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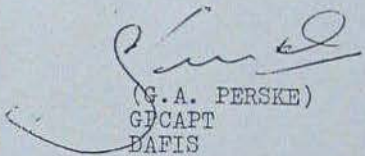
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(G.A. PERSKE)  
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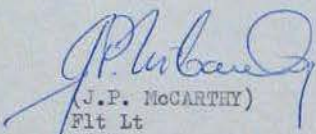
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(J.P. McCARTHY)  
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

30th September 1971

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(27)

*DAFI* Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: HQOC AI 237 20th September 1971

Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting  
by the undermentioned:

Capt L.R. BALLARD  
363 Hawkesbury Road  
NORTH SPRINGWOOD NSW

*John C. Lukin*  
(J. C. LUKIN)  
Squadron Leader  
Per Air Officer Commanding

~~Enc:~~ Report on unusual aerial sighting

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

- 1. Name of observer... *Capt. L. R. BALLARD* Age... *49*
- 2. Address of observer... *363 Hawksbury Rd*  
*Nth Springwood 2777* Phone... *Spr. 51-1106*
- 3. Occupation of observer... *Airline Pilot*
- 4. Date and time of start of observation... *20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2005 GMT.*  
How certain is the date?... *Very*  
How accurate is the time of start... *Very*
- 5. Duration of observation... *10 mins*  
How accurate is your estimate?... *very*
- 6. Observer's location at time of sighting... *37,000ft. flying over*  
*NE Corner of South Australia en route*  
*to Sydney.*  
How familiar is observer with this locality?... *very*
- 7. Weather conditions at time of observation... *Fine & clear*  
*just prior to sunrise.*
- 8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... *Nil*
- 9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings... *out of right hand*  
*flight deck window of Boeing 707*  
(b) angle of elevation... *approx 10°*  
(c) compass angle bearing... *approx 210°*  
(d) how accurate are these estimates... *fairly*
- 10. What first attracted observer's attention?... *Radio call from*  
*Lufthansa pilot flying over Alice Springs.*
- 11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there? ... *one only.*  
(b) in what formation were they? .....



until just prior to sunrise. Its colour gradually changed from bright red to yellow/white due to the rising sun & gradually disappeared due to its westerly movement & our own south easterly movement.

I would find it extremely hard to estimate its height but believe it would be in excess of 80,000 ft.

Another rather unusual feature was that the con trail formed from a very definite small cloud (like a puff of smoke) with no evidence of anything on the nearer side of this cloud.

Ballard

23-9-71

Note: Air Traffic Control Sydney stated that there were no reported aircraft movements in the area other than my own & the Lufthansa flight.

12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... *Red*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... *N/A*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:  
(a) relative to Venus or Moon..... *N/A*  
(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... *N/A*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... *personal judgement*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *No*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... *N/A*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *N/A*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... *very slight angular velocity*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *Nil*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *Southerly heading turning gradually to westerly*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *dense vapour condensation trail*
23. Where was object last observed:  
(a) relative to your surroundings..... *approx 235° Mag.*  
(b) angle of elevation..... *approx 10°*  
(c) compass angle bearing..... *235°*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *my aircraft drawing away at 570 kts/g/s.*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *N/A*

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trail of a high flying aircraft as seen by me many thousands of times in the course of my profession. As I and my crew watched a very definite movement was seen from the leading point of the con trail & the trail gradually moving in the arc of a circle & turning right towards a westerly heading.

At the time of the sighting at 2005Z my aircraft was flying at 37000 ft on a S.E. heading at 570 kts ground speed. My position was a few miles before the airways position Brady's. It was just prior to sunrise at 37000 ft (actual time of sunrise at this altitude & further to the S.E. was 2022Z.

From estimating the bearing of the sighting as seen by Luftwaffen pilot relative to the southern cross & the bearing relative to my aircraft I placed its approx position as just on the S.W. corner of Lake Tyre. It was at a very great altitude & distance from me as evidenced by its altitude above the very clear horizon its very slow increase of relative bearing from me & the fact that its colour red was obviously caused by the rising sun (still below the horizon at 37000 ft) & its position further to the west than my own.

② We watched the increase in length of the con trail & its change of direction for a total of 10 mins

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity ..... *Pilot for 30 years with flight navigation licence*
27. How many witness to the sighting? ..... *5 technical crew plus Lufthansa flight approx 250 n. miles away.*
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
..... *N/A.*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..... *Aircraft condensation trail.*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
..... *N/A.*
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Nil

At 2003 G.M.T. I was alerted by a call from a Lufthansa flight flying over Alice Springs to the Alice Springs Aeradio station asking the operator to look outside & see if he could see a <sup>strange</sup> bright red light in the sky just to the right of the southern cross. He replied that he could see nothing.

I looked to the position indicated with the southern cross at approx 155° Mag bearing at that time & could see nothing. However whilst discussing with the Lufthansa pilot the phenomenon I looked out of the right hand flight deck window on the beam & saw what appeared to be a small cloud shining bright red & from this cloud a very dense condensation trail was seen with the direction of movement in an apparent southerly heading - this was a typical condensation

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

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

*SEE Q6 PART 1 (NE GANGES OR SOUTH AUSTRALIA)*

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

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

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

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

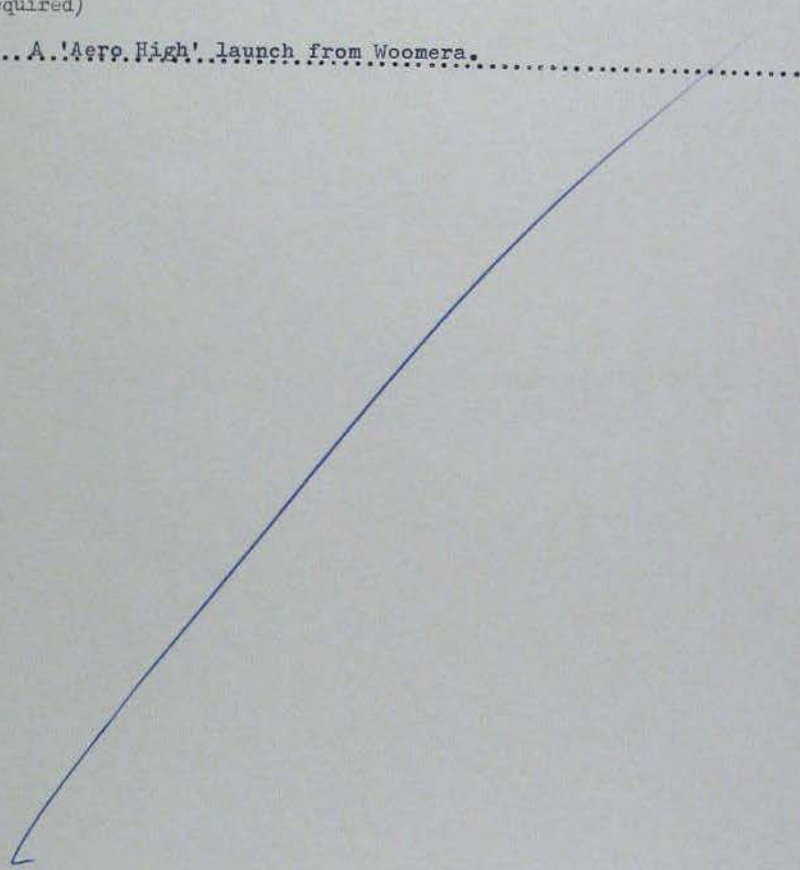
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comments, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting....Principal Officer Ranges Woomera advised that a 'Aero High' was launched at 201956Z SEP71 and would have been visible at the time stated.

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

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

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

..... A. 'Aero High' launch from Woomera. ....



*HQOC.* ..... (Unit) *J. L. B. H.* ..... (Name)  
*28 SEPT 71* ..... (Date) *SEN CDR* ..... (Rank)

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574/3/88(14)

UFO ENQUIRIES

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Folios 11 and 13 are requests received by this directorate for information regarding UFO sightings in Australia. The enclosed reply to folio 11 has been drafted for your release and it is suggested that a similar reply be dispatched in answer to folio 13.



(C.R. HICKEY)  
Sqn Ldr  
DAFI(IR)

12 Oct 71

*duplicate on 574/3/88*

Miss Lynda Howe,  
104/76 Canning Street,  
North Melbourne, Vic. 3051

Dear Miss Howe,

Thank you for your letter requesting information on U.F.O. sightings in Australia. I hope that the following information concerning the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom may assist you in completing your assignment.

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

Between 23rd January 1960 and 26th May 1971, the R.A.A.F. received 572 U.F.O. reports. Department of Air has assessed that 95 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

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

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



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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,



MS DAFI  
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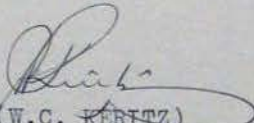
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RELEASE OF UFO INFORMATION

1. Enclosed is a letter from Miss Lynda Howe of North Melbourne Victoria, requesting information on UFO sightings in Australia.
2. Miss Howe has been advised that her letter has been forwarded to Canberra for action by Department of Air.

  
 (W.C. KERITZ)  
 Wing Commander  
 For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Letter, Miss L.Howe



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104/76 Canning St  
Wth Melb Vic  
3051

Commonwealth Air Department

My son Za is doing an assignment  
on U.F.Os & would deeply appreciate  
any information you have on sightings  
of U.F.Os in Australia.



Yours Sincerely

Lynnda Howe

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SIGHTING BRIGHT OBJECT NEAR SOUTHERN CROSS CMM OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED  
IN LARGE PUFF THEN EXTENDED SOUTH THEN WEST CMM BALLARD DESCRIBED  
SIGHTING VAPOUR TRAIL AND STATED OBJECT COULD BE OVER WOOMERA/LAKE  
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(100)

20 SEP 1971

~~DAFI~~ Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Forwarded for information is a report of an unusual aerial sighting by Mr G. Janes of Myrtle Park TAS on 15 August 1971. The report was received through the Department of Civil Aviation, Melbourne.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report



18 AUG 1971

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Received by phone at  
Launceston Operations  
152345Z

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer..... Mr. Garry Hayes ..... Age..... 36

2. Address of observer..... Myrtle Park State School .....

Phone Targa 54

3. Occupation of observer..... Head Master School Teacher .....

4. Date and time of start of observation..... 11.20 p.m. 15th August, 1971

How certain is the date?.....

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

5. Duration of observation..... 3 seconds (approx.) .....

How accurate is your estimate?.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... Tasman Highway, (Approx. 10 miles NE of Launceston)

Approach Nunamara from Launceston .....

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

7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... SKC PATCHES FOG ON GROUND

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

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings..... Approach from left across windscreen

of motor car (car travelling north east)

b. angle of elevation..... Just above trees approx. 40°

c. compass angle bearing..... NIL

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... Bright white light

steady speed and course .....

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

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

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

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

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
.....Very Bright White.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :
- a. relative to Venus or Moon.....Size of Soccer Ball.....
  - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... $40^{\circ}$  (Visual through car windscreen).....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....No.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
.....NIL.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....Steady at About  $40^{\circ}$ .....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....  
.....About 400 MPH.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....NIL.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....NIL.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....Slight trail.....
23. Where was object last observed :
- a. relative to your surroundings.....Disappeared behind trees to right.....
  - b. angle of elevation.....
  - c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....Obscured by trees.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....NO.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....National Service  
.....RAF 2 years: Airframe Mechanic.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?.....No Witnesses.....

- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....<sup>No</sup>.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings.  
Use back of form, if needed.

Signature.....  
Mr. Carry Janes

Date..... 16th August, 1971 .....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported

UFO position at the time: NIL

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

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

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

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

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

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO

position at the time: NIL

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

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA

34. Observer's Location : Latitude 41° - 24" S Longitude 147° 18 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. Mars - El 90° Az 60°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from Launceston Airport at 151030 Z Colour White Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst? Yes 151110

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

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

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace of JanusA 4401

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

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

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

*a meteorite, but no way of substantiating this. Direction, angle & speed of object very difficult to ascertain from a moving vehicle. Thus, these estimations contained in the report must be treated with caution*

*Hesse* .....(Unit) ..... *Hawley* .....(Name)  
*20 Sep 71* .....(Date) ..... *F-17 LT* .....(Rank)

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8 SEP 1971

Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQAMB AI 016/82W of 1st September 1971

Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting by the under-mentioned:

Mr. P. W. Metz,  
21 Littleton Road,  
INALA  
QLD 4077

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

Enclosure: Report - Unusual Aerial Sighting

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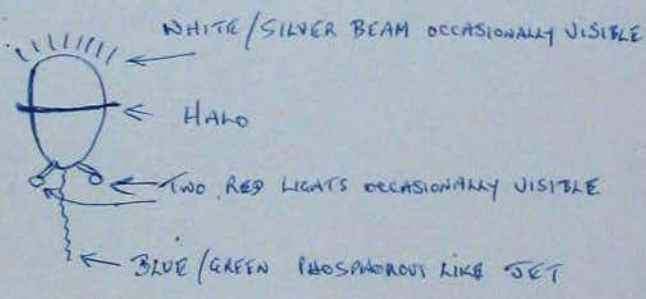




BALL OF LIGHT (WHITE)  
FLUCTUATED REDDISH  
AT TIMES

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ..
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).. VERY BRIGHT, BRIGHTER THAN MOON, PHOSPHOROUS APPEARANCE
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon.. LARGER THAN VENUS
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).. LOOKED LIKE AN OVAL TENNIS BALL
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.. AT ARNEFIELD AERODROME OBJECT WAS DIRECTLY ABOVE THE FIELD.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.. No
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.. NO SOUND HEARD
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.. MINIMUM 25° APPROX (JUST BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED) MAXIMUM - OVERHEAD
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.. FROM HOVERING TO VERY FAST
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.. OVER ARNEFIELD FOR 15 MINS APPROX WHEN LAST OBSERVED WAS HOVERING FOR 30 MINS APPROX
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.. OFTEN ORBITTED IN A CIRCULAR PATTERN
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.. A BLUE/GREENISH TAIL WAS VISIBLE AT TIMES.
23. Where was object last observed: FROM WINDOW AT HOME ADDRESS. OBSCURED BY TREES AT TIMES ABOUT HALF MILE AWAY
- (a) relative to your surroundings..
- (b) angle of elevation.. 25° APPROX.
- (c) compass angle bearing.. S.W. APPROX.
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.. INCREASED ALTITUDE AND SPEED TOOK ON A REDDISH COLOUR.
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).. No

- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... FIVE YEARS ARMY SERVICE, ARTILLERY EXERCISES.....
- 27. How many witness to the sighting?..... 5.....
- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
..... NOTHING LIKE THIS.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? UNEXPLAINABLE, COMPLETELY UNUSUAL.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
.....
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



COMMENTS BY INTERVIEWING OFFICER

Mr. Mety appeared to be an intelligent, rational person. He said that he is a J.P. I spoke to his wife who confirmed the sighting as she saw it from their home. accompanied by Mr. Mety I later spoke to another witness Mrs. B.J. BOVSTAD who also appeared to be quite genuine. She had already written down her account of the sighting, a copy of which is attached.

Brisbane

Signature... S.S. Wilson FRC Lt. .... Date... 2 SEP 71.....  
(S.S. Wilson)

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA. SEE ATTACHED MAP

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

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

36. A meteorological balloon was released from, EAGLE FARM at 311700Z Aug. Z Colour... WHITE... Weight... 100... gm

Radio-sonde\*\*/radar\*\*; Candel\*\*/battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)
General wind profile... W-S-W STREAM, LIGHT, FROM SURFACE UPWARDS
Maximum height tracked... 39,000 ft... ,000 ft at... Z
Was it known to have burst?... ALMOST CERTAIN

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of... °C at 5000 ft AND 16,000 ft, measured at EARLY HOURS OF MORNING, Z hrs from... station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. No. BRISBANE HAS NO OBSERVATORY. IN OPERATION.

- 39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating. .... N/A. ....
- 40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~ /cannot\* be determined.
- 41. The object reported ~~probably was~~ /may have been\* (delete as required)  
 .... Reflection / Refraction of light due to atmospheric conditions

..... RAAF AMBERLEY ..... (Unit) ..... J. Wilson ..... (Name)  
 ..... 2 SEP 71 ..... (Date) ..... F. Lt ..... (Rank)

SUMMARY OF AN ACCOUNT OF THE SIGHTING  
ON 15SEP71 AS DESCRIBED BY MR P.W. METZ

We first saw the object when we were at the junction of Mains Road and Kessells Road. It appeared to follow us along Kessells Road. When we reached Orange Grove Road it decreased in altitude. We continued driving and reached Archerfield aerodrome. We stopped the car there and at this time the object was directly above the aerodrome. It was brightly lit, hovering and moving in a small orbitting pattern. I shone a small hand spotlight towards it switching it on and off. The object appeared to be flashing lights as if in reply. At times it seemed to be winking light and dark as if a large shutter was opening and closing. I spoke to a security guard at Archerfield who came across to see what we were doing. I pointed the object out to him and told him that it had been following my car. He said something like "I hope it doesn't follow me" and drove off.

I then drove to the Inala Police Station and the object followed us. There was no one on duty at the police station. I drove Mrs Boustead to her home at 32 Poinciana Street Inala. The object continued to follow us. I telephoned the police on 000 and reported the sighting to them. They advised me to contact Amberley which I did straight away.

STATEMENT BY MRS B.J. BOUSTEAD  
32 POINCIANA STREET INALA QLD 4077

Left Garden City approximately 3.30am (clear and fine). Few minutes later spotted object above and to the left of car, consisting of one very bright white light, and a smaller red one on each side. Object gave the impression of being saucer shaped, but was not possible to be sure of height or size. Appeared to be expected height and size of light aircraft.

We travelled some distance, never losing sight of it, and it kept to the same distance and height, changing direction when we did.

When we reached Archerfield Aerodrome we stopped the car, turned out the headlights and flashed a very bright torch at it. Object was then directly over the aerodrome, very bright, on driver's side of car. It stopped, and hovered in approximately same place. As it changed direction we saw either the white light and 2 small red ones, or just the white, presumably from the side. Several cars had passed us to this time but it stayed with us.

