the others—come from opposite

directions and meet over Oadby.

As they came together, a green flare emerged and petered out.

The four orange lights of circular shape then moved off in the direction of London.

### Soundless

"We had them under observation for about ten minutes," they said. "There was no sound."

They insist that the strange lights were not from aircraft. They had seen an aeroplane pass over a few minutes before, "and these were entirely different—almost uncanny."

And that is where we have to leave the incident—another inconclusive chapter in the great flying saucers mystery.

## GRAPPLED WITH FLYING SAUCER BUT IT GOT AWAY

**"The New Zealand Herald," Sept. 10th, 1956.**

Belfast.—A man reported to the police at The Loup, Londonberry, on Friday night that he had captured a flying saucer—but it escaped while he was taking it to the police station.

The police are investigating the story, told by Mr. Thomas Hutchinson, who claimed that the saucer landed on a farm nearby.

He said the object was egg-shaped, pointed at both ends—about three feet high and about 18 inches in diameter at the widest point. It was coloured bright red, with two dark red marks at the end and three dark red stripes. It had a saucer-shaped base.

Mr. Hutchinson said he was with his wife, in their home, when the object dropped from the clouds on to the only dry piece of ground in the middle of a swamp about 200 yards away. They investigated and found the object motionless.

Mr. Hutchinson said he watched it for a few minutes and then kicked it over, but it returned to its original position. Then, when he was examining it closely, it started to spin. He had difficulty in holding it down.

He started to carry it to the police station but, when he put it down to make a way through the hedge, it started to spin again.

Before he could throw himself over it, it rose quickly and disappeared from sight in a few seconds.

A spokesman for the Royal Air Force station at Aldergrove, Antrim, said the object did not belong to them and he could not even hazard a guess as to what it might have been.

Mr. Hutchinson said there were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

*Whilst awaiting further confirmation of this recent experience claimed by the Irishman, such small UFO's are nothing new to investigators. This device could possibly be (providing the story is true) a remotely controlled "Flying Eye," a form of telemetering photographic and sound-recording unit.*

## Translations from Foreign Language 'U.F.O.' Magazines by Henk Hinfelaar, Committee Member, C.S.I.

From "Vliegende Schotel Revue," April 1st, 1956, (Dutch Investigation Group.)

NEUES EUROPA, 15/10/55.

At the Seventh Labour Congress of European Cosmobiologists, which recently took place in AALEN (Germany) interesting discussions on the subject of flying saucers occurred.

Professor Alfred Nahon from Lausanne, who made a name for himself as the president of "LE COURRIER INTERPLANETAIRE," also was present.

He declared: "I am fully convinced of the fact that the Governments of the important powers do know the truth about spaceships.

"I even allege that the assembly of 'The Big Four' at Geneva took place under pressure of messages from other planets. To give evidence that one is well aware of the extra-terrestrial origin of the saucers, I emphasize the existence of the numerous official investigation committees. I have also written to Pierre Mendes, France. I base my facts on transmissions via Radio Moscow. No reason for panic does exist, but it is right to prepare the world for big surprises. Up till now we have acted like children. It is high time that we became adults."

At this congress lantern-slides were also shown, by which the investigator, W. König, from Mainz, showed that the extra-terrestrial origin of the flying saucer could not be doubted any longer.

#### NEUES EUROPA 15/11/55 and 15/12/55.

Vice-consul Dr. Alberto Perego, in Rome, stated that on November 6th, 1954, he observed a fleet of approximately 100 flying saucers over Rome. Time of observation was between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. According to his estimation they moved at an altitude of 10-12 kilometres (approx. 6-7 miles) at a speed of 1200-1400 kilometres (700-900 miles per hour). Dr. Perego expects important disclosures re flying saucers for the year 1956. Giving further details to his sighting, he said:

"At first I noticed the objects as tiny white dots. Suddenly they formed into the shape of an enormous 'V' and presently moved from the east towards Ostia, on The Tyrrhenian Sea. Immediately following after I noticed a second formation of flying saucers coming from the opposite direction. The formations approached each other at a terrific speed, combined both points of the 'V' and thus formed a Greek Cross. This all occurred as the saucers were travelling over Trastevere Monte Mario. The cross was clearly visible for about one minute. Everyone watching it was deeply impressed."

By order of the authorities, this sensational incident was not mentioned in the press. However, for the report which Dr. Alberto Perego forwarded to the commander of the NATO powers, a letter of thanks was received. The letter closed with the words, "Your report is considered very interesting, but at the moment it is not desirable to reveal more details about the matter to the public."

According to Dr. Perego, mankind is pretty close to the revelation of the secret of the flying saucers. He emphasized the fact that these objects are of extra-terrestrial origin. The world would be in a panic if this secret is brought to the public's notice without warning.

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EVENING STAR (Dn.)

## ht Object Sighted In Night Sky

A bright object which hovered in the sky at various points above Broad Bay last night was reported to-day by a North-east Harbour couple. They asked the 'Star' if any one else had seen the object.

Like a bright star, the object threw out a fan-shaped jet when it moved from place to place, according to the man. While he and his wife watched it for 20 minutes about midnight it moved several times, hovering each time.

