Department of Defence

(AIR FORCE OFFICE)
MINUTE PAPER

DEFAIR 580/1/1
Reference AF554/1/30 (34)

Subject: RECLASSIFICATION OF FILES

Reference: A. DI(AF)AAP 810 para 326.

In accordance with Reference A, all folios, in all parts of Department of Air File series 580/1/1 are reclassified 'UNCLASSIFIED' with effect 7 May 82.

(G.A. PERSKE)
GPCAPT
DAFIS

7 May 82

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FILE CLOSED DATE 28/11/80

C.D.G. 9789

MINUTE PAPER

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580/1/1(53)

SUBJECT: NEW FILE PART

OIC REGISTRY

1. Would you please close this part of the file and open a new one.

2. This part of the file should be returned to DAFI for retention.

(R. EGLE)
Sqn Ldr
ILO

Feb 73

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC 3004

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(21)

30 JAN 1973

~~Department~~ DAFI of Air (DAFI)

UFO SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. Telecon Sqn Ldr Roddy/Plt Off Gretton
24th January 1973

Correspondence relating to two UFO sightings in the Melbourne area is attached. Pro-formae have been despatched to Mr and Mrs Spinks and to Miss Jordan and Mr Batchelor.

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

Enclosures: 1. HQSC 5/6/1/Air(15) to Miss L. Holt
2. Reply from Miss Holt
3. "Age" Newspaper letter of 19JAN73

(recd 4 Jan 73)

GE
PUBLISHERS 250 SPENCER ST MELBOURNE 3000 TELEPHONE 600421 CLASSIFIED 600611

19th January, 1973

Sqd. Leader R.R.Roddy,
Royal Australian Air Force,
Headquarters Support Command,
RAAF,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Your Ref: 5/6/1/Air(12)

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 28th November, 1972, addressed to Mr. R.Jamieson of Wallan, I wish to apologise for the delay in replying to your request, as unfortunately your letter was mislaid.

We were contacted by a Mr. & Mrs. Brian Spinks of Flynn Crescent, Broadmeadows regarding the sighting on the 19th September last. We understand that Miss Sheila Jordan and Mr. Albert Batchelor also saw the object. These two people were with Mr. and Mrs. Spinks at the time, and I am sure they would be able to give you their addresses.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Blackbourn

RAY BLACKBOURN
Pictorial Editor

TELEX 30331 30376 30449 ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO POST OFFICE BOX 257C GPO MELBOURNE 3001

Yours Sincerely,

Linda Holt.

(Rec'd 4 Jan 73)

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Miss. Linda Holt
Valley Rd,
Skye, 3977
Via Cranbourne.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter[15] dated 12-12-72, here is the information you requested

a. Approx 100 yds.

b. We have since found that the quarry was, in actual fact, a manufacturing plant for concrete. (Ready-Mix). There were trucks driving around and the lighting was similar to street lighting.

c. The windows were down and my friend was standing outside the car.

d. No. We were the only witnesses to observe.

e. No. There was no trace of narrow-beam search lights used for advertising

Yours Sincerely,

Linda Holt.

(Rec'd 4 Jan 73 B. Cannon)

5/6/1/Air(15)

Miss Linda Holt,
Valley Road
SKYE, 3977
via Cranbourne

Dear Miss Holt,

1. Department of Air, Canberra, has asked me for additional information concerning your report on an unidentified flying object seen on 26th September 1972.

2. In an effort to solve the mystery of this sighting, could you please supply answers to the following questions:-

a. how far was the car from the quarry mentioned in your report?

b. Was the quarry operating and if so, what type of equipment or illumination was in use?

c. Were the car windows up or down?

d. In your report, you mentioned two witnesses. Are these witnesses in addition to yourself and the other person with you? If so, could you give their addresses if possible?

e. Did you see any trace of narrow-beam searchlights, commonly used as advertising publicity displays by certain oil companies?

3. It would be appreciated if answers to the questions above could be returned as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope.

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Yours faithfully,

(R.R. RODDY)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

C.D.O. 9789

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580/1/1(31)

SUBJECT: UFO REPORTS

DPR

The enclosed letter relating to a UFO report on 580/1/1 part 17 has been prepared for your signature and release.

M. Gretton

(M. GRETTON)
Plt Off
for DAFI

18 Jan 73

580/1/1(30)

23 JAN 1973

Mr R. Habner,
Tooligie Hills,
Eyre Peninsula,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5620

Dear Sir,

The slides of unusual ground markings sent by you to RAAF Base Edinburgh in June last year are now returned. The delay in returning the slides is regretted.

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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MEMORANDUM

AAF FORM A273 MAR 63

For use within the RAAF only
Write or print clearly

OUR FILE: BS 5/4/AIR (3)

FROM: HQLAV

DATE: 14 DEC 72

TO: DEPAIR

ATTENTION: DAFI IR

REFERENCES: A508/BS 05OCT72 NR / AIR

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT - AVONSLEIGH - 29SEP72

BS 5/4/AIR (84) 03 NOV 72

1. THE UFO INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED ON 3NOV72. TWO COPIES OF THE REPORT BS 5/4/AIR(84) WERE SENT TO CINTELLO HQSC IN ACCORDANCE WITH HQSC AIR STAFF INSTRUCTIONS NO 3/3.