The security guard from the aerodrome joined us and we pointed it out to him.

We turned the headlights on again and continued at normal speed. The object immediately followed. When we reached Inala we attempted to report it to the police but no one was there. While we were doing this, it hovered at the same height and distance, moving again as we did.

We reached my house approximately 4.20am. Object remained in a position to the west, and we flashed the torch again. It appeared also to flash. We woke my son, 12, and husband and both saw it clearly. Mr Metz then went home, and it stayed there for a while. Then travelled westward and could no longer be seen.

At all times it was clearly visible and was definitely travelling with us. At no time was there any noise.



1. JUNCTION OF MAINS AND K...
2. ORANGE GROVE RD.
3. ARCHERFIELD AERODROM
4. LITTLETON RD.

# Young man goes west on UFO hunt

PERTH — An American electronics technician, Mr. Donald Cline, 28, plans to set up in WA a branch of the Arizona-based Aerial Phenomena Organisation to investigate sightings of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects).

And in his first month in Perth Mr. Cline, a former U.S. Air Force pilot, has had his first sighting of a mystery object in the sky.

Mr. Cline said yesterday that about 20 years of research into the phenomena had come up with data and statistics.

By adopting a more scientific approach using mobile units fitted with electronic, magnetic, ultrasonic, radiation and photographic equipment he plans to provide more tangible evidence of UFOs.

The U.S. organisation is not helping Mr. Cline with the cost of setting up this expensive equipment, but he says he can build much of it himself.

"I have already built a couple

of pieces of equipment," he said. "One that beeps, and another that sets off a buzzing sound when entering a magnetic field."

"These devices are quite simple," he said.

Mr. Cline, who comes from California, worked in electronics while doing air force training, and was for several years a research assistant in the electronics field at Stanford University in California.

He said his work at Stanford involved bouncing 400-kilowatt signals off the Sun with a radar unit to define the plasma field, caused by the solar wind, surrounding the Earth.

Mr. Cline was a computer operator with Qantas in Sydney for a year before coming to Perth.

He said his main reason for coming to WA was because it seemed a good field for his UFO research. There have been many reports of spectacular UFO sightings in WA in recent years and he hopes to strike a bonanza here.

Mr. Cline said he made his first sighting here at 8.15 p.m. last Saturday.

He said that he watched a brilliant white light through binoculars for about 45 seconds from the outer suburb of Helena Valley.

"It appeared 30 deg. above the south-western horizon, descended very fast, hovered for several seconds, then disappeared over the northern horizon," he said.

Mr. Cline said that an official at Perth Airport told him there had been no flights in the area at the time. He said the object was travelling too fast to be a light aircraft.

Footnote. — One of the most spectacular recent UFO sightings reported in WA was in April this year when a couple said they were terrified by mysterious lights at about 4.45 a.m. near the town of Brunswick Junction, 99 miles south of Perth.

Mr. Geoff Richards, 28, and his wife Toni, 26, of the Perth suburb Woodlands, said the lights raced at their car at high speeds and stopped just short of them. They

said it appeared at times as though the lights would crash through their car.

The incident happened on a long straight stretch of highway and the couple said they had not seen another car for 60 miles.

They said that at first a single white light appeared on the horizon behind them and raced towards them a few feet above the ground, causing Mrs. Richards to scream in fear.

This light shot back to the horizon and raced at them again five times, sometimes glowing red like a fire, then turning white again.

Then another light appeared in front of the car and two lights raced towards them.

The lights pulled up just short of the car each time and darted back, before eventually disappearing.

The couple said the lights could not have been those of a car or motor cycle as they cast no beam and there was no noise. Mr. Richards, a speedway driver, said he had never been so frightened.

MR DONALD CLINE

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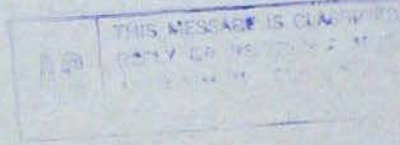
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P. W. METZ OF 21 LITTLETON RD INALA QLD TELEPHONED ORDERLY OFF-  
ICER AMBERLEY AT 0440 HRS 1 SEP 71 PD REPORTED SIGHTING A LARGE  
BRIGHTLY LIT EGG SHAPED OBJECT AT APPROX 0400 HRS 1SEP71 IN THE  
INALA/ARCHERFIELD AREA PF OBJECT HOVERED AND REMAINED IN SIGHT  
FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE DISAPPEARING AT HIGH SPEED IN WESTERLY  
DIRECTION PD MR METZ WILL BE INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON

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INVESTIGATION OF UFO REPORTS

Reference: A. Our 5/6/1/Air(95) 23rd August 1971 - *Marked*

1. Further to the referenced correspondence, attention is drawn to the recommendations made in para 9 of the Investigating Officer's Report (Annex B).
2. Headquarters East Sale has been advised that both the recommendations are accepted, and if further sightings are reported by Mrs Jeffs, the reports should be accepted but not actioned further.
3. The Investigating Officer has been commended on his thoroughness of the report in this instance. However, it must be recognized that this was at the expense of his primary duty, which must have been neglected for many hours to conduct the interview and then prepare the very detailed report.
4. Whether the effort spent on UFO investigation is still justified could be open to question. Bearing in mind the amount of United States research into this subject and the eventual termination of the project without confirmation of 'space visitors', the Department may wish to consider the cessation of our minor activities on this subject.

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INVESTIGATION OF AERIAL SIGHTING - 2-4AUG71

The attached reports comprise a questionnaire submitted by Mrs Jeffs of Won Wron Victoria and a report by Flt Lt J. Staal as Investigating Officer, concerning an unusual aerial sighting during 2-4th August 1971.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

- ANNEXES:
- A. Mrs Jeffs' report
  - B. Investigating Officer's report with Appendices 1,2,3.



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ANNEX A TO  
INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S  
REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING  
DATED 06 AUG 71

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING  
ANNEX A to HQSC  
5/6/1/Air(95)  
DATED 23 AUG 1971

Part I - Report by Observer

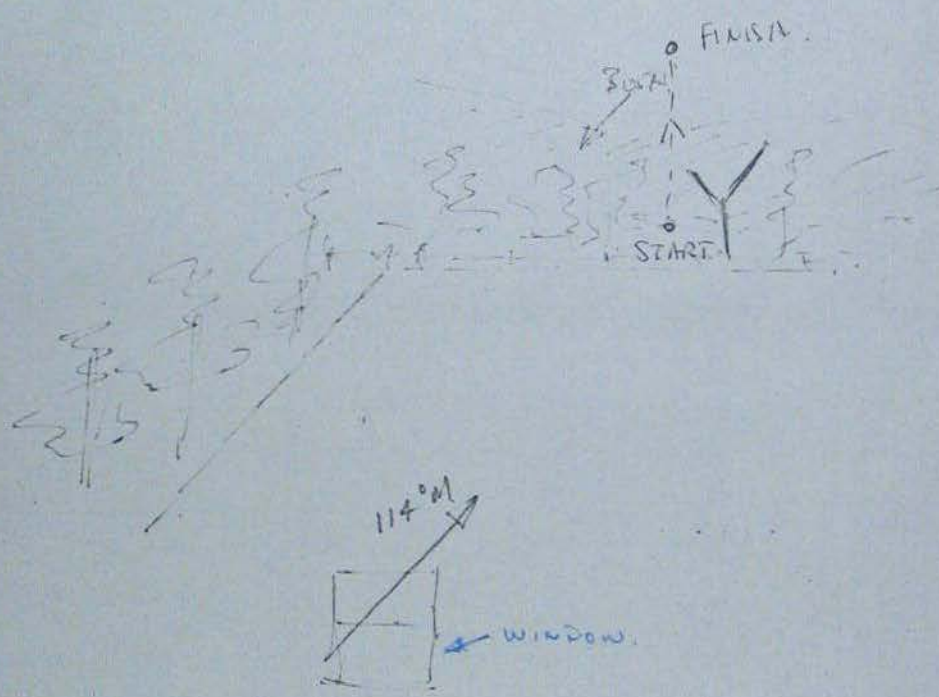
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..... Mrs JEFFS ..... Age 58
2. Address of observer..... Non Urban via ...  
..... Phone 891237
3. Occupation of observer..... HOUSE WIFE
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 7 Nov 71 1800  
How certain is the date? ..... CERTAIN  
How accurate is the time of start? ..... Accurate
5. Duration of observation..... 5 MINUTES
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... PORCH OF HOUSE
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... CLEAR  
..... NO CLOUDS
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... NO AIDS
9. Where was object first observed?:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings..... TO THE RIGHT OF HOUSE - across road & woods
  - b. angle of elevation.....  $\approx 15-20^\circ$
  - c. compass angle bearing..... 11-E M
  - d. how accurate are these estimates?..... Accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... BRIGHT LIGHT  
..... LIGHT BEING QUICKLY GOT ON TOPS
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. how many were there?..... ONLY ONE
  - b. in what formation were they?..... ONLY ONE LIGHT
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... CRIMSON

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- 13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... *LESS BRIGHT THAN MOON*
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
  - a. relative to Venus or Moon..... *LIKE A BIG BRIGHT STAR*
  - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... *2*
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... *13° elevation, 119° M. by reference to a clock time*
- 16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *NO*
- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... *NO SOUND*
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *20°*
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... *1 minute from 0 - 20°*
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *stayed at 20° elev*
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *NO MANOEUVRES*
- 22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *NONE SEEN*
- 23. Where was object last observed:
  - a. relative to your surroundings..... *IN FRONT OF HOUSE*
  - b. angle of elevation..... *15 - 20°*
  - c. compass angle bearing..... *119° M*
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *DID NOT WANT TO SEE*
- 25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *NO*
- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... *NO TRAINING*
- 27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... *NONE*

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..... NO
29. What natural phenomenon (no phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..... N BRIGHT AS A FALLING STAR
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
..... N/A
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature..... B. Jeff..... Date..... 05 AUG 11.....



Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:  
 A/C type... MIL. MILITARY... (1) AIRCRAFT IN THE (2) VICINITY... (3)  
 Heading.....T.....T.....T  
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:  
 A/C type..... NO FROM (1) CIVIL AIRCRAFT IN (2) THE VICINITY... (3)  
 Heading.....T.....T.....T  
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
 \*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's loaction: Latitude..... 3830S..... Longitude. 14642E...
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. MARS - Magnitude -2.5 1152n.....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from..... No weather balloons..... at released during.....Z. Colour..... time period.....Weight.....gm  
 Radio-sonde\*\*/Radar\*\* : Candle\*\*/Battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)  
 General wind profile..... N/A.....  
 Maximum height tracked..... N/A.....,000ft at.....Z  
 Was it known to have burst? N/A
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..... 6.....°C at..... 5000.....ft, measured at..... 0800.....Z hrs from.....  
RAAF East Sale.....station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting,..... All remarks.....
29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... Not applicable - no aircraft in area.....

40. The cause (~~orbitaly mass~~) of the sighting can\*~~cannot~~\* be determined.

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

MARS - Ascending at approx 1800 EST  
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*JWA*

..... Central Flying School ..... (Unit) Flt Lt J. Stasl ..... (Name)

..... 06 Aug 71 ..... (Date) Flt Lt ..... (Rank)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICERS  
REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING AT WON WRON  
PERIOD 02 - 05 AUG 71

HQSC ANNEX B to  
5/6/1/Air(95)  
DATED 23 AUG 1971

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 5th August 1971, a phone call was received at this base from Mrs B. Jeffs of Won Wron, concerning a bright orange light that arose from the bush at 1800 EST during the week 2nd - 4th August 1971.

2. The investigating officer visited Mrs Jeffs at 1700 EST 5th August 1971 to conduct an interview and to watch the possible phenomena at 1800 EST.

3. Mrs Jeffs stated that whilst watching out of the front window of the house she observed a bright orange light rising out of the bush and climbing into the sky - she stopped watching it at approximately 1820 EST. She also stated that she has been hearing "funny noises" on the roof at night, and attributed this to "alien beings".

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

4. The Observer. The state of the observers mind in relation to presenting an accurate observation is questionable because:

- a. She is convinced "flying saucers" and "alien beings" exist, so much so that she told the investigating officer that he knew all about these "spacemen" and that he was keeping the facts from the public. She thought the reason for the visit was for the RAAF to keep a check on these "spacemen".
- b. The husband approached the investigating officer during the interview and told him that his wife was a "twit" (to put it very mildly) and imagined things far too much.
- c. Difficulty arose during the interview in attempting to gain an accurate description and the observer could not complete the pro-formae by herself.
- d. Past history, HQESL/5/2/Air (8) of January 1967, shows that the observer was noted to be slightly eccentric, and to have a mania about her always telling the truth. These factors were also observed by the investigating officer.

5. The Sighting. Although an accurate description of the phenomena was difficult to obtain, there appears no doubt that she did see a light rising in the eastern sky at approximately 1800 EST, 2nd - 4th August 1971. At 1830 EST 5th August the investigating officer was told by Mrs Jeffs, "Look there it is again shining through the clouds." A bearing and altitude of the object was taken - it was Mars shining through a thin layer of cloud - Mrs Jeffs was not convinced.

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POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

6. A number of man-made and natural phenomena were considered in the search of a satisfactory explanation.
- a. Aircraft. There were no known movements of civil or military aircraft in the vicinity.
  - b. Visible Satellites. Reference to the Visible Satellites Passes Bulletin shows that there were no visible satellites in that region of the sky for the period stated.
  - c. Meteorological Balloons. There were no balloons released in the region for the period stated.
  - d. Local Phenomena. The reflection of the ESSO gas plant waste burner was seen by the investigating officer and the observer, and the observer stated that it was not the sighting.
  - e. Reflections Through the Window. The investigating officer observed car lights through the window, and asked the observer if it could have been these car-lights - she was adamant that it was not. Reflections of car-lights through the window are dismissed as a possible explanation because of the direction of the road, and the velocity of the cars.
  - f. Spot-Light Shooting. There appears to have been no spot-light shooting in the vicinity of the region during the stated time. It is also highly improbable that spot-light shooting would have occurred every night at the same time.
  - g. Celestial Bodies. For this period Mars has a high magnitude of brightness (-2.5) which is twice as bright as the brightest star (Sirius). The azimuth of Mars agrees within 10° of the direction the observer gave and the altitude of Mars at 1800 EST was 3° above the horizon. There is a ridge line (approximately 300 ft higher than surrounding terrain) 1200 yards to the east of the house, this would cause Mars to appear at approximately 1800 EST. A slight optical illusion could convince Mrs Jeffs that the light (Mars) was coming out of the trees. Mars was observed by the investigating officer at 1830 EST 5th August 1971, and Mrs Jeffs confirmed that it was the light - she was, however, not convinced it was Mars.
  - h. Meteorological Conditions. During the periods of observation by Mrs Jeffs the sky was clear in that area; inversion layers did occur during the periods of observation. Atmospheric refraction, and/or reflection, is at its greatest when the observed body is close to the horizon this can give the effect of apparent movement of the body. Since the rate of increase in altitude is greatest near the horizon, this coupled with refractions can give the appearance of a light "rising out of the trees". Meteorological conditions 1830 EST 5th August 1971 were: cloud 7/8th middle layer, visibility 15 miles. Mars was observed through a thin layer of cloud at an altitude of 10°; cloud conditions did obscure the stars.

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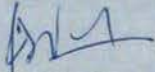
CONCLUSION

7. Man-made, and local, phenomena were not the cause of the observed light. The elicited description from Mrs Jeffs of the light and her recognition of Mars on 5th August 1971, proves that she did see Mars on the previous occasions. Annexes B, C and D show the azimuth and the observed direction of Mars; at that time there is no other man-made or natural phenomena in that region of the sky brighter than Mars.

8. Mrs Jeffs remarks about "somebody" being on the roof at night is attributed to a neurotically vivid imagination - the sounds were probably caused by cawing opossums.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. Recommendations are as follows:
- a. That Mars be accepted as the explanation of the light that Mrs Jeffs saw rising in sky during the period 1800-1820 2nd - 4th August 1971.
  - b. That any future "sightings" of UFOs by Mrs Jeffs are dismissed and that no formal enquiry into future "sightings", by her, be made. Paragraph 4 refers.

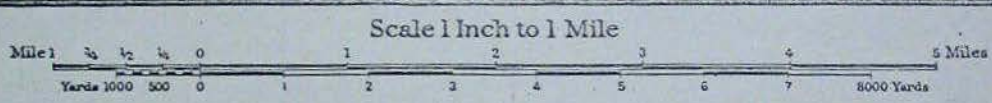
  
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Flight Lieutenant  
UFO Investigating Officer

6th August 1971

- Annexes:
- A. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting Part I and II
  - B. Map - 1800 Sighting
  - C. Map - 1820 Sighting
  - D. Map - 1830 Sighting

ANNEX B TO  
INVESTIGATING OFFICERS  
REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING  
DATED 06 AUG 71

APPENDIX 1. to Annex B  
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|||||> AZIMUTH MARS 1800 EST.  
————> DIRECTION OF WHERE OBSERVER SAW THE LIGHT.