"I have never been very interested in flying saucers, and have never attached much importance to reported sightings, but I would like to know what we saw last night."

"I was impressed by the grace and beauty of the object, and by the sense of power its movements conveyed. It was so bright that it was impossible to get an idea of its shape. When it was about to move it seemed to quiver, and the jet grew bigger as though it were revving up."

The man said that at first he thought the object may have been a bright star distorted by an intervening tree, but he went outside and found that this was not the case. He and his wife watched the object for about 20 minutes.

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SOUTH ISLAND QUESTION  
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## Woman Sees Objects Over Rissington

"Unidentified flying objects" are again hovering above Hawke's Bay at night.

On January 1, and last night, Mr and Mrs D. McEwen, of Rissington, have seen mysterious lights in the sky above Rissington, but Mrs McEwen, who first saw the lights, does not believe in "flying saucers" from another world. She is sure that there is some reasonable explanation for the hovering light.

However, Mrs McEwen admits she is "quite taken" with the lights. Although at present she has no theories to advance, she is intent on finding out what the unidentified flying objects are. As the first step in her investigations, she has begun to take notes of the visits they make to the Rissington area.

### ENORMOUS SIZE

On January 1, early in the morning, Mrs McEwen was shutting a bedroom window when she saw the first flying object. It was a long, bright object with rays extending from it. It was of an enormous size, and shaped like a wrapped newspaper, Mrs McEwen says.

Looking in a north-easterly direction, she watched it for about half an hour until her eyes began to smart. The object was low on the skyline and did not move. The next day Mrs McEwen was suffering with burning eyes, caused by looking at the "tremendously bright light."

### TWO MORE SIGHTED

Last night Mrs McEwen saw two more objects. But they were different entirely from the one she saw early last week. Although they were in approximately the same position, they were twinkling golden colour. They were surrounded by rays in all the colours of the spectrum.

What is more, they were moving very slowly. Their colours ranged from a very bright to a dull golden yellow colour.

When she read of earlier Hawke's Bay visits by these unidentified flying objects Mrs McEwen formed the opinion: "It's all bosh." And now she says: "I can't expect anyone to believe me."

HAWKES BAY TELEGRAPH

21 JAN 1957

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# "Flying Newspaper" Seen Again

The "flying newspaper" appeared over Hawke's Bay again last night.

Mr and Mrs D. McEwen saw the mysterious light hovering above Rissington shortly before midnight. They first saw the glaringly bright sky visitor, with its dazzling rays, over Rissington in the early hours of New Year's Day, last Tuesday. It was then they realised it was similar in shape and size to a wrapped newspaper.

For the second night in succession, Mr McEwen, who is a shepherd at Rissington, and his wife last night saw a smaller round light. It was a bright gold colour with coloured rays extending from it.

## SEEN FOR 15 MINUTES

When Mrs McEwen first saw the mysterious flying objects she was curious. After seeing them on Monday night, she became intent on finding out exactly what they were. She began her

private investigations by making detailed notes of visits to the Rissington area of unidentified flying objects.

At first she was sceptical. She still is to some extent. But Mrs McEwen is convinced that the objects are controlled.

She and her husband saw the objects between 11.30 and midnight last night. The brilliant "flying newspaper" moved away "at a very fast speed" into the distance in a north-easterly direction. It took about 15 minutes to go out of sight.

## MORE SLOWLY

The smaller object was moving very slowly, "It came from the north, then moved off in the same direction as the 'flying newspaper' a few moments after the other light had disappeared," said Mrs McEwen.

Mrs McEwen is anxious to identify the objects. She would like to get in touch with anyone else who has seen the mysterious lights.

"I feel there is something controlling them," she said today. "It makes you wonder what they are."

NAPIER D. TELEGRAPH.

81 JAN 1957

## FLYING SAUCERS

Sir—A short time ago you published a letter from a disciple of one George Adamski, and I have waited in vain for a more able pen than mine to take up the challenge. I would make it clear at the outset that I do not disbelieve in flying saucers. I am certain that they present a problem that requires investigation and explanation. I am also certain that, if they should turn out to be space-ships, they come from nowhere in this solar system. Adamski claims he has spoken with men from other planets, including Saturn. The suggestion that the high pressure, low temperature chemistry of Saturn could evolve a life-form similar to ours would be laughable if it were not so pathetic. A great deal of your correspondent's letter is contrary to fact, as follows:—(1) At least two photographs in Adamski's book have been proved fakes. I refer to plates 5 and 9. Plate 3 is obviously a fake to anyone acquainted with the use of a telescope, and possessing only a moderate knowledge of lunar geography. Plate 9 has been duplicated by many photographers; any amateur can do it quite easily by photographing a street lamp (at night, of course), giving an exposure of about five seconds, with fast film. The "flare" produced by internal reflections in the camera lens will give you a quite satisfactory "saucer" on the developed film. (2) With regard to the film "U.F.O.", the United States Government makes no claim that flying saucers exist, and that they come from other planets. It is left over to the public to form their own opinions. (3) Of the 27,000 photos on file, only two are movies. Of the remaining 26,998, only about 5 per cent are unexplained. (4) Of the hundreds of sightings reported by sane New Zealanders, not one tallies with the descriptions given by Adamski. (5) I have never heard of this wonderful piece of metal, and neither, I suspect, has the British Secretary for Air. If there are metals we have not yet discovered on earth, where, I pray, is Mr Adamski going to fit them in the atomic table? The table is complete. You can have new alloys, but not new metals. In closing, I would say that men like Adamski, in their money-grubbing deception of the gullible, do a real disservice by obscuring the truth and scaring serious researchers from a field which may be of great importance. Flying saucers may prove to be a, till now, unknown natural phenomenon, and they may turn out to be space-ships. If the latter, the Adamski brigade will have done quite a lot to prevent people of intellectual integrity from accepting the fact.