2. CINTELLO HQSC WAS CONTACTED AND HE ADVISED THAT A COPY OF THE REPORT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO DAFI.

3. IN FUTURE REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HQSC 5/6/AIR (27) 11th AUGUST 1972.

RECEIVED 20 DEC 1972 DAFI

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
BA Wright	B.A. WRIGHT	FLG OFF FORMATION UFO OFF.	222

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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580/1/1(28)

Subject: UFO REPORTS

DPR

The enclosed replies to folios 19 and 20B have been prepared for your signature and release.

M. Gretton

(M. GRETTON)
Plt Off
for DAFI

26 Nov 72

01 DEC 1972

580/1/1(27)

Mr I. Unicomb,
26 Lydham Avenue,
ROCKDALE, NSW 2216

Dear Sir,

Investigation of your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 12th October 1972, has revealed that the sighting was probably the planet Venus.

At the time of the sighting, Venus was on a bearing of 320° magnetic at an elevation of 31°.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

01 DEC 1972

580/1/1(26)

Mrs P. Litchfield
C/- Post Office
BERRIMAH NT 5788

Dear Madam,

Investigation of your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 22nd October 1972, has not resulted in a conclusive determination of the cause. From the description in the report submitted by you, however, it is most probable that the sighting was an unusually brilliant view of the phenomenon known as 'Aurora Australis'.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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C.D.O. 9789

580/1/1(25)

SUBJECT: UFO REPORTS

DPR

The enclosed reply to folio 22 has been prepared for your signature and release.

M. Gretton

(M.GRETTON)
Plt Off
for DAFI

16 Nov 72

23 NOV 1972

580/1/1(24)

Mr R.E. Schneider
Munnell Falls
EUMUNGERIE NSW 2742

Dear Sir

Investigation of your report of an unusual aerial sighting on the 31st October 1972, has not resulted in a conclusive determination of the cause. More information, or the finding of the object, would have been of assistance in the investigation.

At approximately the time of sighting, three aircraft were known to be in the area. These were:

a. RAAF Hercules en route to Darwin;

b. Fokker Friendship en route to Dubbo; and

c. Piper Cherokee en route to Dubbo.

Investigation into the possibility that an item had fallen from one of these aicraft proved incorrect.

Occasionally, items of space debris return to Earth without disintegrating on re-entry to the atmosphere. In all probability, the object that you saw was one of these items.

G.J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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Note & Action

I'll rang Flt Lt Dean to determine whether any part of either civil aircraft was missing on arrival at Dubbo. He will check and advise. Negative

I'll rang AIR 2, Richmond for same determination re C130. He also will advise. Negative

13/11/72

No 2 Stores Depot
Detachment "D"
DUBBO NSW 2830

7th November 1972

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request from HQOC.

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manding Detachment

d. how accurate are these estimates? fairly accurate as combes

10. What first attracted observer's attention? the speed at which the object was falling

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

a. how many were there?

b. in what formation were they?

/12. What was

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: DUBBO 82 4822

No 2 Stores Depot
Detachment "D"
DUBBO NSW 2830

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/1/Air Pt1(11)

7th November 1972

Department of Air (DAFI)

For Information

Headquarters Support Command (Command Intel O)
Headquarters Operational Command (SO Intel)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Herewith report on unusual aerial sighting investigated by Flt Lt R. L. Dean (04184) ACCT following a request from HQOC.

(C. F. SAUNDERS)
Squadron Leader
Officer Commanding Detachment

d. how accurate are these estimates? fairly accurate as comparison

10. What first attracted observer's attention? the speed at which the object was falling

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

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

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

/12. What was

ANNEX E

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 Russell Everest Stinnett Age 45...
2. Address of Observer Murrell Falls Gunnedah
   ..... Phone Number 87623.6
3. Occupation of Observer Farmer & grazier.....
4. Date & Time of Start of Observation about 1230 31-1022
   How certain is the date? positive.....
   How accurate is the time of start? Not accurate.....
5. Duration of Observation 2-3 seconds.....
   How accurate is your estimate?.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting North east of...
   town about.....
   How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear sky....
   few clouds moving in low on western horizon
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation Nil..
   .....
9. Where was object first observed? :
   a. Relative to your surroundings in the south Western sky.....
   b. angle of elevation about 80°.....
   c. compass angle bearing about 190° - 200°.....
   d. how accurate are these estimates? fairly accurate with compass
10. What first attracted observer's attention? the speed at... which the object was falling.....
11. If there was more than one light/object : single object
   a. how many were there?.....
   b. in what formation were they?.....

/12. What was

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
something like sun shining on shiny alloy surface

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? : not sure

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity observer sitting nearby trailer wouldn't have been any noise

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

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19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances.....

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20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Nil.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.. Nil.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Nil....

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23. Where was object last observed? : disappearing down behind trees

a. relative to your surroundings.....

b. angle of elevation. 20°.....

c. compass angle bearing. 190° - 200°.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? rapid. almost straight down.....