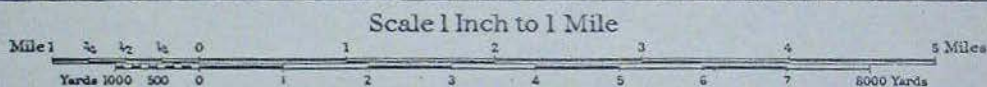
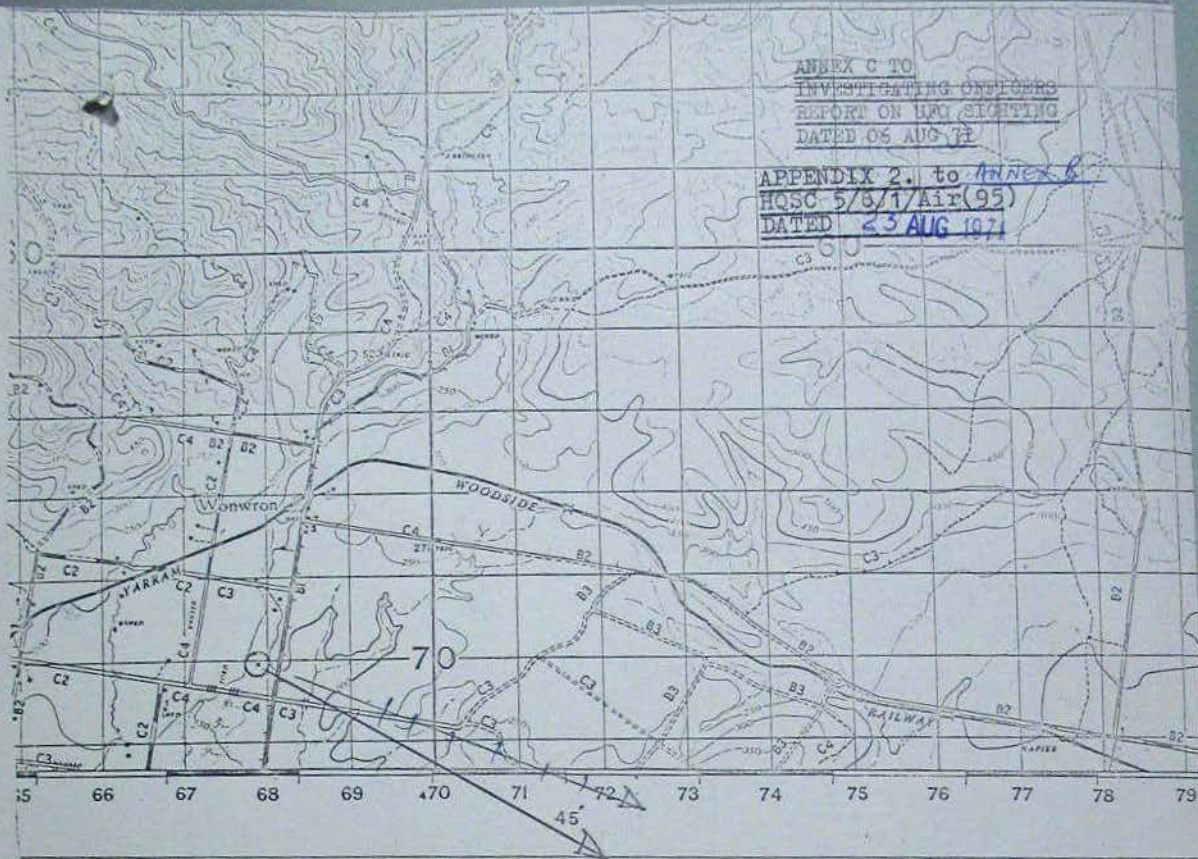
1800 EST 04 AUG 71

ALTITUDE OF MARS — 3° 31'

MAGNITUDE — 2.5

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|||||➤ AZIMUTH MARKS 1820 EST

➤ DIRECTION of where OBSERVER SAW LIGHT.

1820 EST 04 AUG 71

ALTITUDE of MARS —  $07^{\circ} 47'$

MAGNITUDE — 2.5

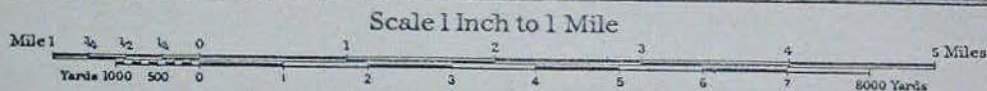
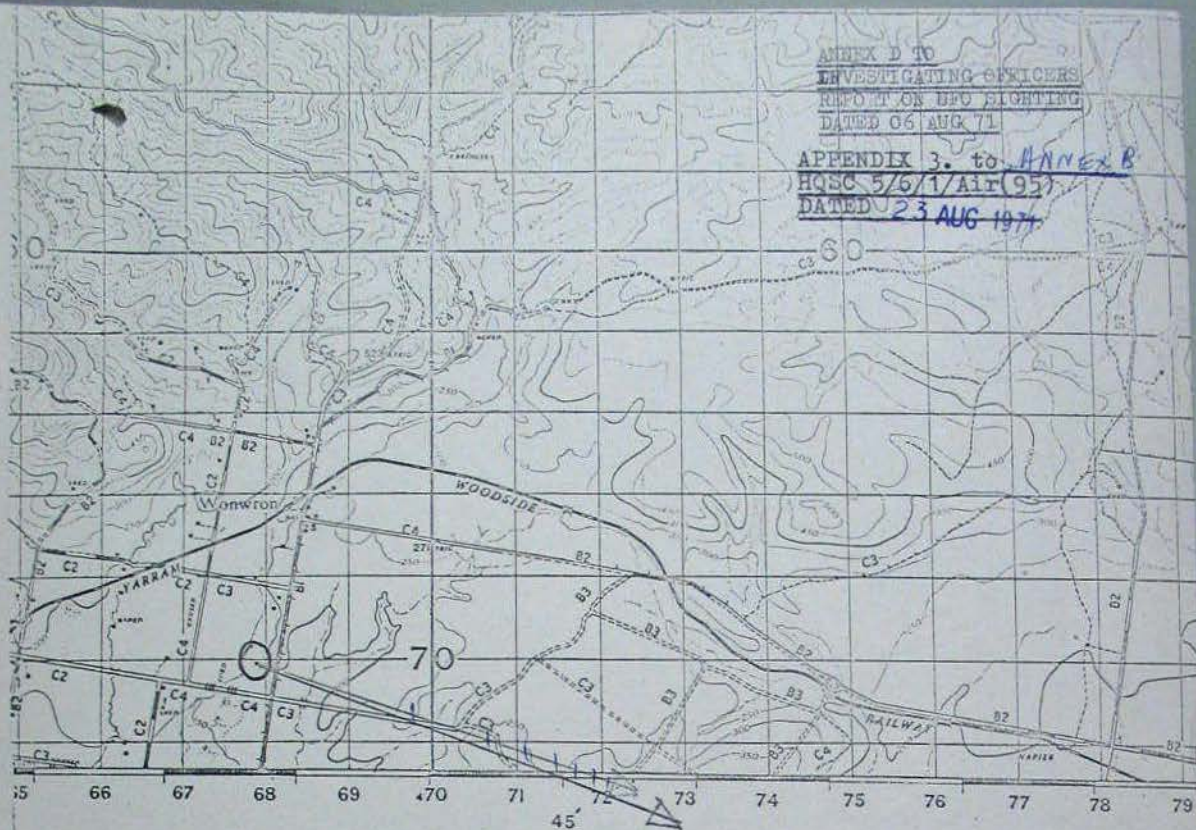
RATE of INCREASE of ALTITUDE  $11.6''$  of ARC/min.  
FROM 1800 — 1820.

RATE of INCREASE of ALTITUDE  $8.7''$  of ARC/min  
FROM 1820 — 1830.

The rate of INCREASE in ALTITUDE IS AT A MAXIMUM  
when the body is first visible.

ANNEX D TO  
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REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING  
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APPENDIX 3. to ANNEX B  
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|||||➔ AZIMUTH OF MARS 0830 EST

➔ DIRECTION OF MARS MEASURED BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER 1830 EST.

1830 EST 05 AUG 71

ALTITUDE OF MARS —  $9^{\circ} 14'$

OBSERVED ALTITUDE —  $\approx 10-11^{\circ}$  (BY SEXTANT)

CONDITIONS OF OBSERVATION

$\frac{7}{8}$ ths MEDIUM LEVEL CLOUD. — MARS BRIGHT ENOUGH TO  
APPEAR — STARS WERE NOT.





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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a report by Mrs Holdsworth of Maffra concerning the sighting of an unusual aerial object near Sale on 5th August 1971, together with supporting information from RAAF Base East Sale.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

- ANNEXES: A. ESL HQ/5/2/Air(15) 18Aug71  
B. Observer's Report





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Headquarters  
RAAF Base  
EAST SALE VIC 3852

HQ/5/2/Air (15)


18th August 1971

Headquarters Support Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

- References: A. Your 5/6/Air (20) of 17th January 1971  
B. Our A52 of 6th August 1971

1. Forwarded in duplicate is the report concerning an Unusual Aerial Sighting near Sale on 5th August 1971.
2. From the initial telephone report, the observer was assessed as being a completely rational person who had in fact sighted an object falling to the ground. Consequently full details were taken on the phone and it was believed that nothing further could be gained from a visit to the observer at Maffra. Because of this, the observer report has been signed by the investigating officer.
3. Although an aerial search failed to locate the reported object, it is firmly believed to have been a partially deflated meteorology balloon descending to earth.

  
(J.S. WILSON)  
Group Captain  
Officer Commanding.

- Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting near Sale on 5th August 1971

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

ANNEX B to HQSC  
5/6/1/Air(98)  
DATED 24 AUG 1971

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... Mrs. Holdsworth.....Age.....
2. Address of observer... Rivers Lea Road, Maffra, VIC.....  
.....Phone... 71332.....
3. Occupation of observer... Housewife.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 5. Aug. 1100 hrs......  
How certain is the date? ... Accurate.....  
How accurate is the time of start? ... Approx......
5. Duration of observation... Less than 1/2 minute.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Driveway in the vicinity of...  
Maffra/Cobains Road intersection.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Five - Nil Sig. Cloud.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Nil.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings... Through the windscreen.. but  
but below the sunshade of a moving car.....
  - b. angle of elevation... low - approx 20°.....
  - c. compass angle bearing... SSW - 150°.....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? ... Estimates.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ... Sighting.....
11. If there was more than one ~~light~~/object:
  - a. how many were there? ... One.....
  - b. in what formation were they? ... N/A.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object? ... Amalgam.....

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- 13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards).....~~Dim grey~~.....
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
  - a. relative to Venus or Moon.....~~N/A~~.....
  - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....~~12-15 feet across~~.....
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..~~150° r. 20° elevation r. estimate~~.....
- 16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....~~No~~.....
- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
.....~~NONE~~.....
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....~~20° down to the horizon~~.....
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....~~Reasonably fast falling~~.....
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....~~None~~.....
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....~~pulsating during descent~~.....
- 22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....~~None~~.....
- 23. Where was object last observed:
  - a. relative to your surroundings..~~disappeared behind low hill~~.....
  - b. angle of elevation..~~on the horizon~~.....
  - c. compass angle bearing.....~~150° approx~~.....
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..~~falling to ground~~.....
- 25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....~~No~~.....
- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....~~Ex~~.....  
.....~~Member WRAAF~~.....
- 27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..~~None~~.....

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....<sup>no</sup>
29. What natural phenomenon (no phenomena) would be nearest to explaining  
your observation?.....  
See below
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
.....  
N/A
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate,  
sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your  
surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.
32. The object could be described as looking like a couple of grey  
parachutes joined to make a large bag and flexing in and out as  
it descended. This flexing seemed to be in a regular sort of  
motion. It did not have regular dimensions nor was any solid  
attached object sighted. It descended out of sight behind a  
low hill near the road. As there was no accurate horizon, an  
estimate of the distance from the observer could not be stated.

Signature SP [Signature] WCDR.....

Date 16 Aug 71.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type. Winjeals (2).....(1) Macchis (4).....(2) Lakotas (2).....(3)

Heading. Departing and Returning to East Sale circuit......T

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

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

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

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

A/C type. N11.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading. N/A.....T.....T.....T

Height. N/A.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft

Speed. N/A.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA\* N/A.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's location: Latitude 3804S..... Longitude 14703E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. N/A.....  
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36. ~~Are~~ meteorological balloons ~~was~~ released from Mildura and Esplandale.....  
~~at~~ daily at 1100Z & 0001 Colour dirty cream Weight 1 1/2 lbs.....  
Radio-sonde\*\*/Radar\*\* ~~XXXXXX/Battery\*\*~~ (\*\*delete as required)

General wind profile north westerly.....

Maximum height tracked not known.....,000ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst? no

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 2.....°C at 13000-125000.....ft, measured at..... 2300.....Z hrs from.....  
Laverton.....station. (nearest radio sonde)

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

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

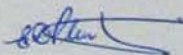
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can ~~not~~ be determined.

41. The object reported probably was ~~any type of~~ (delete as required)  
..... a meteorological balloon .....

42. At the time of the report there were Macchi, Winjeel, Dakota and HS74B aircraft airborne in various parts of the East Sale training area and circuit area. Following the report an immediate check of all airborne aircraft was made and after each aircraft landed a thorough check for missing panels was made. Nothing was missing or known to have fallen from any aircraft. On the morning following the report a Winjeel made a low search commencing near the Maffra/Cobains road intersection and carrying out several sweeps along the estimated heading. Nothing fitting the reported object was found.

43. The area searched is irrigated land and fairly closely settled. Therefore, if such an object did land in the area it is believed that it will be found by one of the farmers.

44. It is not uncommon for met radio sonde balloons released from Melbourne and Mildura to descend in the Gippaland area. These balloons, after being aloft for from 12-24 hours deflate and descend. The wind conditions were favourable for carrying a balloon, released at Mildura the day previous, into the Gippaland area. The description given by the observer fits a partially deflated met balloon descending to earth.



..... RAAF EAST SALE ..... (Unit) ..... E. D. PLENTY ..... (Name)

..... 13th August 1971 ..... (Date) ..... Wing Commander ..... (Rank)



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(17)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
RAAF  
PENRITH 1W NSW

19 AUG 1971

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference A: ROPNG AI 131 10Aug 71

1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr. Julian Ronald LEE  
Boroko  
TERRITORY PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

*John G. Luker*  
(J.G. LUKER)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

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11. If there was more than one light/object:
- (a) how many were there? *One light only*
- (b) in what formation were they?
12. What was the colour of the light or object? *Front dark blue becoming lighter finishing with orange and bright red. All colours extremely vivid.*

/13.

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Name of observer  
Address of observer  
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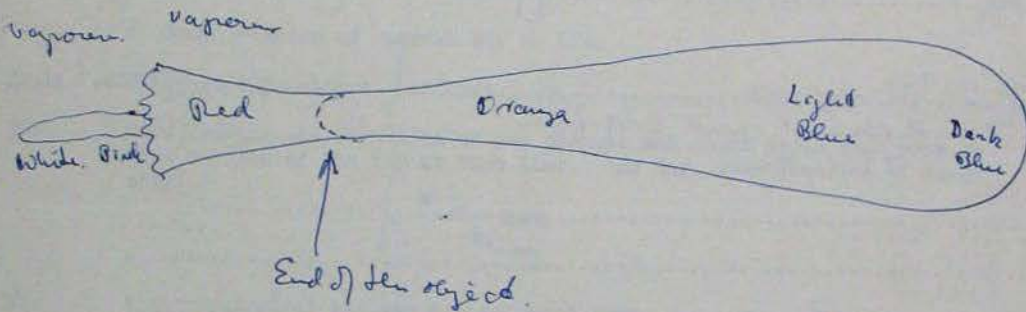
REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING  
Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer Julian Ronald LEE Age 51
2. Address of observer Box 1108 BOROBO PNG  
Phone 56666 Ext 140
3. Occupation of observer Engineer, Public Works Department
4. Date and time of start of observation 9th August 1971 1830K  
How certain is the date? Positive  
How accurate is the time of start Very accurate checked watched
5. Duration of observation About 3 seconds  
How accurate is your estimate? A guess but considered fairly accurate
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Ela Beach Port Moresby near library  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation About 3/10 Cloud 2k-3000' base  
High Cirrus, fine with about 5 knots W/V from SE
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation Nil
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - (a) Relative to your surroundings South East over the sea
  - (b) Angle of elevation 65-70°
  - (c) compass angle bearing 160°
  - (d) how accurate are these estimates Fairly accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Red light reflected in sea
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - (a) how many were there? One light only
  - (b) in what formation were they?
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Front dark blue becoming lighter finishing with orange and bright red. All colours extremely vivid.

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
Brighter than full moon but less than a very cartridge light.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:  
(a) relative to Venus or Moon  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times size of rising full moon  
(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ... about 2 ft.
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?  
Bearing due East from observer at about  $65-70^\circ$  elevation
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? Rear end looked very much like rocket.
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity No sound... but there was a light surf running which could have masked any slight sounds.
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?  
Max  $65-70^\circ$  Min  $40-45^\circ$  when object disappeared behind hills.
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances  
Estimated 3-4 times speed of Boeing 727 at about 3000' when approaching Jacksons field.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases Nil.
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Nil.
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Plume at rear varying in colour from pink to white
23. Where was object last observed? :  
(a) relative to your surroundings North East  
(b) angle of elevation  $40-45^\circ$   
(c) compass angle bearing  $045-050^\circ$
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Behind hills
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)?  
No.
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity  
RAF Navigator WW 2 and professional Engineer.