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SOUTHLAND TIMES.

NEW ZEALANDERS generally are not highly impressionable people, and Southlanders least of all. "Solid and sensible" is the Prime Minister's description of us. So the recent reports of mysterious lights over Invercargill cannot be written off as so much fantasy. Two such sober observers as a police constable and a fireman are not easily deceived into seeing lights where none exist. Some of these reports at least must be accepted. Many strange phenomena may account for these "flying saucers," but the question most people keep asking themselves is whether they may not be craft from another planet. It is an exciting and disturbing thought, and science fiction writers have had a field day with invaders from space. But in spite of the flying saucers, the possibility of life on other planets remains very remote. Temperature and atmosphere are the two factors that govern the possibility of life elsewhere. Most of the planets are either too hot or too cold to support the theory, and the only two possible exceptions are Venus and Mars. But the scientists believe that the atmosphere of Venus, in marked contrast to that of the Earth, contains neither water vapour nor oxygen, and that even plant life would be unable to exist. The atmosphere of Mars, on the other hand, is thought to contain a small amount of oxygen, and the white polar caps that appear in winter provide evidence of some moisture. The telescope shows it to be an arid planet, much of it desert, though there are some areas which have a greenish tinge and which change colour in the seasons. Yet it is thought highly unlikely that even animal life exists on Mars. "The amount of oxygen in the Martian atmosphere," writes a noted authority, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, "is certainly less than in our atmosphere at a height of 100,000 feet, while the almost complete lack of moisture and the rapid and extreme changes of temperature are not conducive to animal life. The greenish areas appear to be areas of vegetation. The nature of the light which they reflect is similar to that reflected by the lichens and dry mosses on the earth, showing no absorptions due to water or to chlorophyll." The fiction writers place no limit on life on the other planets. But the reality, so far as we can judge today, is far different. All that science will concede is the possibility of a primitive form of plant covering on Mars. Disappointing though it may be, we will have to look elsewhere for an explanation of flying saucers.

7 JAN 1957

# Balfour Men's Claim About 'Flying Saucer'

EVENING POST.

INVERCARGILL, Today (PA).—The list of people who have seen a "flying saucer" is growing. Now comes the story of two men who almost caught one.

They were Messrs. William West and Wallace Liddell, both of Balfour.

In the early hours of Saturday morning they were standing in the doorway of a garage on Mr. West's property about two miles from Balfour when they saw what they thought was a shooting star approaching over a belt of trees and

getting gradually nearer the ground.

It continued falling and as it came closer the two men saw it more clearly. It was, they claim, roughly oblong in shape and about 12 inches to 18 inches long. A first they thought it was some type of bird, like a pigeon, but it was glowing fluorescently.

## Changed Its Shape

The "thing" looked as if it was going to settle on the lawn by the house. The men rushed out in an attempt to catch it and as they approached, they claim it jumped away from them and changed shape into a sphere about 18 inches in diameter, still glowing with a bluish-white light, but appearing to have a dull red glow in the centre.

They continued their attempts to catch it, but each time it moved a little further away. Finally, after they had observed it for about a minute it floated up and over the eight-foot corrugated-iron fence and disappeared slowly across a paddock.

Mr. West made a special trip to Invercargill yesterday to tell his story to meteorological officers at the weather station at the city airport, but they could offer no explanation. Mr. West is convinced that the object was not of this world, but came from another planet.

## Strange Lights In Sky

Two reporters and a woman saw strange lights flashing in the sky above a Bainfield street property last night. Like great sheets, the lights were visible for about two seconds and lit up the sky and nearby trees.

The woman, Miss B. V. Wilson, first saw the lights at 11 o'clock. They appeared about a dozen times before she rang The Southland Times and told of her observations.

The reporters went out just before midnight. A quarter of an hour wait in the dark, tree-shrouded property was rewarded with two flashes of bright orange light.

They were not as bright as Miss Wilson and her mother had seen previously. The earlier lights lit up the whole section and at one time Miss Wilson had difficulty in seeing because of the brilliance.

The weather office did not see the lights.



## Another Report of "Flying Saucer" EVENING STAR

An unidentified object "like an old-fashioned gas burner" was seen in the skies on Monday night by a Nelson woman who was travelling in a railcar at the time. She visited the 'Star' yesterday to confirm yesterday's report from a North-east Harbour couple.

The woman said that about 10 minutes before the railcar arrived in Dunedin at approximately 12.30 a.m., she awoke from a doze to see a bright object in the sky.

Until she saw the report in the 'Star' she did not give it another thought, but this made her believe that she had seen the same object sighted by the Broad Bay people.



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Light On The Question

Wellington. SOUTHLAND TIMES.

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clouds or searchlights and motorcar headlamps in hilly country, Venus seen in the night, satellites sailing high in the air, and deliberate silly hoaxes.

### CATCH CRY

3. To any suggestion that it seems incredible that people could make mistakes about the sky, I would like to say that they do. Few people look at the sky very much, and if they by any chance see something unusual which they do not understand, they will say they would not understand the catch cry today is "flying saucer," because there has been so much silly publicity about this myth.

4. The reports of even veteran air-men of peculiar phenomena have in many cases been shown to be quite accountable by some of the above list. However, man has not been flying many years and it is still possible that there are natural phenomena in the air which we know little or nothing about. If such is the case, then this would account for some of the percentage of reports which have not been explained.

### UNEXPLAINED

5. Unexplained reports may be put into two categories, (a) phenomena as mentioned in paragraph 4 above, and (b) those reports which give so little useful data to work on and the observer is so incompetent (even if he is giving his own description) that it is impossible to make an intelligent study. It is my firm contention that those reports suffering from incompetence and therefore going into the unexplained category, are probably a high percentage if only a trained observer could be with the person at the time.

6. Peculiar atmospheric and chance effects have also fooled trained astronomers at times in the past. However, the instruments which have been discovered. This gives all the more reason for laymen to be careful to the extreme, and give careful consideration to the suggestions of astronomers.

7. Photographic claims are very suspicious, but one should always be sure to be with the person at the time, or examine the negative in detail. If I

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# ANOTHER SAUCER ALONG OUR SPACE HIGHWAY

ROTORUA POST

4 APR 1957

A theory that Rotorua might be on a space highway was strengthened last night with reliable reports that an unidentified object was seen traversing the eastern sky from north to south. No, we don't know if there was a little green man inside.

Three adults are still scratching their heads about it all and a nine-year-old girl is telling wide-eyed stories to all her school mates.

The object was a bright blue light seen moving noiselessly and gracefully through the stars at 6.40 p.m.

The observers were Mrs Dorothy Bell, well known in local theatrical circles, her husband Doug, a bank accountant, Rotorua radio announcer Lindsay Broberg and Penny Bell aged nine.

The possibility that the object might have been blue flame from the exhaust of a James Aviation Hamilton aircraft which came in from about 6.30 p.m. was discounted this morning by Mr O. G. James who said that at that hour of night, the noise of the engine would have been heard "even louder."

Reports that a tear-shaped object was seen following a similar north-east route came in last year from Clayton Road to Ngakuru.

It is now about seven years since reports were first received that flying saucers had been seen over New Zealand. The first is believed to have been made early in 1950 by Rotorua commercial photographer, John Scott then a resident of Waipukurau.

Mr Scott later set up the Flying Saucer Observation Corps in that town. The organisation has now spread to many parts of the country.

When told of last night's report he said the object appeared to have the same characteristics as those of the flying saucers—bright luminescent light.

Air-Commodore S. Wallingford, interviewed by the "Post" this morning, said "I don't say they don't happen, but in many cases they can be ruled out. Yet other planets have existed as long and longer than we have, and who are we to say they don't exist?"

Mr James "Better bet than I have seen them," he said. Last night's observers were watching from the Bell home in Union Street. The object moved silently across the horizon and slight downward path as though it was coming in to land.

But still no reports of our little green man!

# Flying Saucer Reported By Taradale Children

11 APR 1957

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About 30 of them were in the playground during morning-break at 10 a.m. yesterday when they saw a long silver disc-like object glide horizontally over the Redcliffe hills. It suddenly turned upward and disappeared behind the clouds.

The children—many of whom are model-aircraft enthusiasts—are positive the object had no cabin, wings or tailpiece and they say they heard no noise whatsoever.

(Several observers reported seeing a "great silver cigar" in this region last year. The object was also sighted from Bay View and suburban Napier.)

Two reports of "unusual occurrences in the air" received by the Herald-Tribune recently lack positive sighting of strange objects in the sky.

But the men concerned feel that overhead had been an object flying at sufficient speed to account for their experiences.

The first concerns a farmer in the Dartmoor area. In the middle of the night he was awakened by a rushing of air which gathered in intensity and then died away as if a motorless aircraft had swept in a dive toward his house then zoomed high into the sky. His wife, too, was awakened, and the sound was repeated about half an hour later. There was no wind or normal atmospheric disturbance to account for the phenomenon.

Earlier, a Twyford farmer experienced something similar, although in daylight. On this occasion such was the intensity of the sudden and unexpected air movement that trees and hedges vibrated intensely.

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**MYSTERIOUS OBJECT**  
WAIKATO TELEGRAM  
**IN SKY "BOUNCED"**  
AUG 8, 1956  
**LIKE TENNIS BALL"**

A large object was observed stationary for about a quarter of an hour over Ngaruawahia this morning by Mr Frank P. Duggan, a cafe proprietor, and his wife.

Mr Duggan said he awoke at 4.40 a.m. and his attention was attracted by a bright light coming through his bedroom window. As the light was stationary, and was too bright for the lights of an automobile, he got up and went to the window. He saw in the western sky something which he described as "similar to a saucer on edge—only longer." The disc was very brilliantly lit, of an orangish colour. After watching it for about a couple of minutes, he awoke his wife, who came to the window and watched it also.