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ... None Known at this stage.
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? ... No.
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?  
Air to Air Rocket
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? ... Because this is most unlikely in this area.
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



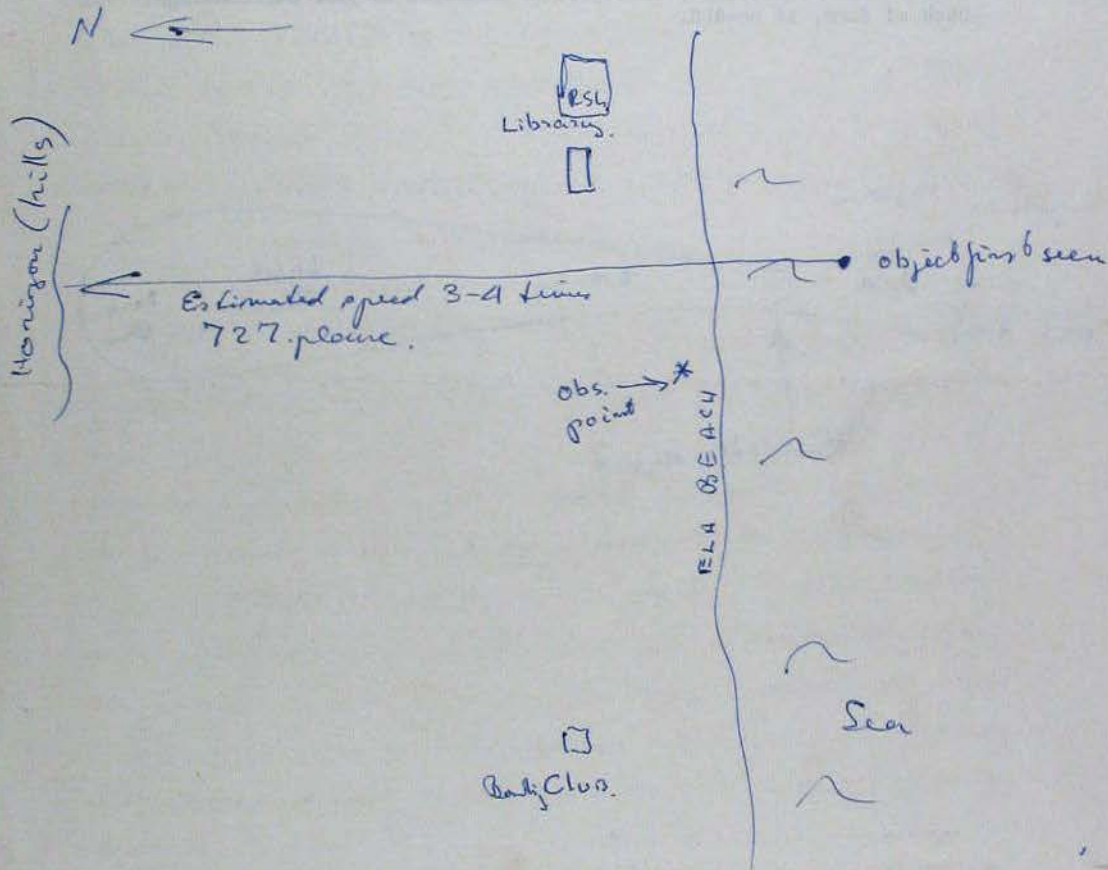
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Signature *[Signature]*

Date 10-8-71

*[Signature]*

Object touching base of clouds at 6<sup>39</sup> pm. <sup>lower</sup>



*[Signature]*

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude  $9^{\circ} 29'$  Longitude  $147^{\circ} 08' 40''$

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only  
.....  
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36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..... NIL  
at.....Z Colour..... Weight.....gm  
Radio-sonde\*\*/radar\*\*: Candle\*\*/battery\*\*(\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile .....  
Maximum height tracked .....000ft at .....Z  
Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ..... N/A ..... $^{\circ}C$   
at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from.....station

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

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

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was~~\*/~~may have been~~\*(~~\*delete as required~~)  
is unknown. Army and Navy had no activity.

Met conditions at 091839K AUG71 from Port Moresby weather office were:-

3/8 Alto Cu and Stratus 14,000'

2/8 Cu base 3,500'

W/V Calm

Only W/V balloon released was at 092100K. No information on temperature inversion as no soude facilities at Port Moresby.

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(Unit)

J.T. CARTER

(Name)

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(Date)

WG CDR

(Rank)



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580/1/1 Pt15 (23)

Mr. Paul Coker  
76 Woodford Street  
One Mile  
IPSWICH QLD 4305

Dear Sir,

Attached are two lists of unusual aerial sightings in answer to your request for information on UFO's.

Further information that may be of use to you in your project is also attached.

Anyone wishing to report an unusual aerial sighting should contact the nearest RAAF base, if there is one in the general area, or if not, the nearest police station. A form will be supplied on which all details of the sighting can be made, and this information is sent to Department of Air, Canberra for analysis.

Most major cities have a UFO Society, and these may be a source of further information for your lecture.

Yours faithfully,



(W.A. SMITHER)  
Acting Director of Public Relations

# MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

580/11/22)

Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Reference folio 21.
2. Would you prepare a reply to Mr Coker. Some of the attached statistics may be helpful. Perhaps you could send him a copy of 'Unusual Aerial Sightings - Supplement No 3, 16th May - 26th May 1971' which was issued recently.

*25* Aug 71

*C.R. Hickey*  
(C.R. HICKEY)  
Sqn Ldr  
D/DAFI(IR)

Enclosure: Statistics in relation to UFOs

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*Please send the attached  
two lists, plus a copy of  
the attachment to folio 22.  
with this letter.*

2. The investigation of reports of UFO's in Australia is carried out by the Royal Australian Air Force, Directorate of Air Force Intelligence, at the Department of Air in Canberra. A considerable amount of effort is spent in investigating each report and the observer is interviewed by selected RAAF personnel.

2. Between 23 January 60 and 26 May 70, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

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

4. The USAF ' Project Blue Book ' investigation of unidentified aerial objects between 1953 and 1965 analyzed 7,641 UFO reports. It concluded that :

- a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds, or man-made objects,
- b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation, and
- c. 3 percent were unidentified.



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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC 3004

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(92)

19 AUG 1971

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Department of Air (DAFI)

INFORMATION ON UFO SIGHTINGS

1. Attached is a self-explanatory request from Mr Paul Coker of Ipswich, Queensland.
2. Mr Coker has been advised that Department of Air is the authority to issue the information he requires.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure:- 1. Mr Coker's letter





TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

[Illegible text]

[Illegible text]

[Illegible text]

[Illegible text]

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[Illegible text]

76 Woodford St.,  
One mile,  
Spawick W305  
Q.L.D.

Dear Sir,

I am giving a lecture on U.F.O.s  
in the future and I require some information.  
Would it be possible to send me some  
data on U.F.O.s e.g. recent sightings,  
what to do if you sight a U.F.O., general data  
on U.F.O.s etc.

Yours truly,  
Paul Coker



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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
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MELBOURNE VIC 3004

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(85)

13 AUG 1971

Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA  
PORTLAND DISTRICT

1. Attached are copies of three alleged UFO sightings as reported by the Portland "Observer".
2. The only observer to contact this Headquarters was Mrs Elliott. The standard UFO pro-forma was forwarded on 21st June 1971 at her request, in order to obtain full details of the sighting, but no reply information has been forthcoming. A prompting letter to her, dated 21st July 1971, also remains unanswered.
3. As a result of these sightings, the editor of the Portland "Observer" has taken an avid interest in the matter and on 23rd July 1971 forwarded to us a jar containing "a small sample from a trail across the roof of a farm shed over which the UFO swooped several times". The sample was originally collected by the son of Mrs Smith of Gorae, in the Portland area. (See attachment No 1)
4. With the assistance of the Quality Control Branch laboratories, the sample was analysed both chemically and microscopically and their investigation reveals nothing that could not normally be found in such an environment. A copy of the QCB report is attached as attachment No 4 and it is intended to forward a resumé of this to the editor of the Portland "Observer".
5. From investigations made at this Headquarters, it is considered likely that the sighting made by Mrs Noel Benbow (attachment No 3) was that of Venus. Information from the Air Almanac shows that Venus would be setting in the western sky at the time (AZ 290°) and it is not unusual for low-elevation objects to be distorted or magnified by the effects of atmospheric refraction.
6. The other two reports from Mesdames Smith and Elliott (attachments 1 and 2) appear to be of the same sighting, but we are unable to confirm the date or time of Mrs Elliott's sighting for reasons as explained in para 2. The cause of the sightings has not been determined so far and it is doubtful if any further information will be obtained that could shed further light on the matter.
7. It is pointed out, however, that at 2140 hours 17th June 1971 the planet Jupiter was at EL 70° AZ 58°, and with a visual magnitude scale of more than -2, was by far the brightest object in the sky at the time. Whether or not the object sighted was Venus and the sighting affected by atmospheric phenomena is still a matter of conjecture.

/8. Unless

8. Unless further evidence on these sightings is received, no further action is contemplated.



(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

- Enclosures: 1. Newspaper extract (Smith)  
2. " " (Smith, Elliott)  
3. " " (Benbow)  
4. QCE Laboratories QCL/58/71 2AUG71



# SAUCER REPORT

## ⊕ "Terrifying" experience: Local woman

A Gorae West woman on Friday gave a detailed description to the Observer of a "terrifying" experience when her farmhouse was buzzed by a flying saucer.

Mrs. M. M. Smith, of Foley's Rd., Gorae West, and her two sons watched the mystery object for more than an hour late Thursday night.

She said it first appeared in the sky, like a bright star, about 9.40 p.m.

The object kept coming closer and closer and almost hit a shed on the Smith's property as it made several low sweeps over the home area.

Mrs. Smith said her sons Rob, 18, and Sean, 9½, had watched the object for almost an hour through binoculars.

Mrs. Smith's report is one of many UFO sightings in the Western district in recent weeks.

It is one of the most prolonged, close-up sightings ever recorded in this area.

Mrs. Smith said the object, viewed with the naked eye, was about half the size of the moon and appeared to be saucer-shaped.

It had a "knob-like" dome on top, flashed red and green lights alternately at the rear and appeared to be criss-crossed in a spider-web shaped row of lines.

"I was terrified and kept saying to myself I'm so frightened, I'm so frightened," Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Smith and her sons said the object emanated a silvery flash when it moved.

The object at times swooped over the homestead so low to the ground that the ed in this area,

It was the first time the Smith family had seen a mystery object —they are wondering

if any other people in the area noticed it.

The sons, who watched it for a long time through powerful binoculars, are convinced the object was a spacecraft.

It was unlike any man-made flying machine and moved at great pace back and forth in the sky.

## RAAF on UFO report

The Royal Australian Air Force intelligence department has been informed of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Portland district in the last week.

Last week, a woman from Gorae West gave the Observer a graphic report of a saucer-shaped object, flashing green and red lights, buzzing her farmhouse.

The woman, Mrs. M. M. Smith, of Foley's Rd., Gorae West, told the Observer she and her two sons watched the object for one and a half hours as it made several low sweeps over her house, once narrowly missing a shed.

Monday's Observer carried a full report of this sighting.

Yesterday, a Portland woman rang the Observer with another report of UFO's.

Mrs. E. Elliott, of Ry Dand Guest House, said she had been in the house when Mr. Trevor Marks, a boarder, ran into the house and told her to "come outside and look at some lights in the sky".

Mrs. Elliott said she rushed outside to see two sets of bright red and green lights high in the sky, over Cape Nelson area.

She was intensely interested in this, because she had been in the RAAF.

Eleven members of Portland Jaycees were having dinner at the guest house, so Mrs. Elliott summoned them outside to witness the sighting.

While the others were watching the blinking lights, which stayed motionless, Mrs. Elliott rang Point Cook RAAF base to report the sighting.

She was put through to the intelligence department and everyone who witnessed the sighting spoke to the intelligence officer, describing what they had seen.

The group watched the lights for an hour.

At one stage, Mrs. Elliott said one set of lights plummeted towards the earth at great speed.

The group lost sight of the objects when the sky clouded over.

A member of Jaycees who saw the lights, Mr. John Barclay, said yesterday the lights looked like two colored globes suspended together in the sky by piano wire—they were too far away to tell if there was any body shape around.

"I kept trying to tell myself they were aeroplanes, but there was no visible movement for the whole time," he said.

"I really don't have a clue what the lights were—but there was definitely SOMETHING in the sky."

Yesterday, the Observer rang RAAF intelligence, but was told by an official that no comment was available.

"But we would be extremely interested to hear of any further sightings," the official said.

## UFO SIGHTING, BUT WAS BEAUTIFUL, FRIGHTENING

Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in the Portland district.

A Heywood woman, Mrs. Noel Benbow, yesterday gave the Observer a graphic description of a "brightly colored diamond shaped" vehicle which hovered close to her house for three quarters of an hour on Sunday night.

Mrs. Benbow said her daughter saw the object through the kitchen window as she was having

her dinner.

"It was only about 50 yards away.

"It was moving, but not up or down or sideways, and it was getting smaller and smaller.

"When I first saw it it was the size of a basketball, in all the colors of the rainbow, and it was in the western sky about 50 feet off the ground," Mrs. Benbow said.

Mrs. Benbow said the object was getting smaller, but it was not moving fast.

"It wasn't a star, it was something unusual. Unlike other objects, it did not have a tail or a tail light," she said.

Mrs. Benbow said the lights were beautiful but frightening, and that she had never seen colors like them.

The family watched the object from 6.35 p.m. to about 7.20 p.m.

Mrs. Benbow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hills also saw the object, but it was quite small at this stage.

Mrs. Benbow contacted the Heywood police after sighting the object, and the pathman, First Constable Elliott, viewed the object through the binoculars.

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QCL/58/71

2nd August 1971

Director of Quality Control  
H.Q.S.C.  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE 3004

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT TRAIL MATERIAL

1. A very small quantity of granular material said to have been collected from a trail across a farm shed roof was submitted for examination, under cover of a letter from the Editor of the Portland Observer and Guardian, Portland 3305.

Sightings of flying objects with which this material was thought to be associated had been reported by Mrs M. Smith, Mrs Elliott, and Mrs Noel Benbow at various times during June and July 1971.

2. Microscopic examination of this material revealed the presence of small pieces of animal bristle and vegetable fibre. A few tiny pieces of clinker and washed gravel were also identified.

The bulk of the material had the characteristic appearance under high magnification, of salt corrosion compounds formed on corroding metal, or cement sheeting.

3. Chemical Analysis

A small proportion of water soluble material which was present consisted mainly of chlorides of sodium and ammonium.

The main portion of the sample, which was insoluble in water, was found to consist of acid soluble compounds of aluminium, iron, and calcium.

4. The sample examined was rather tiny for the performance of more extensive testing work, but this investigation revealed no evidence whatever to indicate that the material submitted was of other than terrestrial origin.

*E. G. Smith*  
.....  
+ Officer-in-Charge

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PENRITH 1W NSW

12 AUG 1971

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Secretary  
Department of Air  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual ground sighting by Mrs. J. Adams and Mrs. P. Howarth.
2. Part 2 of the report has not been completed as the sighting was of a ground object rather than an aerial object.
3. It is considered probable that what Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Howard sighted was the shadow of a person made from a low light source.

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

Encls. Report of unusual ground sighting

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer. MRS. J. ADAMS, MRS. P. HOWARTH Age 52 yrs + 32 yrs
2. Address of observer. 22 MARINE PDE  
NTH AVALON SYDNEY 2107 Phone 918-6231
3. Occupation of observer. HOUSE WIFE
4. Date and time of start of observation. 12. 7. 71 3:30pm  
How certain is the date? CERTAIN  
How accurate is the time of start APPROX
5. Duration of observation. SECONDS  
How accurate is your estimate? CERTAIN
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. DRIVING UP  
NTH AVALON RD.  
How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY  
FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.
9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings. AHEAD OF US  
appeared to moving between two houses  
(b) angle of elevation.  
(c) compass angle bearing.  
(d) how accurate are these estimates.
10. What first attracted observer's attention? The figure  
appearing before us
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there?  
(b) in what formation were they?

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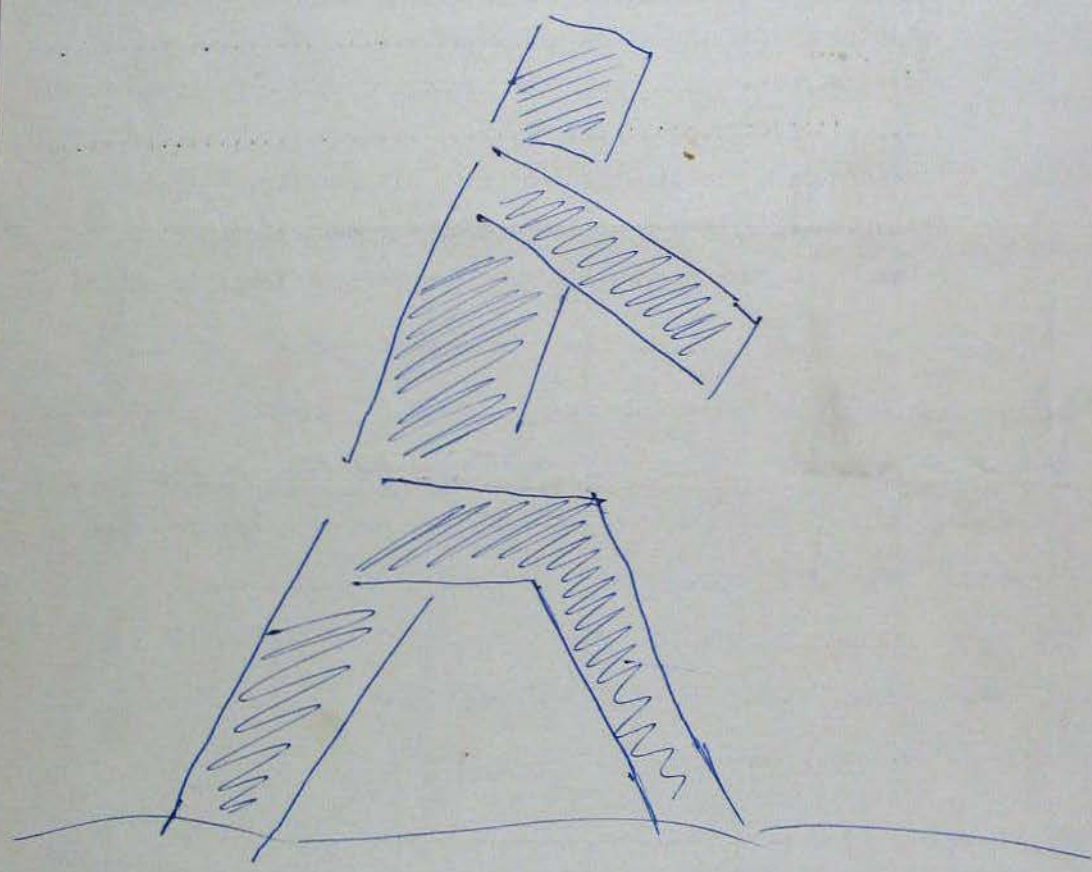
12. What was the colour of the light or object? *Solid. known.*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
  - (a) relative to Venus or Moon.....
  - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *No*.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
23. Where was object last observed:
  - (a) relative to your surroundings.....
  - (b) angle of elevation.....
  - (c) compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....



- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....
- 27. How many witness to the sighting?..... *Two*
- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

*What we saw was shaped like a man but was solid brown in colour with no actual face or hands. The dimensions of this figure were at least twice that of a very large man. It was on the ground and covered an area of approx 10-15 feet in two strides. When the area was investigated it just seemed to have disappeared.*

Signature..... *P. Howarth* ..... Date..... *27.7.71* .....



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13 AUG 1971

Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT  
SIGHTED IN MELBOURNE AREA

Attached is a report, with Investigator's findings,  
of an unusual aerial object sighted by J. Plowman of Vermont  
Victoria on the morning of 18th July 1971.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

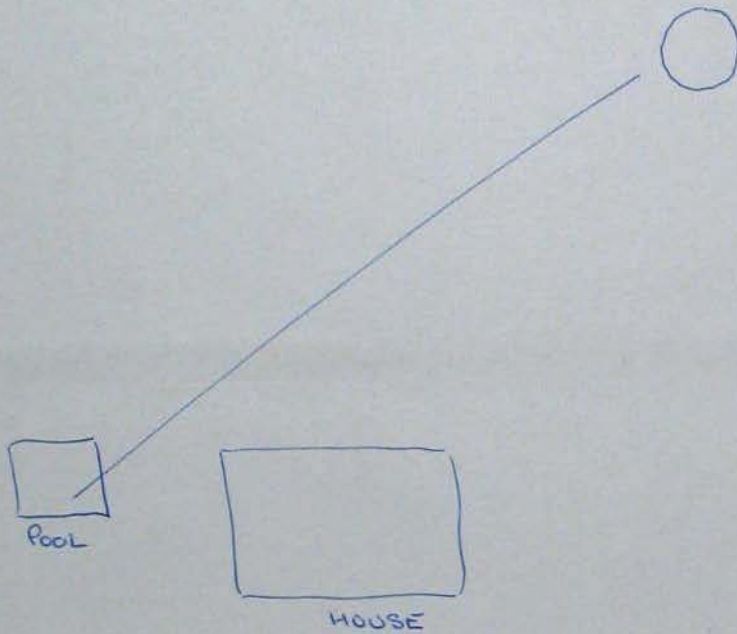
PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of observer... JAMES FLOWMAN ..... Age... 40 .....
2. Address of observer... 8 KARWITHA STREET VERMONT .....  
 ..... Phone. / .....
3. Occupation of observer... POET .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 18.7.71 10 o'clock - morning .....  
 How certain is the date?... Accurate .....  
 How accurate is the time of start?... Accurate .....
5. Duration of observation... 10 minutes .....  
 How accurate is your estimate?... / .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Outside by the swimming pool .....  
 .....  
 How familiar is observer with this locality?... I live here .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Not too bad semi blue sky but .....  
cloudy at times .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE .....
9. Where was object first observed? : I was in the pool.  
 a. Relative to your surroundings... It was over Parkmore direction .....  
 .....  
 b. Angle of elevation .....  
 c. Compass angle bearing.....  
 d. How accurate are these estimates?.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? .. A subconscious direction caused .....  
me to look .....
11. If there was more than one light/~~object~~  
 a. How many were there?... One .....  
 b. In what formation were they?.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?.. Silvery colour .....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). very clear.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?: a balloon size
- a. Relative to Venus or Moon.....
- b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)..... 9 inches.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... It was in Parkmore direction.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... No.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... NONE.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?... Very high. My wife couldn't see it.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.. It was moving slowly.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
23. Where was object last observed: Moving slowly
- a. Relative to your surroundings. In same direction.....
- b. Angle of elevation... 75°.....
- c. Compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.. Went inside when I came out again - gone
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... NO.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting) ?.. Myself only.....

- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?..NO.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?...Only a kite...I suppose.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
.....
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature J. PLOWMAN.....

Date... 27 JUL 71.....



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

.....  
NOT APPLICABLE  
.....

- 40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~was~~ / cannot\* be determined.
- 41. The object reported probably ~~was~~\* / may have been\* (delete as required).

.....  
SATURN  
.....

Venus was between 060°M and 045°M relative LAVERTON, elevation 15°/20°

It appears more likely to be Saturn, which was 045°M relative LAVERTON,  
elevation 60°, Magnitude -3.

.....  
BSLAV

(Unit)

M. B. HEWSON

(Name)

.....  
5AUG71

(Date)

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9 AUG 1971

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed are seven URF reports received from "The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide".
2. These reports have not been processed by this Headquarters because of the time lapse between their receipt and the time of sighting. It is also doubted whether any value exists in interviewing the observers after their contact with the above society, whose Secretary has been an administrative nuisance to RAAF Base Edinburgh, and who would have undoubtedly biased the observer's opinion concerning UFO's.

*John G. Laker*  
(S.G. LAKER)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: Copies of seven UFO reports



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OFFICIAL ..... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

\* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No.  
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name IRAHAM KING Age 41  
Address 7 MC CULLOCH AVE Occupation DRAFTING  
KLENZIG State S.A

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
FLINDER ST CITY ↑ NO

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 15%

\* Object was first observed: Date 15-7-71 Time 5 40 a.m.  
p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.  
Duration 7-10 MINS No. of objects 1 Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: NONE

Details of structure and shape: NOISE

ESTIMATE: Speed Height (Alt.) FIRST: 400-500 FT Size LARGE CAR  
Distance FIRST 1/2 MILE Sound NOISE LAST: DISAPPEARED STRAIGHT UP. Colour BLACK  
LAST: 100 FT

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.  
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:  
B. SEMPLE & WOLFE DRAFTING 7 FLOOR B.P HOUSE  
J. KELLON J. INGLE SECTION METRO SUB SECTION

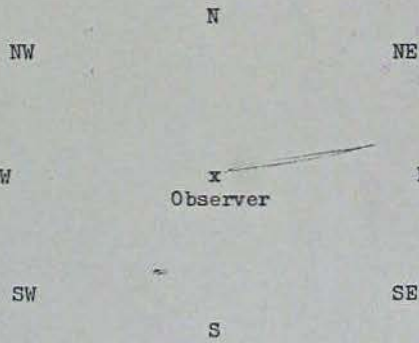
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



FIRST SEEN  
LAST SEEN

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



UNIT	ACTION	INFO
HQEDN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BSEON	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HSQN	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24SQN	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1RTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RAFSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	

REPLY DIRECT BY  
Copy for info HQEDN

RE: Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

SUBMIT REPLY FOR DO'S SIGNATURE BY

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



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Date: 21-7-71

Signature: Irah King

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File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tape Recording \_\_\_\_\_

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name ROBERT SPENCER Age 22  
Address 19 NELSON ST STEWNEY Occupation ENGINEERING ASSISTANT  
State \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
APPROX 2 MILES SOUTH OF YACKA

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Object was first observed: Date 21-4-71 Time \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 9-30 p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. ④ From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: ① Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:  
LIGHT AND LIGHTS FLASHING ALTERNATIVELY

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.  
Duration \_\_\_\_\_ No. of objects \_\_\_\_\_ Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion of Propulsion: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of structure and shape: ROW OF LIGHTS (APPROX 6 LIGHTS)

ESTIMATE: Speed STATIONARY Height (Alt.) ON GROUND Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance 1/4 MILE Sound NONE Colour \_\_\_\_\_

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: NONE

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

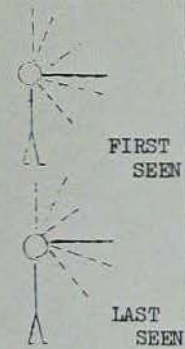
\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.  
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise  
STILL THERE WHEN I LEFT

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: NONE

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:	DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH	SKETCH OF OBJECTS
	<p>N</p> <p>NW NO FLIGHT NE</p> <p>W X E</p> <p align="center">Observer</p> <p>SW S SE</p>	<p>OOOOOO</p> <p>← ROW OF ALTERNATIVELY FLASHING LIGHTS</p>

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

AT APPROX 9:30pm 21-4-71 2 MILES SOUTH OF YACKA OBSERVED ROW OF ALTERNATIVELY FLASHING LIGHTS ON MY LEFT CONTINUED ON BUT ON FURTHER THOUGHT, RETURNED TO THE SPOT WHERE THE LIGHTS WERE STILL VISIBLE. ON SAVING MY CAR LIGHTS & DRIVING LIGHTS IN THE DIRECTION. NO ACTUAL SHAPE COULD BE SEEN DUE TO DISTANCE THE LIGHTS WERE STILL FLASHING.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published ~~using~~/withholding my name.

Date: 20-6-71

Signature: R. Spencer

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\* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

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

Tape Recording \_\_\_\_\_

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name B. CARTER Age 42

Address 53 PARK AVE Occupation MANAGER MARKETING

KOSSLYN PARK 5072 State SA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

PORT ADELAIDE OR NEAR GULF AREA - SEA

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR - NO CLOUD IN THIS AREA

\* Object was first observed: Date 27-6-71 Time \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

9.25 P.M. APPROX

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

LIGHT - BRIGHT ✓ ORANGE - RED NO NOISE FROM WHERE WE WERE

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 1/2 MINUTES No. of objects 1 Formation SEMI-CIRCULAR

Opinion of Propulsion: UNKNOWN

Details of structure and shape: SEMI-CIRCULAR APPEARED TO BE AS WIDE AS 2 CITY

ESTIMATE: Speed UNKNOWN Height (Alt.) 200 TO 1500 FT. Size BLOCKS  
Distance 15 MILES AWAY Sound NIL Colour REDDISH-ORANGE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

HEIGHT - FROM APPROX. PATH OF AIRCRAFT INTO ADELAIDE AIRPORT

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No

\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. ✓ 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.

3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

LIGHT FADED TO FORM SEVERAL SMALL DOTS - GRADUALLY FADED OUT

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO ✓

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: SEVERAL YEARS AGO SIGHTED STRANGE SILVER OBJECT OVER SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: MRS B. CARTER &

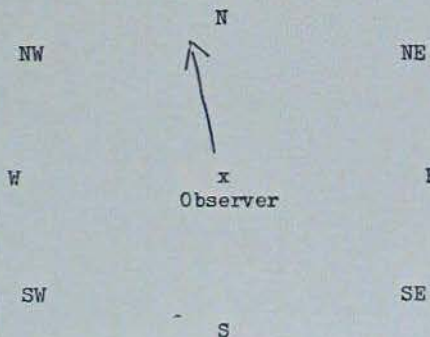
M.E. CARTER SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

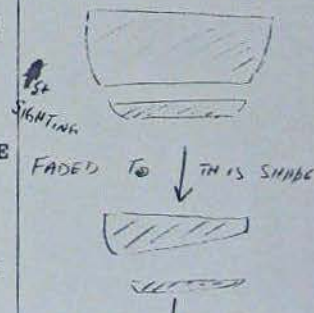
Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

OBJECT DID NOT MOVE  
SIDWAYS NOR UP OR DOWN.

VERY BRIGHT ON FIRST SIGHTING THEN GRADUALLY  
FADED AWAY IF MOVING MUST HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING  
AWAY FROM OUR POSITION

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ may be published  
BUT using/withholding my name.

FINAL SIGHTING: SEVERAL SMALL RED DOTS.

Date: 29-6-71

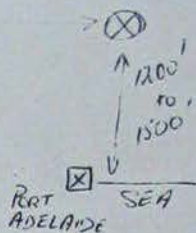
Signature: B. Carter

PTO

OUR  
POSITION  
OF  
SIGHTING.

\*  
FOOT HILLS

⊗  
CITY OF ADELAIDE



Shortly after object disappeared an  
Aircraft approached the Adelaide Airport  
from the South West.

The width down when we stood would have  
been Day 4 to 6 feet.

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\* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tape Recording \_\_\_\_\_

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name CLARKSON, Jeanette

Age 38

Address High Street  
Kerwin

Occupation Teacher

State Vic.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
Kerwin Township

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 80%

\* Object was first observed: Date 23-5-71 Time \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.  
8:45 p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.  
 1.  2.  3.  4.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:  
 1.  2.  3.  4.

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object  3. Changing shape.  
Duration \_\_\_\_\_ No. of objects 1 Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion of Propulsion: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of structure and shape: None because of haze around it.

ESTIMATE: Speed Slow Height (Alt.) low Size 12' wide  
Distance thought above Sound Pulsating Colour \_\_\_\_\_

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:  
Teacher

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? —

\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.  
 3. Over horizon.  4. Or otherwise

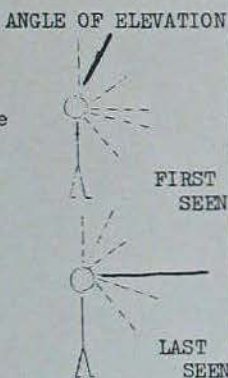
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: \_\_\_\_\_

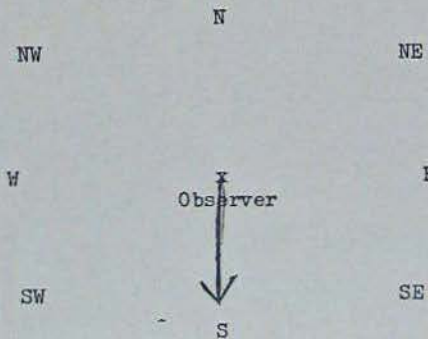
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Yielded very low, surrounded by haze light.  
Travelled due south, very straight.

(Coincides with 40 other reports of sightings in Wimmera)

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ / may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 19-6-71

Signature: J. Clarkson

OFFICIAL ..... FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

\* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No.  
Tape Recording

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name KENNETH F. ADAMS Age 58  
Address 17 FRIELING CRESCENT Occupation STEELMAN DRIVER  
COL LIGHT GONS State S. A. 5041

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
ALBERT ST. WINDSER GONS - RESIDENTIAL AREA.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 90%

\* Object was first observed: Date 8 July 1971 Time 1705 a.m./p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/A. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.  
Duration 3-4 SECS No. of objects 1 Formation

Opinion of Propulsion: UNABLE TO DETERMINE

Details of structure and shape: DITTO

ESTIMATE: Speed — Height (Alt.) 3000 Size —  
Distance 7-9 MILE Sound — Colour —

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: ACCIDENT  
SORTIE - NEARLY WAR 2

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

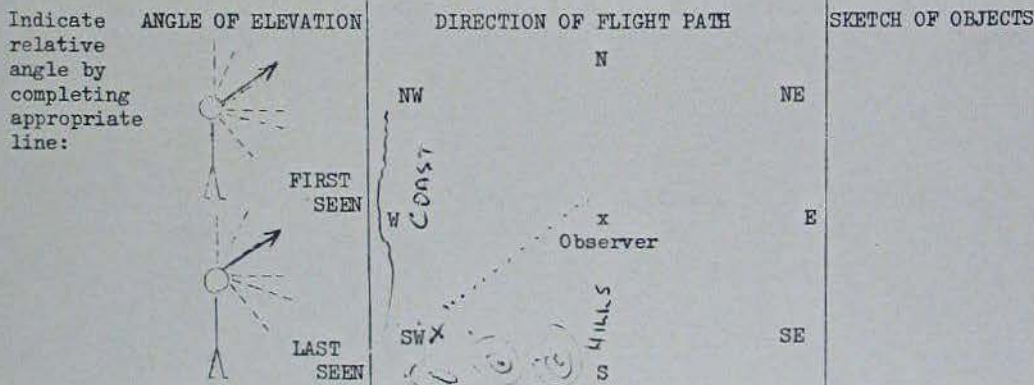
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3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise  
INTO CLOUD COVER.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES/NO

Is this your first sighting? YES/~~NO~~ If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

SINCE REPORTING THIS SIGHTING, OTHER PERSONS HAVE INFORMED ME THAT THEY HAD WATCHED THIS PRIOR TO MY SIGHTING, AND HAD IDENTIFIED IT AS LIGHT AIR STEERING NOSE LANDING, LIGHT AIRCRAFT AT 3000 FT IN DAYLIGHT, HOWEVER, SORRY IF I HAVE WASTED YOUR TIME

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall~~ not/may be published ~~using~~/withholding my name.

Date: 10th July 1971

Signature: Kenneth F. Adams



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\* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tape Recording \_\_\_\_\_

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name AVIS MARION MANCERSDORF Age 52 years

Address 36 BYRON ST. Occupation H.O.

GLENELG State SA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
GRAND JUNCTION RD, CAVAN, BUILT UP AREA. POWERLINES, HOUSES, RADIOMASTS

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CALM, CLEAR NO CLOUD, COLD

\* Object was first observed: Date 1-6-71 Time 3.30 a.m.  
p.m.