"It seemed to be very close," said Mr Duggan in an interview this morning. "We watched it for about a quarter of an hour before it moved. It seemed to be spinning when started moving," he said.

**Now Convinced**

After his wife went back to bed, he continued to watch the object, which travelled in a westerly direction. "A curious feature of the motion of the disc was that it bounced like a tennis ball," he said. "After it began to move, it dropped swiftly, then rose again several times, only that these movements were sharp and swift." He said that the size appeared to be that of a bread-and-butter plate held at arm's length. He continued to watch it for quite some time before it finally disappeared from view.

Asked if he believed in "flying saucers," he said: "I didn't really believe in them before, but seeing this thing this morning certainly convinced me."

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## Farmer Sees Eerie Light In Night Sky

WANGANUI HERALD  
A large object giving off a whitish-yellow light, which changed to green and then to a reddish hue, was seen in the sky from No. 1 Line from 10 to 10.30 last night, 1957.

The observers were a well-known Wanganui farmer and his wife. They telephoned friends, who went outside and saw the same thing.

"The thing first took my attention because I thought it a well-lit NAC aircraft," said the farmer today. "It looked just like a plane covered with navigation lights, and was big."

He said it moved back and forth and up and down in the sky, and was definitely not a star. "It was quite eerie. I've never seen anything like it.

"There was no whisky in the vicinity last night, either."

One of the odd things about the object, apart from the changing colours, was the fact that it was noiseless.

Looking back this morning on his experience, he said it could possibly have been someone flying a kite or balloon from No. 2 Line. If this were so, he would like the persons concerned to say so.

The flying lights came in from the east, and after half an hour the object appeared to fade away quickly to the north.

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### Swiftly Travelling "Lighted Object" Reported In North

A lighted object sped across the sky in the Auckland province last night, according to apparently well authenticated reports.

Named observers at Auckland, Rotorua and Tauranga said they sighted it between 6.40 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. Some said it was travelling at 1000ft. to 1500ft., and all spoke of it as travelling at tremendous speed.

One report came from Squadron Leader K. B. Smith, commanding officer of No. 40 Transport Squadron, R.N.Z.A.F.

He was co-pilot of a Hastings aircraft which was engaged in local flying at Whenuapai. He said he was making his final approach to the airport with the aircraft when he saw a bluish-white light at approximately 1000ft. flying "at a colossal speed" over Auckland's Eastern Bays. The time was between 7 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

Squadron Leader Smith, an experienced pilot with long service in the R.N.Z.A.F. and the R.A.F., said that because he was making his final approach to the airfield at the time, he could do no more than glance at the object.

Mr. L. C. Dassler, of Oropi, Tauranga, reported seeing a "pinkish-purple flame with the indistinct shape of a hull" flying about 1000ft. over Te Poi, near Matamoras.

Mr. Dassler, a former flight-sergeant navigator in the R.N.Z.A.F. with 1500 flying hours to his credit, estimated the speed of the object at 1000 miles an hour. The time was about 6.40 p.m.

A farmer of Reporoa, near Rotorua, Mr. E. J. Aikin, said he saw a "pink and white pear-shaped object" about 6.40 p.m. travelling very fast across the western sky.

At Auckland, a Mr. Williams, whose address was given at Pakuranga, reported to the Air Traffic Control centre at Auckland that he and his wife had seen a fast-moving lighted object in the sky between 6.30 p.m. and 6.55 p.m.

#### Wellington Comment

"I don't say these people haven't seen something but we would have to have many more details about the objects before we jump to any conclusions," said the director of the Carter Observatory, Mr. I. L. Thomsen, commenting on the reports of the flying objects seen in Auckland Province.

Mr. Thomsen said he did not believe in any flying-saucer theory. He mentioned the case of the National Airways pilot who, last year, had thought Venus was a "saucer".

"He was an experienced man, too," said Mr. Thomsen.

He did not know of any star or star-like object which could account for the sightings, but he said it might have been a large meteor.

With more detail on the duration of the light, the direction in which it moved, the exact times and the height at which it was seen, it might be possible to say what had caused the "saucer".

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Report from:

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"At 15.45 hrs on 29.11.56,  
sighted ~~as~~ a bright object glinting in the  
sunshine above Wellington.

It appeared to be metallic.

It approached Wgton from the South and  
then hovered for 10-15 minutes. Then moved  
in an easterly direction, climbing very quickly  
until it disappeared from view."