1. In the sky 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light 2. Noise. 3. Movement 4. Other reasons:

\* Object appeared as: 1. A light 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape. DIMINISHED BEFORE DISAPPEARED  
Duration 30 seconds No. of objects 1 Formation ROUNDISH

Opinion of Propulsion: APPEARED TO BE NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: SHAPE ROUND, LOOKED LIKE LARGE LIGHT

ESTIMATE: Speed SLIGHTLY SLOWER THAN FALLING STAR Height (Alt.) EYE LEVEL Size [CENT PIECE]  
Distance NOT SURE Sound NIL Colour CLEAR SOFT GREEN  
ALMOST LUMINOUS

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: NIL

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? ORANGE-YELLOW AS IT DISAPPEARED

\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.  
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

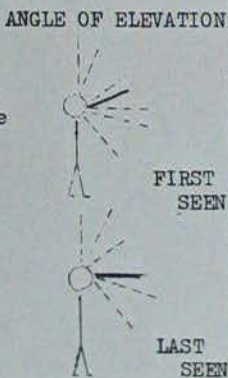
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Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: DAUGHTER AND SON

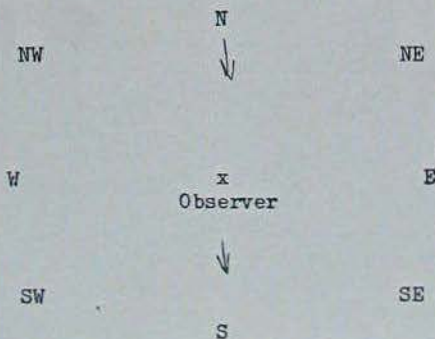
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

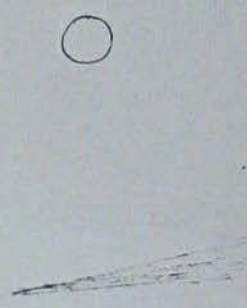
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting: OBJECT ENTERED TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER OF CAR WINDSCREEN (TRAVELLING SLOWER THAN FALLING STAR) TOWARDS LEFT, GREW SMALL + IMMEDIATELY DISAPPEARED, ABOUT MID-WAY DOWN WINDSCREEN, LEAVING LONG TRAIL OF ORANGE-YELLOW LIGHT. IT WAS ROUND WITH DIFFUSED OUTLINE, AS THO. BEHIND LIGHT MIST, WE WERE NOT AFRAID, BUT RATHER AMAZED WHEN WE REALISED IT WAS NOT A STAR, BUT SOMETHING UNUSUAL

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 30.6.71

Signature: Avis Mancersdorf

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File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JOHN HARTLEY WILLIAMS Age 56  
Address 27 MCFARLANE ST Occupation CLERK  
NTH GLENELG. State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)  
SUBURB OF GLENELG. LOOKING NW. TOWARDS SEA.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 100% CLOUD COVER

\* Object was first observed: Date 10 JULY 1971 Time \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ p.m. 7.05

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

\* Object appeared as: 1. Light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration ABOUT 3 MINS No. of objects 1 Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion of Propulsion: JET EFFECT

Details of structure and shape: APPEARED TUBULAR TAPERING TO CONE

ESTIMATE: Speed AIRCRAFT Height (Alt.) 75° Size APPROX 20'  
Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Sound NIL Colour ORANGE-RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

EX ARMY OFFICER

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? APPEARED TO HAVE EXHAUST TRAIL

\* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.  
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / (NO)

Is this your first sighting? (YES) / NO If not, give details of others: \_\_\_\_\_

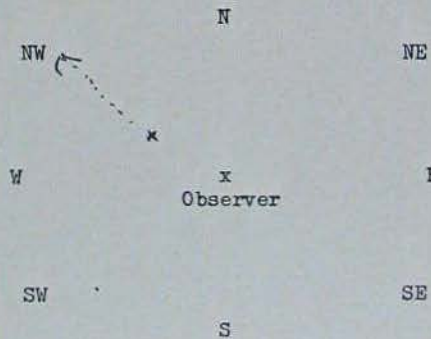
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

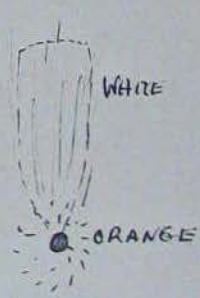
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

At approx 7 PM on 10.7.71 a neighbour's son called me outside to observe a light moving in the sky overhead. It appeared orange colored, moved approximately jet aircraft speed, through binoculars appeared cone-shaped, glowed strongly, had what appeared to be exhaust vapor underneath disappeared vertically upwards.

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Date: 11.7.71

Signature: John Williams

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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

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Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 100% CLOUD COVER

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\* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

\* Object appeared as: 1. 1st light 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration ABOUT 3 MINS No. of objects 1 Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion of Propulsion: JET EFFECT

Details of structure and shape: APPEARED TUBULAR TAPERING TO CONE

ESTIMATE: Speed AIRCRAFT Height (Alt.) 75° Size APPROX 20'  
Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Sound NIL Colour ORANGE-RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

EX ARMY OFFICER

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? APPEARED TO HAVE EXHAUST TRAIL

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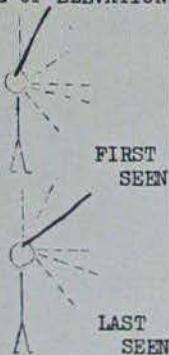
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Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

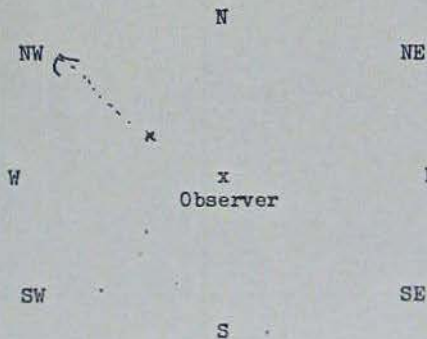
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

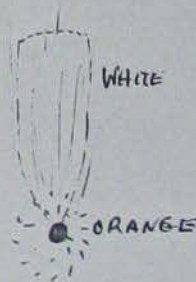
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



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Date: 11.7.71

Signature: John Williams



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BLUE CMM ORANGE CMM RED AND THEN WHITE VAPOUR PLUME PD HEIGHT OF  
OBJECT ESTIMATED 3000FT JUST BELOW <sup>COULD</sup> BASE CMM SPEED ESTIMATE ABOUT  
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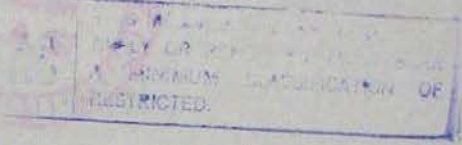
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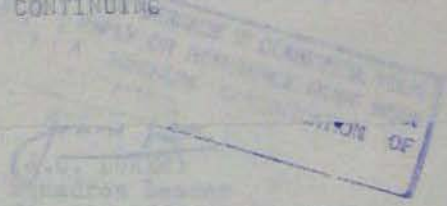
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R E S T R I C T E D A52 UFO SIGHTING. GREYISH OBJECT SIGHTED FALLING TO GROUND VISINITY INTERSECTION MAFFRA AND COBAINS ROAD. APPROX 3604S 14703E. REPORTED MIDDAY 0540Z 71. IMMEDIATE CHECK ALL EAST SALE AIRCRAFT AND FURHTER CHECK AFTER LANDING FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ANSWER. SUSPECT NET BALLOON. BUT INVESTIGATION CONTINUING



- (d) how accurate are these estimates... APPROXIMATE.....
- 10. What first attracted observer's attention? THE UNUSUALNESS OF THE OBJECT.....
- 11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - (a) how many were there?.....
  - (b) in what formation were they?.....

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RESTRICTED A51 UFO SIGHTING PD BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN RISING  
FROM GROUND LEVEL AT WONG LIRON VIC CMM 3830S 14642E PD REPORTED  
05AUG71 CMM INVESTIGATING OFFICER APPOINTED

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
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23 AUG '71

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr W.B. WALLIS  
21 Arundel Street  
WEST PYMBLE NSW

2. Due to the lack of detail contained at the answer to question four, part 71 of the report has not been completed.

3. It is possible that Mr WALLIS observed a civil aircraft executing a turn during which time it reflected the sun.

*John C. Baker*  
(J.C. BAKER)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Copy of report by observer



## REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... W. B. WALLS ..... Age 34 .....
2. Address of observer... 21 ARUNDEL STREET .....  
WEST PYMBLE NSW ..... Phone 4408361 .....
3. Occupation of observer... DIRECTOR .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... APPROX 8AM ON A SATURDAY .....  
How certain is the date? ONLY APPROXIMATE <sup>IN 1967</sup> .....  
How accurate is the time of start... ACCURATE .....
5. Duration of observation... 10 SECONDS .....  
How accurate is your estimate?... REASONABLE .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... AP. 1/4 MILE WEST .....  
OF BA-HAI TEMPLE ON MONA VALE ROAD INDOLESIDE .....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? AT THE TIME .....  
OF SIGHTING WE TRAVELLED ALONG MONA VALE ROAD AT LEAST .....  
ONCE PER WEEK .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE .....  
NO CLOUDS .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE .....
9. Where was object first observed:
  - (a) Relative to your surroundings... FROM OUR CAR AS WE .....  
APPROACH BA-HAI TEMPLE THE OBJECT BEING ALMOST .....  
ABOVE THE TEMPLE .....
  - (b) angle of elevation... AP. 30° .....
  - (c) compass angle bearing... — .....
  - (d) how accurate are these estimates... APPROXIMATE .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? THE UNUSUALNESS .....  
OF THE OBJECT .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - (a) how many were there? .....
  - (b) in what formation were they? .....

12. What was the colour of the light or object? *SHINY METALIC SILVER*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards). *SIGHTING IN DAYLIGHT*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
  - (a) relative to Venus or Moon.....
  - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... *AP. 3"*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity... *NONE*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases... *10 SECONDS*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. *OBJECT JUST VANISHED*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... *NO*
23. Where was object last observed:
  - (a) relative to your surroundings.....
  - (b) angle of elevation.....
  - (c) compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?... *INSTANT*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... *NO*

- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....
- 27. How many witness to the sighting? 2 MYSELF & WIFE.....
- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
YES MR & MRS A. HOLTSBAUM.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? REFLECTION FROM SA-HAI TEMPLE.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? IT WAS A CLEAR CLOUDLESS MORNING AND THE OBJECT APPEARED SOLID......
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature als.....

Date 29-7-71.....

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# What NOT to do if you spot a UFO

**FLYING SAUCER SPOTTERS** whom we alerted last week to warnings of heightened UFO activity in 1971 (one theory being the Earth-Mars conjunction taking place this month) had better tread carefully.

Mr. Frank W. H. Wilks, research officer for the Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Centre in Sydney, has provided us with voluminous files of UFO material including some sound advice on what to do when you see a flying saucer.

"If you should see a UFO write down your impressions immediately," he says. "Then write to the UFOIC and we will forward a report within 24 hours. Be generally alert in ascertaining the correct trajectory and noting any after-effects your body may feel, also the shape of the craft and whether it hovered, landed or arched in flight."

"DO NOT shoot at these objects or their occupants," stresses Mr Wilks. "If you are frightened, run. Do not assault them in any way. The consequences of such retaliation is rather terrible. Their technology and weaponry is many thousands of years in advance of ours."

Mr. Wilks says that some of the beings from other planets (which the UFOIC prefers to call Ufonauts) have ultrasonic weapons. "This is what makes the animals howl and cringe." He likens their ultrasonic guns to our own ultrasonic cooking ovens: "They cook from the inside out."

He also mentions a sound wave gun which could demolish the Australia Square building in seconds, but doesn't make clear whether it's ours or theirs.

"I suppose you, do not under any circumstances attack a UFO. I'm not saying they're enemies, only that if attacked they will probably take protective action."

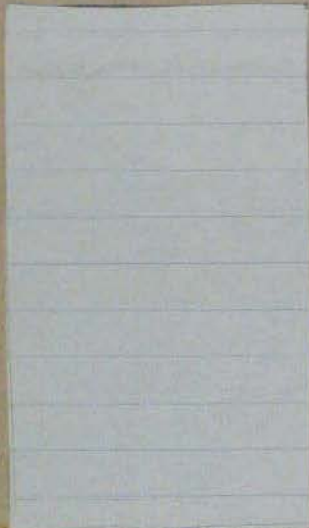
Never daunted, the UFOIC intends to make contact with the Ufonauts, its technical staff, says Mr. Wilks, is presently attempting to build apparatus of that nature. The UFOIC Light Modulation System is being constructed by Ufologist Mark Bidwell so they can communicate with the Ufonauts.

"Assuming the UFOs are piloted, of course, and have the intelligence we credit them with, this form of contact may produce the results we are hoping for," says Mr Wilks.

Using 167 claimed UFO sightings, the UFOIC has constructed a grid system which it says proves beyond doubt that UFOs travel in straight lines. It also makes it easier to spot them at cross-over points, it says. You camp in the right place and wait for one to pass overhead.

One of these cross-over points, 260 miles south-east of Adelaide, was the scene of a grisly discovery on June 27, according to Mr Wilks. "Police found a mummified body in a gum tree and eventually identified it as that of a young Canadian who had disappeared a year before while going to a party."

"Is this a coincidence?" asks Mr Wilks. "Most of us are inclined to shy away from reports of little green men and so on. Let's face it though, someone has to be operating UFOs. Why not little green men?"



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(81)

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Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report submitted by Mr M.R. Deasey of Midway Point Tasmania who observed an unusual fast-moving 'light' in the sky on the night of 4th July 1971.

2. The report was received at this Headquarters through the Tasmanian Squadron Air Training <sup>Centre</sup> and the ATC Investigating Officer's remarks appear on Part 2 of the questionnaire.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl:

1. Report

- 11. If there was more than one light/object :
  - a. how many were there?.....
  - b. in what formation were they?.....
- 12. What was the colour of the light or object? YELLOW. RED TAIL.....



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

Name of observer..... *MARTIN ROYAL ROBERTS*

Address of observer..... *51 MIDWAY ROAD, MELB*

Date of observation..... *4-7-71*

Result of observation..... *POSITIVE*

Age..... *19*

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer. MARTIN DONALD ROBERTSON Age 19
2. Address of observer.....  
#12 BAIRD ST. MIDWAY POINT
3. Occupation of observer. APPRENTICE MOTOR MECHANIC
4. Date and time of start of observation. 4-7-71 APPROX 10.20 P.M.  
How certain is the date?..... POSITIVE
5. Duration of observation..... 20 sec's  
How accurate is your estimate?.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....  
ELWICK DRIVE IN CINEMA  
How familiar is observer with this locality?..... VERY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....  
NONE
9. Where was object first observed?;  
a. Relative to your surroundings.....  
DUE NORTH (TO LEFT OF SCREEN)  
b. angle of elevation..... 45°  
c. compass angle bearing..... DUE NORTH  
d. how accurate are these estimates?..... REASONABLE
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....  
FAST MOVING YELLOW LIGHT
11. If there was more than one light/object :  
a. how many were there?.....  
b. in what formation were they?.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... YELLOW RED TAIL

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
... STAR OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE .....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?;  
a. relative to Venus or Moon... SIZE OF VENUS .....
- b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 from the eyes)  
..... 1/4" .....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... ESTIMATED 45° NORTH .....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... N.P. ....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
..... NONE .....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... 45° .....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movements of familiar objects at stated distances.....  
..... 1400 M.P.H. .... PYROTECHNIC ROCKET .....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... NONE .....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... NONE .....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... RED TAIL .....
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. relative to your surroundings..... SOUTH .....
- b. angle of elevation..... 45° .....
- c. compass angle bearing..... SOUTH .....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)  
..... NO .....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity  
..... P.E.A.S. ....
27. How many witnesses to the sightings?..... 4 .....

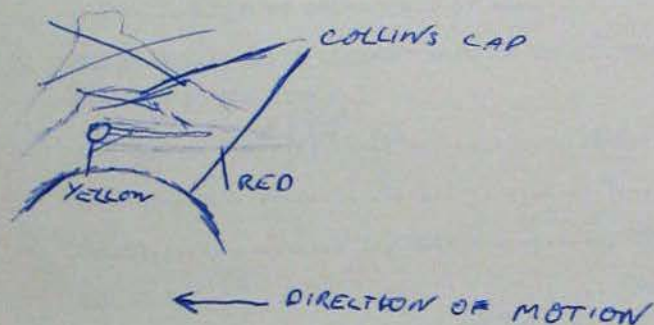
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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....*N.O.*....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....*COMET*.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
*SPEED OF VELOCITY..... MAINTAINED... ELEVATION.....*
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature.....*M. G. [unclear]*.....

Date.....*5/7/71*.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type... N/A... (1).....(2).....(3)
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Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
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ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 42485 Longitude 14711E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. JUPITER 350 70

36. A meteorological balloon was released from HOAN AIRPORT at 2100 Z. Colour White Weight gm Radio-sonde\*\*/radar\*\*: ~~Candle\*\*/battery\*\*~~ (\*\*delete as required) General wind profile W Maximum height tracked 60,000ft at 2210 Z Was it known to have burst? No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

.....  
*a comet or a satellite.*

*However, the light was tracked from north, through west, to south at a reasonably constant elevation of about 45° over a period of about 20 secs, which does not accord with the normal movement of a comet or satellite.*

*The cause of the sighting cannot be determined.*

*TASATC* .....(Unit) *Forster* .....(Name)  
*26 Jul 71* .....(Date) *Ward* .....(Rank)

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# Bird, plane or UFO?

"UFO...!"

The scream went up. Boys scattered everywhere.

Some waved their arms. Others whistled. "Sure it isn't a plane?" one yelled. "It hasn't a red or green flashing light. It isn't a helicopter either."

The scene was Canberra Grammar School in the early evening. Ten first and second year boys were gathered on the front steps. The group's leader, Damon Robinson (13), was armed with a telescope. Another boy carried a huge flashlight.

Everything was chaos for a minute or so. All the boys shouted their observations and opinions of the two tiny lights moving in the distant sky.

The lights were about the same size as the smallest star. Because of its fast movement the boys were unable to follow it with the telescope.

As the lights disappeared behind the trees some boys ran down and across the oval in an effort to follow its progress.

Arguments then broke out about everything from the time and direction to the number of lights.

By PAM SIMPSON

"Don't speculate too much," a Canberra Unidentified Flying Object Research Society officer, Graeme Priestly, advised. "When we get it down on paper we'll be able to figure it out more."

The boys — all school boarders — meet on the steps every evening for 45 minutes' observation. They claim to have also sighted mysterious objects on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week.

They have formed their own club. They are designing their own badges and charge a 20c joining fee. The money, they said, would be used to buy books on outer space and sighting equipment.

## A WAVE OF REPORTS

"UFOs are the thing now", Damon explained. "It's a craze."

These sightings were the latest in a wave of reports made to the Canberra Unidentified Flying Object Research Society.

Between June 30 and July 9 10 "reliable cases" were reported to the society. There were other cases where UFO society president John Drake said, "sufficient substantive evidence" couldn't be found. After investigations

one case was found to be false.

The society's official report shows four separate sightings on Wednesday, June 30.

The incidents were witnessed by a total of 11 people.

The first case came to the society's attention on Wednesday, June 30, when a member's son overheard a conversation in a suburban grocery store.

The society contacted the store's manager. He was reluctant to tell the full story, against any publicity or release of the shop's name.

As a result the city's radio and television station were contacted in an effort to obtain further information. They carried news items.

All the other reports were made to the society as a result of these broadcasts.

The main person in the incident which sparked off the controversy refused to allow his staff to fill out any UFO society case records.

Contacted by a reporter, he confirmed the incident and the society's report.

"I don't want to hear any more about it", he said.

"It's already the talk of the shopping centre. Why should this shop and the staff have to suffer?"

Mr Drake said the "unofficial report" was that at 3.40pm this man saw a solid, silvery, cigar-shaped



object passing directly overhead.