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Note:

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Published at Wellington on [date] October 26, 1956

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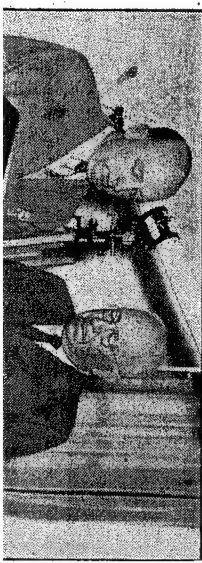
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Whatever are one's feelings about the flying saucer, the C.S.I. activities certainly indicate an interest in the subject in the Dominion, the intensity of which will probably come as a surprise to many. Reports of unidentified objects are being received constantly—more than 100 in a recent

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Dear Intending Members,

As soon as it is financially possible and according to the response in numbers requesting membership,C.S.I. will have printed membership cards made and distributed.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN - January 1956

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CHANGE OF POLICY AND BROADENING OF AIMS AND OBJECTS  
AS DECIDED AT 20TH MEETING OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

6th May 1954 C.S.I. Headquarters I Nissan Place, Onehunga,  
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New Ideals

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- (2) Committee meetings shall be held once a month, general meetings as notified to members 7 days in advance.
- (3) Present Officers of C.S.I. (numbering 7) shall remain in office for the next 12 months unless one or all should make application for resignation. They will be subject to re-election at the termination of this period.
- (4) Provision for increase in members of committee is allowed, subject to a financial member being nominated by two officers and duly elected.
- (5) All applications for membership to C.S.I. will be presented at the next monthly meeting, proposed, seconded, carried. The committee reserves the right to decline an application for reasons of undesirable character, mental instability and other undesirable factors.
- (6) Financial subscription shall be at the rate of £1 per annum. Members will be intitled to the quarterly "Flying Saucers", (official magazine) and other news releases from time to time.
- (7) Those representatives and honorary observers appointed since inauguration will be declared foundation members and retain their status on making application for membership.
- (8) Individuals will cease to be members of C.S.I. upon written

application for resignation , non-receipt of renewal subscription after 6 months , conduct not accreditable or acceptable to the organizations aims, principles or policy.

- (9) A quorum of three members of the committee must be in attendance plus the Chairman and Secretary at a committee meeting before any official business can be transacted . Quorum strength subject to revision on increase of committee.
- (10) In the event of an official government announcement with full accurate and positive identification of the "Unidentified Flying Objects" ; that indeed these objects are real and intelligently controlled , C.S.I. will carry on and assist in every way possible with the education of our peoples in all aspects of this then revolutionary discovery . C.S.I. may then change its name if members deem desirable.
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Concurrently The very evidence that so strongly supports the true existence of these strange ships, equally well supports the growing conviction of all investigating authorities that they are indeed of extra-terrestrial origin.

It is also of paramount significance to this committee that those government sponsored investigating agencies in the U.S.A. and Canada in particular, after five years research, analysis and experiment; aided by all modern mechanical instruments and leading scientific brains, have failed to find a natural phenomena explanation as the cause of the thousands of world-wide reports. These authorities admit that 20% are inexplicable. It is also significant that today all the major world powers and many of the minor ones, have now established departments, laboratories and their respective security forces giving continuous and top priority study to this baffling and astonishing problem of ever growing concern.

This committee, because of its acute awareness of the situation on a world-wide basis and because of certain complex happenings of recent development in the U.S.A., feels that the American authorities have to a greater or lesser extent solved the mystery, but to date have refused to release the facts for publication. If this is a true and accurate summary of evidence as we feel confident and justified in making, then the secret of the "Saucers" or Unidentified Flying Objects cannot remain much longer inexplicable.

#### SOME INTERESTING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS OF KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD.

Most encouraging progress has been made in the last 12 months by kindred investigating bodies overseas. In England, Australia and U.S.A. in particular membership is fast approaching the thousand mark and it looks like climbing to many thousands unless the authorities soon spill the beans. Without doubt the worlds millions would give much to know the answer to mystery, it is perfectly clear that the majority no longer accept the isolated statements from scientists, that the "Saucers" can be explained away as natural phenomena, balloonary etc. All the civilian groups are receiving constant encouragement from a public kept mainly in the dark by the authorities. The public are joining the investigating groups, clubs etc to try get nearer the truth and keep pace with the trend of events in the saucer riddle. It is noted from the latest issue of the English body's official magazine that some prominent names are appearing in the membership list: Engineers, Astronomers, Scientists, and commissioned officers of the Air Force and other Services.

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Since 1st January, up to date of writing there has been hundreds of sightings in the Australian area, 70 odd reports in Victoria alone during January (as published by C.A.D.Aust). The objects next made startling appearance around Central Australia (Alice Springs, one was photographed) and then to South Australia & Western Australia (Adelaide, Perth etc) much confusion. Scientists held meetings, tried best to explain it away, but to no avail. Recent sightings have occurred over Tasmania, Farmers, Engineers and ex R.A.F. personnel all saw and heard fast moving and manoeuvring objects. Half-

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the surveyors reported seeing a formation of the strange machines, said they were sending sketches of objects to the R.A.A.F. and Mr Jarrold Pres ast Flying Saucer Bureau. The incidents in Australia over the last three months are followed in the main a circular path, From the States of Victoria, Central Australai, South Australia, Tasmania and now back again in Victoria. There has been reports from most parts of Australia over this period, but major appearances have occurred in the areas mentioned above.

#### EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE MURCO CALIFORNIA.

There is much speculation among many of the U.S.A. civilian Saucer groups about some recent developments at the above base, Frank Edwards, American radio commentator, first gave out the news about two months ago that another "Saucer Craft" had been found and was under top level inspection by scientists (names mentioned by Edwards) at Edwards Air Force Base. Tales of questionable repute are reaching us that a number of alien craft have landed there and that demonstrations are being given the American scientists by the alien crews, it is reported that the situation at the Air Base is electric and is known by the leading Wire Press Services, C.S.I. has no confirmation of the reported happenings, treat it with caution, however in view of the overall happenings in the Saucer drama such a situation as mentioned above is a possibility and not at all remote or fantastic, Edwards Air Force Base is a major flight test Station in the States, Test Pilot Bill Bridgeman (for Douglas Aircraft) has flown the navy experimental "rocket propelled "Sky-rocket" at nearly a hundred thousand ft at speeds in excess of 1600 M.P.H. the aircraft is air launched from a huge bomber already some 30,000 ft up.

#### "OPERATION MARS" JULY 2ND.

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#### "THE COMPLETE BOOK OF OUTER SPACE"

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# ORGANISED WATCH FOR FLYING SAUCERS BEGINS

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"Project Skywatch" is under way and from North Cape watching the thussatic smater Zealand for any signs shek the outlited flying objects.

According to a bulletin from the Civilian Saver. Investigation headquarters issued by H. Fulton: "From dom. Skywatch" period August, 1956, through February, 1957, has been formulated at C.S.I. headed by a most comprehensive survey of all "Unidentified Objects" and correlated observations.

"Project Skywatch" will cover all areas bounded by and within the territorial waters of New Zealand. The result will be passed on to all C.S.I. civilian investigating groups overseas.

The seven-month period chosen by

the group covers the period of the close approach of the earth and Mars — the opposition date is September 10 — and previous to this period have shown the sighting of saucers and such, according to the bulletin.

All reports received at headquarters — 1 Nissan place — and on large maps hand weekly prepared for this purpose. Corresponding maps will be plotted locations of C.S.I. associates. will and quick follow-up members may headquarters to probe for further possible details of reported incidents.

Through this project the members of the group hope to establish positive patterns of behaviour, further to aid more positive identification of types and "general supporting substantiation of civilian reports" claims that the UFOs are intelligently controlled devices from other "official sources."

The civilian researchers are also interested in the International Geophysical Year — 1957 to 1958 — and all scientists participating in the watch, for and more all details of the strangers in our sky.

"We expect this to researchers are planning a world-wide participation and co-operation."

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Typed 18th April, 1956.

BY:EPH.

24/4/56.

Dear Sir,

Saucers' Inquiry.

Your paper on "Flying Saucers" has been of great interest, and I thank you for sending me a copy.

The subject is certainly not a new one; nevertheless, it always appears to present a new aspect full of interest and mystery.

Yours faithfully,

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Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation.

Monsieur Maurice Lebrun,  
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23 August, 1956

WELLINGTON


Dear Sir,

I was interested to read your file on the Nelson saucers and congratulate you on the amount of work put into the investigation and the intelligent way it was written up. Of course, the enquiry was really hamstrung by the inability to examine the original negatives.

I have returned the 3 positives to Mr. Gibbons and have no reason, at present, for pursuing the matter further.

Your file is returned and I thank you for the opportunity to read it.

Yours faithfully,

  
(R.E. GOLDING *Sqn. Ldr.*)  
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Mr. K.M. Gibbons,  
C/- Dominion Physical Laboratory,  
LOWER HUTT


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Wellington.  
1st, August, 1956.

The Director,  
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Sir,

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I wish its contents to be treated as strictly confidential, but you are of course at liberty to investigate the matter further if you so desire in fact I really think that someone in authority such as yourselves should have a look at this story and the original negatives, or duplicates, or prints or positives made from them.

I think that it is wiser that the file should be eventually returned to me owing to the personal nature of much of its contents.

You have my permission to retain the file for three months and to copy any of my material for your own records. In regard to the material which is strictly not mine, which includes the unpublished versions of the Gibbons incident by Messrs. Gibbons and the copying of this is your own concern. The unaddressed and unsigned letter at the beginning of the file may be retained if you so desire. It was written on the off chance that I could once more obtain the attention of the Director of the Carter Observatory or some other body interested in the incident.

The file was made for my own information as a record of my investigation of the affair with the result that in places it may appear irrelevant. I have however made an effort to edit and rearrange the material so that it would be readable to people unacquainted with the controversy. It has been suggested to me that I try and condense the file before showing it to you and remove the record of intrigue regarding the missing negatives. I am afraid that I have not the time to do this, and secondly I think that it is undesirable as a telephone call to the Director of the Carter Observatory would soon acquaint you with at least some of the details of the controversy over the missing negatives. I do not think that any purpose would be served in taking the story to the Carter Observatory a second time as I do not think that they are interested to any extent, even though they have only seen a small fraction of the contents of this file. The Carter Observatory is mentioned in this file and also the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand of which I am a member, and also statements by prominent members of that Society. For this reason I do not wish any of the contents of this file to be made available to the Carter Observatory which is also the headquarters of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand.

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I have never seen the original negatives to date or any record of the full field of view of the original negatives either prior to their alleged theft or since they have been recovered.

I wish to apologize for the many typing errors in this file; I have

P.T.O.

corrected as many of these errors as possible. I do not claim to be  
typist, and I have had to do much of this work myself. My sister  
helped me considerably once but latterly she has been busy with other  
matters.

I Remain,  
Yours Faithfully,

Wellington.  
9th, August, 1956

The Director,  
Air Force Intelligence Section,  
Air Dept,  
Wellington.

Sir, In reference to file regarding Mr. Gibbons's saucer photographs I visited his new lodgings last night and was given the enclosed three positives and also the sealed letter which I enclose. Mr. Gibbons said that you could keep the positives for several weeks as long as they are returned. He said that they were not to be copied without his written permission- he gave me to understand that this was the subject of his sealed letter. His private address is c/o

Mr. Gibbons said that the positives covered practically all the field of view of the original negatives. I have made a few calculations based on the presumption that the horizontal diameter of the saucer images on the original negatives was three sixteenths of an inch as stated in Nelson. On this basis the positive showing a single saucer only covers about one quarter of the field of view of the original negative ; that of the saucer in motion nearly half of the field of view of the original negative , and that of three saucers a little more than half of the field of view of the original negative. Under these circumstances <sup>the positives</sup> are little better than the copies in the file I have already lent you. The only solution seems to be for you to have a talk with Mr. Gibbons yourselves if you are really interested in the matter and persuade him to get the original negatives up from in Nelson for your inspection. I think that it would be wise for you not to display my file in his presence as I am not sure whether he is aware of the fact that I also copied his photographs , although I believe that I told him this long ago. I also understand from my conversation with Mr. Gibbons last night that the original negatives were not eventually retrieved through the services of a solicitor but were obtained by

I Remain,  
Yours Faithfully,



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9/3/56

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE

FROM : R.N.Z.A.F. Station Wigram  
TO : Air Department Wellington  
DATE: : 15th August, 1956  
REF. : WIG.C10/1/AIR.

No comment - no action.  
W. G. Raby

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. Further to Air Department signal AI 492, reports from the two pilots concerned are forwarded without comment.

*G. R. Raby*

(G.R. RABY)  
Wing Commander Commanding  
R.N.Z.A.F. Station Wigram

Encl.

FILE

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LOOSE MINUTE

TO: O.C. F.T.W.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. At 0945 hours on the 10th August, 1956 I was flying with Sqn. Ldr. Roe in a Harvard from Wigram. During our flight, at approximately 1000 hours, I noticed a very bright patch in the sky to the north to which I drew the attention of Sqn. Ldr. Roe. At the time it appeared to be stationary and, owing to the distance, size was difficult to estimate, the distance I would consider to be at least 70 n.m.s.
2. The shape of the bright patch appeared round and the height around 20,000 feet.
3. We carried on with the exercise and on rejoining the circuit I noticed the object again, in the same position. This time it appeared to be larger and more elliptical in shape. I again called Sqn. Ldr. Roe's attention to it, we then joined the circuit and landed.
4. I would not care to make any suggestion as to what the object was.

*R.A. Currin.*

(R.A. CURRIN)  
Flying Officer.

14th August, 1956.

LOOSE MINUTE


TO: O.C. F.T.W.

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT/ILLUSION  
SEEN ON 10TH AUGUST, 1956

1. At approximately 0955 hours on 10th August, 1956 while flying in the local area in a Harvard aircraft my student Fg. Off. Currin asked me if I could identify a shining object inland. Following his directions I located what appeared to be a solid object reflecting sun rays bearing approximately north, which appeared to be well above the mountains in that region.
2. Throughout the remainder of the detail I subsequently saw the object/illusion on several occasions in approximately the same position until about 1040 hours when we descended into the haze layer above the airfield.
3. I would say the object/illusion was roughly circular in form but would hesitate to put size or exact shape to it as the range of observation was considerable. By comparison with known distance to mountains I would be inclined to put range of 40 miles and height above 15,000 feet.

I consider possible explanations as follows:-

- (a) Reflection of sun rays from silver aircraft. This is rather improbable owing to lengthy period of observation in a stationary position.
- (b) Sun reflection from snow or ice. Again improbable since the sighting appeared considerably higher than mountains in the area and was well detached from visible peaks.
- (c) Some reflected illusion of the mirage variety.

  
(R.D. ROE, Sqn. Ldr.)  
O.C. C.F.S.

1956.





**AIR FORCE MESSAGE**

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FROM: WIG	Serial No. and Date: <b>10 AUG 56 35/10</b>
To: RNZAF HQ WN	Time Received:
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AI 16

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MADE BY SQN LDR ROE AND ANOTHER FLYING INSTRUCTOR(.) LARGE SILVER COLOURED DISC VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR OVER SOUTHERNALPS(.) ADVISE WHETHER FURTHER DETAILS REQUIRED

*Ref you AI 16  
Please supply full  
report.*

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to discuss the photos with anyone. If you  
wish to gain further information please contact  
me at the above address or by telephone.

Yours Sincerely  
K. M. Gibbons.

Phone call received 26/7/56

Control Centre

11 o'clock this morning C.O. Woodbourne  
reported a silver object travelling N to W  
25,000 to 35,000 feet . Seen by a number of people

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No aircraft or balloons in the area.

If you require further information please ring  
C.O. Woodbourne.

No further action

M. W. C.