He shouted to another staff member. Both then clearly saw a second similar object — four inches long

and pink or red — travel the same path five minutes later.

From the shopping area these objects are said to have travelled soundlessly across Watson High School to the right of Black Mountain.

By this time, Mr Drake said, six frightened and amazed people were watching them.

Other small objects appeared from the clouds — too small for size or shape to be estimated. Some people at first counted three, but eventually there were too many to count.

On that day a comet-like object caught the attention of Diana Hughes (19) when she looked out the window of her Lyons flat.

The object, Diana estimated, was nearly 24 times the size of the moon. The front shape, she said, was round and fuzzy. The tail trailing behind was a pink to red.

Diana said she was even more surprised when, five minutes later, another similar object appeared.

"This performed the same manoeuvre — a slow, flat loop — and headed out of sight towards Mt Stromlo pine plantation and Belconnen", Diana said.

"Both objects made no noise. I observed the first for

"I saw a cigar-shaped object with two triangular shaped fins close to the school building", Colin said.

About five minutes later, Colin said, he saw the object again and told his mother.

"I didn't really have time to stop", Colin's mother, Mrs Betty Ford, explained. "I believe Colin because he is always staring out the window. He is very interested in aeroplanes and can identify various kinds. He's sure it wasn't a plane."

Colin said he is interested in outer space. But he is not a member of Canberra Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society.

Twenty-two-year-old house painter Benny Hamers, of Chifley, made a report to the society about a sighting on July 2. He said he was driving from Canberra to the coast when he saw two lights, travelling level with his car's side window.

"The lights were one on top of the other and moved around the car", Mr Hamers recalled.

## FROM OUTER SPACE . . . ?

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claimed she was told nothing was registering because the reported object was directly over the radar's blind spot.

The second person responsible for the July 7 sighting, a 44-year-old technician, was willing to be interviewed, but asked that his name be withheld.

He was on his way home from work when he noticed a steady light in the sky. He said he returned to the vicinity when he learned of Mrs Klein's experience.

"At 4.05 I saw a tiny object", he explained. "It appeared to be going around in an odd square".

Another two reports were made on Friday, July 9.

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It had no wings or tail, made no noise and had no

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## SWIMMING SURVEY

The ACT National Fitness Advisory Committee will conduct this summer a survey of learn-to-swim opportunities in the ACT.

The Minister for Health, Senator Greenwood, said when making the announcement that "the committee proposes to include in the survey questions about opportunities for training and practice in life-saving".

Planning will begin at once, but the survey will not take place until summer.

In March the ACT Advisory Council approved a motion seeking the survey proposed by Mr Ken Fry (ALP).

Mr Fry told council Canberra's unheated \$1,000,000 pools had shown a loss the previous summer of \$132,000.

Only 19 per cent of 5,700 primary school children who had attended learn-to-swim classes during the summer were now able to swim 20 metres.

Main reason was that the water was too cold for tuition.

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"Both objects made no noise. I observed the first for two minutes and the second for five".

Diana, who asked that her occupation not be published, was at home recovering from flu. She said she had a clear view of the cloudy sky from her window.

She once worked for Mr Drake.

On June 30, at 1.32pm, Kevin Bourke glanced out the window of the Department of Education and Science, Phillip Offices, and saw a circular silver object.

Mr Bourke (25), clerk, of Narrabundah, said he pointed the object out to fellow worker, Phillip Tracey (22), of Red Hill. They watched it disappear on the horizon.

The men laughed it off. The following Thursday night they heard a television newscast, Mr Tracey phoned the airport control tower to find out if there had been a plane in the vicinity at the time when the two men saw the silver object.

"An officer said there definitely wasn't any plane flying under 8,000ft at that time", Mr Bourke said. "The object was definitely lower."

"I'm convinced there must have been something in it. After all, there were so many sightings on Wednesday".

On the same day, at 12.30 pm, Colin Ford (13), was standing outside Canberra High School, Macquarie, with a friend. He was walking for his mother to pick him up for lunch.

Colin said "I saw a black disc about the size of a saucer. It was moving very slowly and I was looking at it for about 10 minutes. I saw it again and told my mother."

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There is the possibility it is something from outer space", Mr Hamers said. "I've never had an optical illusion".

Mr Hamers isn't a member of the UFO society and contacted Mr Drake after his father suggested it.

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Society secretary Mrs Vicki Klein heard her UFO detector buzz inside the house while she was out in the garden.

The degree of effectiveness of these UFO detectors has not yet been determined. But it is known the magnet does not pick up cars, aeroplanes or electricity signals.

With her neighbour, Elizabeth Zentalis, Mrs Klein (28) failed to find any object.

Twenty minutes later, with the aid of binoculars, they saw an object directly above Mr Majura.

"Too small to see with the naked eye, it was clearly a grey cylinder, five times as long as thick, performing a square circle", Mr Klein said.

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Stephen said he kept looking and then saw a jet pass over, travelling in the same direction — towards Dickson — at the same speed.

The second July 9 report was again from UFO secretary Vicki Klein. She was training under-seven North Ainslie Junior Australian Rules footballers at Dickson High School.

"My son David looked up and saw a cigar-shaped object", Mrs Klein said.

"The other 10 boys looked up and saw the object. It had no wings or tail.

"Two or three minutes later a plane passed over. It was considerably thinner".

Two of these people claimed they had spoken to the airport control tower, but public relations officer for the RAAF, Wing Cdr. Best, said no reports had been made. The Commonwealth Government's Air Department and the Department of Civil Aviation did not have anyone prepared to make Press comment.

"Because of the number of unanswered questions and inquiries, the society has written to the Minister for Air for an official view", John Drake said. "We hope to get an answer in the near future".

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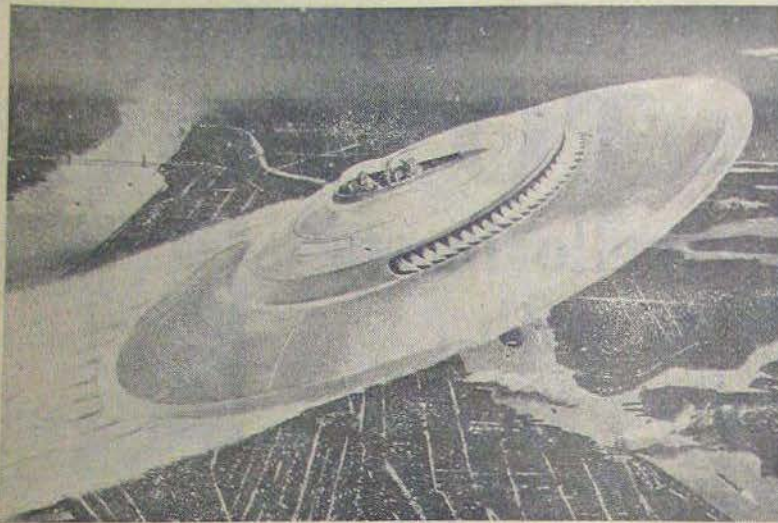
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. The attached report by Master Paul Rankin of an unusual aerial sighting on 5th July at Caulfield VIC, was received through the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne.
2. The Investigating Officer's remarks appear on pages 3 and 4, and the report is forwarded for record purposes.

(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... Paul Rankin ..... Age. Approx. 12
2. Address of observer... 341 Glen Eira Road, Caulfield .....  
..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer... Student - Newsboy .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 5th July, 1970, 6 a.m. <sup>011000L</sup> .....
- See page 3. How certain is the date?.....  
How accurate is the time of start?... Fairly approx. ....
5. Duration of observation... 5 minutes .....
- How accurate is your estimate?.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Lockhart Street, Caulfield, .....  
..... adjacent Newstead Street .....
- How familiar is observer with this locality?... Very .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Fine - no clouds - dark .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Nil .....
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings.....
  - b. angle of elevation.....
  - c. compass angle bearing.....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates?.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.. Fast bright light .....
11. If there was more than one light/object :
  - a. how many were there?..... No .....
  - b. in what formation were they?.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... Whitish-yellow .....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
.....Very bright.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :  
a. relative to Venus or Moon..... Larger than Venus  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... Not known
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... Not known
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... No
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
..... Nil.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... -
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... Very fast in comparison to any known jet aircraft
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.... Nil.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... Nil
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... Shortish tail
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. relative to your surroundings.....  
b. angle of elevation.....  
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity-etc)..... No
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27. How many witness to the sighting?.....

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Use back of form, if needed.

This report was phoned in at 0850, 5th July, 1971, by Paul Rankin and this date is the day on which he saw the object, described as round, very bright and had short tail, definitely not a comet.

The thing that impressed him was the excessively high speed in comparison to any known flying object.

The time would be fairly accurate as paper rounds must commence and cease within certain tolerances.

The object was first sighted while Master Rankin was delivering papers in Lockhart Street (east-west) when it was travelling from north to south.

The next sighting was when, about 5 minutes later, he was in Newstead Street (east-west) when the object was travelling at the same high speed, only this time from south to north.

Angles and bearings were not given but the direction of travel could be related to Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

*Further research by this headquarters has failed to confirm the nature of these sightings. As only a light was seen in each instance, and it was said to have a short tail, it would appear that both sightings could have been meteoric activity*

*Rankin*  
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Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date 5th July, 1971.

Regional Director,  
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at.....1530.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm
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General wind profile.....N/A
Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z
Was it known to have burst? yes - 1625Z

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.....station

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....
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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace



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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report presented to Headquarters RAAF Richmond by the undermentioned:

Mr J.B. Wairn  
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2. The submission of the report, on an incident that occurred on 16th January 1971 was prompted by a recent ABC television programme on "Unidentified Flying Objects".

*R.S. Black*  
(R.S. BLACK)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report on UFO







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Adm  
with thanks  
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The commanding Officer  
RAAF Station  
Richmond NSW.

15/1/71

Dear Sir,

With regards to a request made on T.V. on Wednesday evening following a program on UFOs, to contact the RAAF with any information on this subject I submit to you the details of an incident which happened to me on the morning of the 16th of January 1971 at approximately 3 A.M.

While working at my occupation as a night spraying agricultural pilot in the Whe Waa cotton farming

area, I was returning to the airstrip  
from which I was operating, a distance  
of about 2 mls, after having just  
sprayed a load of chemical

Flying at about 200 ft I  
noticed off my starboard wing two  
lights which seemed to be at the  
same altitude. My immediate reaction was  
that it was another night spraying  
aircraft coming toward me with his  
lights switched on. Thinking that  
perhaps the pilot had not seen my  
navigation lights I turned my aircraft  
toward him and began flashing my  
main work lights at him to  
able him to see me and change  
course. The reaction from this  
"whatever it was" surrounded me  
because the two lights appeared to

come closer and as they did I began to realize that this was not another aircraft. The lights were none of a dull glow than the type required for landing lights or night spraying work and were more egg shape rather than round. By now I had become rather concerned, and with the lights of the flare path in front of me, about a mile, I opened the throttle and made as much speed as I could toward the strip. The lights now sat off my starboard wing and continued to move at a parallel course to mine for approximately the next  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile after which the front light appeared to become dimmer and eventually faded out. The remaining light then began to speed up along the same track

until after a few seconds the last  
I saw of it was a dull speck  
on the Western horizon.

Unfortunately I have been unable  
to find anyone who saw the object.  
The man who was working on the  
airstrip loading the aircraft said that  
he was having a sleep in the cab  
of the truck at the time and only  
woke up as I ~~drove~~ <sup>drove</sup> up the strip.

During the whole episode I was  
unable to see any object behind  
the ~~logs~~.

Hoping this may be  
of some assistance in your enquiries.

Yours faithfully  
J. B. Nairn

J. B. NAIRN

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Mr Reg M<sup>c</sup> DONALD  
PRO - Dept of Air.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of Canberra's recent UFO sightings as discussed on the phone.

On at least two occasions some of these were discussed with the RAAF Duty Operations Officer, who noted some details for future reference.

Adelaide has informed CUFORS that they are investigating a reported sighting of a cylinder type object over Glenelg on July 10th, '71

Would you kindly forward 3 copies of the RAAF report on UFO's of 80 May 1971, addressed to

J. DRAKE

OIC REGISTRY

DEPT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES  
DERWENT HOUSE  
CANBERRA CITY

Yours truly

J. A. Drake

President of CUFORS

A/President of CAPIO

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Would you please forward copies of the latest report to Mr Drake

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Canberra Unidentified Flying Object Research  
Society :

Report on UFO sightings in the A.C.T.

By J.A. Drake,  
President of  
C.U.F.O.R.S.

CANBERRA U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

Beginning Wednesday 30th June, 1971.

The son of one of CUFORS\* technical advisers accidentally found out about Canberra's latest UFO report late on Wednesday afternoon, 30th June.

The father, who had some sophisticated detection equipment - designed to record UFO's - rang the President of CUFORS, John Drake, to find out if either of his detectors had recorded any interference. None of the three detectors had reacted at all, although John Drake's detectors had, at various times, buzzed at short intervals, all with no object in sight.

The main person involved in the afternoon's event was contacted by 'phone. He was surprised to discover that a UFO research group knew of the event, was very reluctant about providing the full story and most emphatically against any publicity or release of the name of the shop concerned.

His story was that at approximately 3.40pm he saw, passing directly overhead, a solid silvery cigar-shaped object.

"A" He yelled for one of his male staff to come quickly. Both of them apparently clearly saw a second cigar-shaped object travel the same path five minutes later. They both agreed that one of the objects had a pink or reddish glow at the rear end. They also estimated the length to be approximately 4".

In the absence of a proper interview and failing to obtain a completed sighting report, it was not possible to find out at what distance or in what comparison this 4" was obtained.

From the shopping area in the suburb of Watson these objects travelled steadily and soundlessly across the high school towards the right or north of Black Mountain, where the TV towers were visible. They each disappeared into or behind the clouds in the distance behind the mountain.

\* Canberra Unidentified Flying Object Research Society.

A check revealed that the cloud height was 3,500 feet, that Black Mountain was 800 feet above the surrounding level and the TV towers 1300 feet above.

By this time other staff and a representative ( commercial traveller) from Sydney gathered at the rear of the shop. They were all amazed and some frightened, to then notice some small objects appear from the clouds. These were too small to see shape or size. Some at first counted three, others counted eight, eventually there were too many to count properly. The estimate was given as probably twenty.

They could not be counted properly because of almost constant movement, although some occasionally stopped dead while others moved very fast.

Sometimes groups moved in Vee formation, and others moved in and out of the clouds.

When the display stopped at approximately 4.25pm, six people had been watching them.

Despite two visits to the shop concerned no real full details have been given of other people ( two or three ) having also seen the objects. Also the representative was reported to have been followed by a disc or light between Dubbo and Brisbane some years back. He was reported to have had the company of two girl hitch-hikers and his wife in his car. None of these events have been verified.

"B" When questioning men working on the foundation of additions to the Watson High School it was discovered that a high-flying plane (?) had been seen at 9.30 am on Tuesday 29th of June. This object did not appear to have any visible wings, tail or vapour trails like the other planes seen that day.

The next day, Thursday July 1st, a report that turned out to be a false alarm was received at 8.30 am. The reporter who had seen a strange light previously, noticed some large, round black marks on the grass out by Scrivener Dam ( the barricade that dams up Lake Burley Griffin ). An engineer was sent out to investigate.

He found out that the marks were burns carried out by gardeners the previous day. This was verified by occupants of a nearby farmhouse and horse riding school.

During the enquiries the investigator was told of possible previous odd sightings which had not been reported. A second trip to the area failed to uncover the full story because the people were very reticent.

A very regular morning visitor to the Watson shop ( who worked at one of the riding schools) told of knowing customers who had seen an object near Scrivener Dam. To date it has not been possible to uncover the details or truth of this story.

Not being able to make any ~~progress~~ progress towards uncovering the full stories, the local TV station was approached with some of the story. The reading of this as the first item on the local news ( Friday 2/7/71 ) brought an instant half-minute response.

"C" Two boys at the Canberra High School, Macquarie, ( a suburb of Belconnen - behind Black Mountain ) reported seeing an object at 12.30 that same Wednesday June 30th. They claimed seeing almost directly overhead a slowly moving cigar-shaped object with two triangular shaped fins at the rear. The object moved in and out of clouds directly overhead for approximately five minutes. The boys found it hard to hang their heads so far back to see the object almost overhead. Direction of travel was roughly from north-east ( Belconnen Naval station) to south-west ( between Mt Stromlo and Scrivener Dam).

"D" The next report was from Curtin, a suburb in the Woden Valley. This was a very large orange-coloured streak across the sky, seen at 4.55pm. This was seen by the daughter of a car driver who could not look at it because of having difficulty seeing while driving directly into the sun.

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The next report was from an ex-air force man of fourteen years service experience. He reported that, in company with his wife, his car was followed by a large orange coloured light. This was on the night of Saturday June 12th, while travelling between Gundagai and Hollbrook on the Hume Highway about 80 miles due-west of Canberra.

This large light, which appeared to be high, kept pace steadily with the car and was not the moon, which was visible in a different quarter. On approaching Hollbrook ( 74 miles from Gundagai ) they stopped the car and took a look at the light - which stopped also. The light, which appeared to be about half the size of the five cent piece held at arm's length, shot up through the heavy, dark cloud, lightening these as it went. Having had some years experience with aircraft, the driver was most emphatic that the appearance and behaviour was not similar to any aircraft known by him.

"F"

The next report was from a young lady living in the suburb of Lyons, in the Woden Valley. This suburb - and the next one west ( Weston ) is south-west of Canberra City and in line with the direction of the report from the boys at Belconnen High School.

The young lady was reading a book while lying on her bed recovering from a bout of Canberra's common 'flu. Outside the window and uphill can be seen a reservoir with one tree to its left - approximately west by south-west. From behind this tree and travelling straight up came a comet-like object.

Its length was nearly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the width of the moon (  $1\frac{1}{2}$  degrees ). The front shape was round and fuzzy. the tail trailing behind was a pink to red colour, did not have a gap between it and the front - as does a plane vapour trail, and stayed the same length as it followed the rounded front.

While being visible for some minutes it performed a slow, flat loop to the right and headed out of sight ( at the edge of the window) towards Mt Stromlo Pine Plantation and Belconnen areas.

Being curious about this odd behaviour for a comst (?) the young lady was even more curious when five minutes later another similar object appeared. This performed apparently the same manoeuvre but was observed for five minutes instead of two, because the observer jumped to her feet to obtain a better look. Both objects did apparently the same antic and without any noise and against a background of heavy cloud.

Mention of these sightings were briefly made on the local radio station both on Saturday July 30th and early during the next week.

The response was another report of a cigar-shaped object on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th, and a report of two objects seen on Tuesday 15th of June. At 11.30 am a housewife in the suburb of Watson reported seeing one object below a plane. This appeared to be either a falling object reflecting light as it turned over or similar to two flashing lights. In a quite different direction a small red object was seen.

Later on Monday July 12th a call was received about a sighting on Friday 2nd of July. A young man ( unfortunately alone ) was travelling from Canberra towards the coast by car. On approaching the top of the hill two or three miles to the south-west of Bungendore he saw two lights, either level with the top of the hill or just below it.

These lights were one on top of the other and reminded the viewer of five similar lights he had seen some years previously. While driving down the hill he noticed that one light went off to the east towards the coast. The other moved slowly to the right of the road, went lower, stopped, reversed in its tracks and again went down lower.

The light appeared to be over the railway line that runs along the flat country to the right of the road. Having crossed over the railway line some five miles back he had observed a goods train loaded with some heavy equipment and travelling towards Bungedore.

Approaching closer to the light the driver stopped. He claimed that he only stopped a very long 10 to 12 seconds. This was because he saw a " hat " shaped object with two strong lights at either end and with roughly six or seven large square windows on the upper part. These were lit up similarly to those of a bus with inside lights turned on. Nothing was visible through these windows and no sound was heard.

Starting back quickly on his journey, the driver wondered where the other two cars that he had passed were. These were a " white Ford Falcon station wagon " and an " Alfa-Romeo." After going through Bungedore and while climbing the hill three miles the other side of the town, he looked behind towards the first hill. There he saw the light still apparently hovering soundlessly over the same paddeck.

We are at present still trying to find out if the train crew may have seen anything similar as they approached Bungedore, and have arranged for one of the local papers to print some of the story in the hope that the other car drivers may have seen something.

On Wednesday 7th of July another sighting (?) was reported. The secretary of CUFORS, Mrs V. Klein, heard her UFO detector buzz from inside the house while she was outside in the garden. After switching it off and on and having it still sound the warning buzz she quickly returned outside with detector, camera, binoculars etc... and called out to her neighbour.

For twenty minutes after the first buzz, at 1.05pm, the detector still reacted. Both ladies failed to find any object with the naked eye. But by careful searching and use of the two binoculars they at last found an " object " apparently directly above Mt Majura (2920 feet above sea level ).

< This object - which was almost too small to see without binoculars - was clearly a grey cylinder, long in relation to its thickness. It was performing a manoeuvre best described as a square circle. After travelling a straight line, it faded, then appeared travelling at right angles, faded again and appeared at right angles. This appeared to make up a square with some fading and occasional flashing at the corners.

When the airport control tower was phoned to see if their radar could detect the object, the answer given was that nothing was registering because the reported object was directly over the blind spot of the radar installation on Mt Majura. After 20 minutes the object could no longer be found and the detector stopped buzzing.

Mrs Klein rang John Drake to ask whether his detector had recorded. It had been in his car not turned on while he received a long telephone call from Goulburn. Later that afternoon, Mrs Klein rang to say that the detector had again buzzed once. John Drake then rang our first technical adviser who had told him about the sightings of Wednesday 30th June.

When asked if the other detector was reacting he was told that it had been dismantled but received a ... surprising answer from our startled adviser. Startled.... because he had noticed a very brilliant flash in the sky at 2.45 pm. This was seen through a car window while rounding the corner by " Tom the Cheap Grocer " at Fyshwick.



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There was just one big flash with a touch of blue in it. The direction was slightly east of Mt Ainslie which would be right in line with Mt Majura. When Mrs Klein was advised she stated that the time of the second buzz had not been noted. But her neighbour - who had been putting her binoculars etc.. away - stated that it was between the time that she entered Mrs Klein's kitchen at 2.30 and before the oil man arrived at 2.55.

Our technical adviser went back to Fyshwick around 4pm to check on the location and direction that he had seen the flash. While driving home to Watson from Fyshwick he drove up a street facing towards the north-west . At 4.05pm he was startled to see a tiny object apparently away in the distance, performing a strange antic. It appeared to be going around in an odd sort of a circle and appearing at higher altitudes. The motions were similar to Mrs Klein's observed "square" circles.

On Friday 9th of July a call was received from the Phillip offices in the Woden Valley, south of Canberra. The caller had tried to contact CUFORS' president previously. It was about an object seen on Wednesday 30th of June at 1.32 pm. The caller was reluctant to describe the object in case it had been a plane. He was advised to check with the airport control tower and report to the daughter of the CUFORS president. She worked in the same building and discovered that the caller had seen a cigar-shaped object travelling north. At one stage it turned and appeared to be round in shape. The airport control tower claimed that there was no record of any plane in that direction at that time. Another witness, who had some flying experience, also observed the same object from the window.

At 4.10 pm on Friday 9th of July an urgent call was received from a young lad in the suburb of Hackett. Although excited, he very clearly gave the following account. His working mother rang him and asked him to bring in the washing off the line. He said he was quite sure that the time was 4 o'clock. Reaching for the washing on the line he looked up and was startled to see a cigar-shaped object passing overhead.

Although startled he was quite sure that he could clearly see it was a white colour, had no wings or tail and was not making a noise or showing a vapour trail. He kept looking and clearly saw a plane with a vapour trail travelling in a similar direction - ( east to west ) - some three minutes later. He wasted very little time ringing back to his mother and when spoken to was very clear and sure of what he had seen, despite his obvious excitement.

Further information obtained on Saturday afternoon is that eleven boys of the North Ainslie Junior Australian Rules football club also saw this cigar-shaped object and the plane which went past two or three minutes later. One parent with them said that the cigar-shaped object had no wings or tail and that the plane which did have wings visible was noticeably thinner than the cigar.

To date, although it has not yet been possible to interview each person reporting, every avenue that can be checked to explain these objects as normal balloons, plane, helicopters, satellites etc.... has been tried. These include the airport control tower, RAAF, tracking station, meteorological bureau, Mt Stromlo observatory, ionosphere prediction service, and the numerous technical advisers with whom we have normal contact.

The search for the sorts of explanations so often previously given by the uninformed and unobservant commentator has proved fruitless.

No normal explanation has yet been found.

Investigation is still proceeding and any other reluctant witnesses are appealed to - to report any sightings to the Canberra Unidentified Flying Object Research Society.

J.A. Drake;

President of

C.U.F.O.R.S.

Squadron leader C. Hickey

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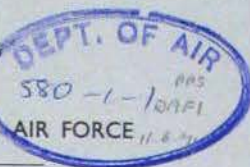
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed is a report presented in person to Headquarters RAAF Richmond by the undermentioned:

Mr. Warwick Sinclair  
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2. The submission of the report, on an incident that occurred 15 years ago was prompted by a recent ABC television programme on "Unidentified Flying Objects".

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

Enclosure: Report on UFO





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Three other witnesses and myself observed a cylindrical shaped object with a glowing tail and which was travelling over Iovogahie from the West towards the East when first sighted.

When it reached the approximate area of the coast it turned north and after travelling for some distance it doubled back on its course and travelled south.

It was observed for at least half an hour travelling backwards and forwards from North to South and vice-versa. Occasionally it would disappear as it travelled further north or further south then would re-appear again. It was last sighted travelling inland towards the West.

This incident occurred approximately 15 years ago and might not now be of any importance except that there is a possible relationship between our sighting of the object and an explosion which was reported to have occurred in the air in the vicinity of Orange by the captain of an overseas aircraft.

The whole detail of the incident is as follows:

A considerable number of people were reporting flying saucers over Katoomba and the Blue Mountains area. This was given considerable publicity by the



Press and Radio. my mother (then aged about 55) became intensely interested much to the amusement of my father and myself. neither he nor I entertained any belief in the reports about flying saucers. one night my mother announced her intention to go on to the front veranda to see if she could see any flying saucers. We only laughed at her interest in the matter but no sooner had she arrived on the veranda than she kicked up a commotion calling to us both to come and see. my father refused to go claiming that she was "seeing things already". However my mother's excited state convinced me that she must be seeing something so I decided to investigate.

I was dumbfounded to see this object travelling very low and completely silent. It appeared to be quite close. It is difficult to define its shape as it was a dark cylindrical object with lighted portholes down the side and the whole end section a brilliant glow.

The whole of the lighting on the object appeared to pulsate simultaneously so that the porthole lights and the glowing tail would increase in brilliance to a considerable degree each second and each time that the brilliance of the light increased, the object appeared to accelerate forward at greater speed.

That is how the object appeared to travel. shooting

forward as the lightning flared up, then reducing speed as the lightning diminished and then shooting forward again as the lightning flared up once more.

Although the object moved forward with alternating speed as the lightning pulsed it appeared to move forward very smoothly without any jerky motion or without any variation to its altitude.

It is difficult to put into words & my observation of the pulsating lightning because when the brilliance of the lightning flared up it did not appear to disperse the light into the surrounding atmosphere as much as it seemed to contain it inside the object although this could only appear to have been so because of the porthole lightning increasing in brilliance simultaneously with the glowing end section.

The object left me with an indelible impression of its immense power although I have never been able to understand why.

I called to my father to come and look but he still refused to do so. I then ran next door to our neighbours and they came to our verandah and the four of us watched the object which now only appeared as a brilliant light still pulsating and still shooting forward each time the lightning flared up.

As we watched it going backwards and forwards from north to south our neighbours were cautious in their opinion of what it was but both of them agreed that it was very unusual. Our neighbour was in the ground staff in the RAAF during the war and his wife was in the WAAFS.

After observing the object for at least half an hour we called it a night and our neighbour went to return to their home. During the whole of this incident my father maintained his disbelief in the whole incident and refused to look.

I accompanied our neighbour to our side-drive way and remained talking to him for some time. His wife returned to her house.

While we were talking, the object appeared again. This time it was travelling inland in a westerly direction. Its altitude was much higher than when my mother and I first sighted it and it was travelling faster and with the lighting pulsating quicker. This time my neighbour got a much better view of it and was able to agree that it was cylindrical in shape. He remarked to me that he didn't know what it was but he was convinced that it was not a aeroplane.

As soon as the object disappeared into the West my neighbour departed and I returned alone to our front verandah. I was only there a short time when

Suddenly the whole of the district was lit up like daylight for just a very brief moment. This sudden burst of light was so brilliant that it threw a shadow of our house across the front lawn. This was more than I could take for one night of weird incidents and I fled indoors. I told my parents what had happened but my father only increased his disbelief in the whole business and even my mother seemed to doubt this latest development so I looked at the clock and took particular note of the time so that I could check it next day if there were any reports about the district being suddenly lit up like daylight.

The next day there were no reports about the light and no reports about a cylindrical object being seen but there was a report that the captain of an Overseas Aircraft was flying his plane in from the West and he reported a terrific explosion which he sighted in the air somewhere in the Orange district. The explosion was a mystery as no aircraft was reported missing at the time and no wreckage was ever found later. However the captain pointed out the time of the explosion and it was exactly the same time that the district was lit up like daylight.

There is of course no way of knowing whether there

is any relationship between the explosion and the lightning out of the district or the cylindrical object which we observed but even after all these years I have never closed to wonder.

A natural question for anyone to ask is why did I wait so many years before reporting this matter. It is hard to answer. At the time when this occurred, people who claimed to see flying saucers were generally regarded as nut-bags. I thought so myself until the night of the incident. I was convinced that if I reported the matter few people if any would have believed us.

However as the years passed I have often noticed similar descriptions being reported of objects such as the one we saw. Again these similarities come out in the accounts being currently published in Sydney's daily Press together with a documentary on Channel 2.

Also it has always been in my mind that if there is any relationship between the district being lit up and the explosion which was observed, the angle of the shadow of our house on the lawn might have assisted in pin-pointing the area of the explosion.

After watching channel 2 tonight I was impressed by the conclusion of the documentary inviting people to report any information on flying saucers etc to their nearest

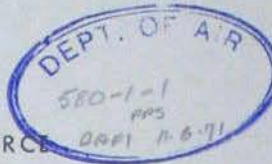
RAAF base and I then decided to write this report.

However if there is any value in this report to the RAAF I trust that the matter will be treated confidentially between the RAAF and myself and other who might have to be questioned as I do not want to be bothered by publicity or hounded by newspaper reporters.

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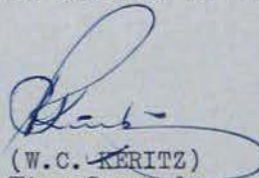
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Herewith is a report by Captain S.A. Brooke, Airline Pilot, describing an unusual aerial sighting whilst flying over Phillip Island on Thursday 27th May 1971.
2. The completed report, which includes an Investigating Officer's comments, was received at this Headquarters from RAAF Base Laverton.

  
(W.C. KERITZ)  
Wing Commander

For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: 1. Copy of Capt Brooke's Report





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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

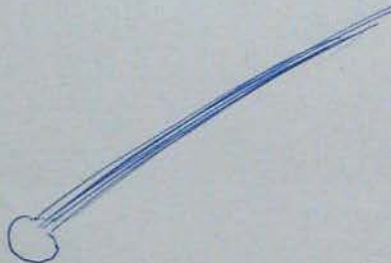
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1. Name of observer... CAPTAIN S.A.I. BROOKE ..... Age. 36
2. Address of observer... 1/195 WALSH STREET SOUTH YARRA 3141 .....  
..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer... AIRLINE PILOT .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 27.5.71 ... 1801 EST .....  
How certain is the date? CERTAIN .....  
How accurate is the time of start?... ACCURATE .....
5. Duration of observation... ABOUT 3-5 seconds .....  
How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. IN A FOKKER FRIENDSHIP 13000 FT .....  
.. HIGH OVER COMES, PHILLIP ISLAND .....  
How familiar is observer with this locality?... FAMILIAR .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... ABOVE CLOUD .....  
TWILIGHT .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....  
NONE .....
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings... IN MY WINDSCREEN TRAVELLING EAST TO ..  
WEST. DIPPING SHALLOWLY TOWARDS EARTH .....
  - b. Angle of elevation ..... ABOUT 30° .....
  - c. Compass angle bearing.. NORTH .....
  - d. How accurate are these estimates?... REASONABLE ESTIMATE .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ... VERY BRIGHT WHITE BALL WITH ..  
COMET LIKE TAIL .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. How many were there?..... N/A .....
  - b. In what formation were they?... N/A .....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?... INCANDESCENT WHITE .....

- 13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards).....  
**SIMILAR BRIGHTNESS TO FULL MOON BRIGHTER THAN VENUS**.....
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
  - a. Relative to Venus or Moon... **LARGER THAN VENUS**.....
  - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)..... **1/3 inch**.....
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? **BEARING NORTH ELEVATION 30° FROM AIRCRAFTS COMPASS**
- 16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... **NO**.....
- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
..... **NONE**.....
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?... **MAX 30° MIN 20°**.....
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances... **SPEED OF SHOOTING STAR MAYBE**.....  
..... **SLOWER**.....
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... **NONE**.....
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... **NONE**.....
- 22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... **COMET LIKE TAIL**.....
- 23. Where was object last observed:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings... **IN MY WINDSCREEN**.....
  - b. Angle of elevation... **ABOUT 20°**.....
  - c. Compass angle bearing... **ABOUT 340° (M)**.....
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance?... **LIGHT EXTINGUISHED**.....
- 25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... **NO**.....
- 26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... **PILOT**.....
- 27. How many witnesses to the sighting) ?... **TWO PILOTS**.....

- 28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?....NO.....
- 29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....SATELLITE REENTRY OR LARGE METEORITE.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....NIL.....
- 31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

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Venus was noted further to west but about same elevation.

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Signature S.A.I. BROOKE

Date 1 JULY 71

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude... 38°30' .....Longitude... 145°13' .....

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

..... NOT APPLICABLE .....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from... LAVERTON (RAAF) IN MELBOURNE AREA

at.....1100.....Z. Colour...WHITE.....Weight...350gm.....gm

Radio-sonde \*\* / radar \*\*: ~~None~~ \*\* / battery \*\* (\*\* delete as required)

General wind profile...WESTERN.....

Maximum height tracked.....80,000'.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was is known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....2° C at

.....800'.....ft, measured at.....1100Z.....Z hrs from.....RAAF

.....LAVERTON.....station.

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

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

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

.....NIL.....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can\* / ~~cccccc~~\* be determined.

41. The object reported probably was\* / ~~cccccccccccc~~\* (delete as required).

.....SATELLITE HARDWARE RE-ENTRY OR METEORITE.....

.....BSLAV.....

(Unit)

M.B. HEWSON

(Name)

.....7JUL71.....

(Date)

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10TH JUNE 1971

DEAR SIR,

SINCE CHRISTMAS AT PERIODS  
OF ABOUT ONCE A MONTH THERE HAS  
BEEN A LIGHT IN THE SKY OVER  
THIS AREA. IT IS REDISH IN COLOR  
AND MOVES ABOUT IN VARISOUS WAYS.  
IT MOVES TOO SLOWLY TO BE A PLANE

AND IT GIVES OFF A HUMMING SOUND  
I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE  
SEEN IT. AND WE WERE WONDERING.

WHAT IT IS. COULD YOU PLEASE LET  
ME KNOW IF IT IS ANYTHING TO DO  
WITH THE AIRFORCE AS MY WIFE IS  
GETTING QUITE JUMPY ABOUT IT

YOURS SINCERLY  
R. BEHRENS  
R. Behrens

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10/1/1911



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Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to inform you that  
the amount of \$100.00 has been received  
from the account of the ...  
and will be credited to your account  
in the next few days. I am sorry  
that it has taken so long to get  
the money to you but it is now  
being sent to you by express.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. B. ...



Yours truly,  
J. B. ...

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