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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/26. State any

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

have lived a forest freight trains a rail flies trains and have been associated with aircraft for many years

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Nil

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?

light plane crashing

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

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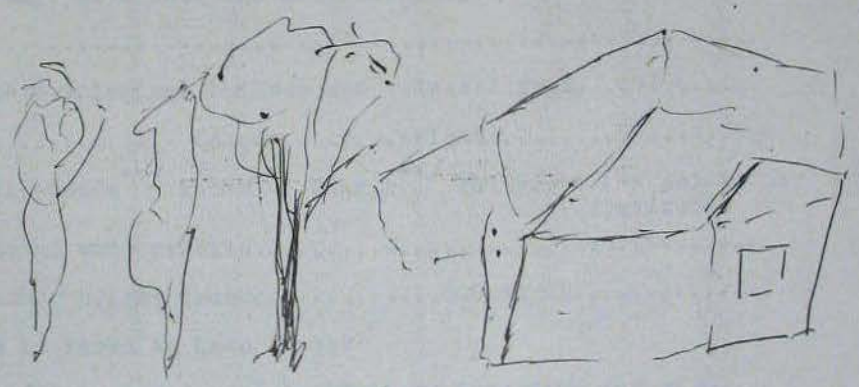
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.



Signature R. G. Schmidt ..... Date 3-11-78

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

Heading. NORTH WEST ...T.....T.....T

Height.....20..,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed..UNKNOWN.....K.....K.....K

CUNNAMULLA
ATD/ATA*..1248.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type. ~~HERK~~ FRIENDSHIP .....(1).CHEROKEE ..(2).....(3)

Heading. NORTH WEST ...T.....SOUTH.....T.....T

Height.....14 or ..,000 ft. below 5.,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....200.....K.....120.....K.....K

~~ATD~~ DUBBO/ATA*...1248.....hrs.....1215.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude. 31.57° ...Longitude. 148.37°

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

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

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 UNKNOWN

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

.....station.

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

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/39. When an

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

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

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

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2 SDD .....
(Unit)

6 NOV 72 .....
(Date)

(R. G. DEAN) .....
(Name of Investigating Officer)

FLT LT .....
(Rank)

ANNEX E

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.....Russell Ernest Schneider.....Age.....45.....

2. Address of Observer.....Munnell Falls EUMUNGERIE.....

.....Phone Number.....87 6226.....

3. Occupation of Observer.....Farmer and Grazier.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation.....About 1230 31.10.72.....

How certain is the date?.....Positive.....

How accurate is the time of start?.....Not accurate.....

5. Duration of Observation.....2-3 seconds.....

How accurate is your estimate?.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....North east of.....

.....homestead.....

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

7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....Clear sky,.....

.....few clouds morning in low on western horizen.....

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

.....

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings.....in the south western sky.....

.....

b. angle of elevation.....about 80°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....about 190° - 200°.....

d. how accurate are these estimates?.....~~fairly honest~~ ~~compass used~~ fairly accurate since got a compass

10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....the speed.....

.....at which the object was falling.....

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

a. how many were there?.....single object.....

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

/12. What was

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
something like sun shining on shiny alloy surface

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? : not sure

a. relative to Venus or Moon.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes).....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

.....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. observer sitting on noisy tractor, wouldn't have heard any noise

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. NIL

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. NIL

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NIL

.....

23. Where was object last observed? :

a. relative to your surroundings. disappearing down behind trees

b. angle of elevation. 20°

c. compass angle bearing. $190^{\circ} - 200^{\circ}$

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?
Rapid - almost straight down

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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/26. State any

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

Have held a private pilots licence, a sail plane's licence and have been associated with aircraft for many years.

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

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?

light plane crashing

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..(SGD) R. G. SCHNEIDER.....Date..3-11-72.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

Heading.North West..T.....T.....T

Height....20.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed..Unknown.....K.....K.....K

CUNNAMULLA
ATD/ATA*.....1248.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

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

Heading..North West.T..South.....T.....T

Height.....14....,000 ft.below.5..,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....200.....K.....120.....K.....K

DUBBO
ATD/ATA*.....1248.....hrs.....1215.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.31.57...Longitude.148.37.

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

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

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

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

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

.....station.

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

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/39. When an

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

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting [redacted]*/cannot* be determined.

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

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2SDD .....
(Unit)

6NOV72 .....
(Date)

(R. L. DEAN) .....
(Name of Investigating Officer)

FLT LT .....
(Rank)

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TELEPHONE: DARWIN 89 9911

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 5/4/Air(9)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT 5793

31st October 1972

Department of Air (Attention: DAFI)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command

INVESTIGATION OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a report of an unusual sighting in the Darwin area on the night of 22nd October 1972. The additional observations mentioned in comments on the final page were of a brief nature only and observer reports were not submitted.

(L.E. STAPLETON)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

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(d) how accurate are these estimates...approximate...

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..COLOUR.....AND ...BRIGHTNESS.....

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

(a) how many were there?....ONE.....ONLY.....

(b) in what formation were they?.....—.....

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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 PATRICIA LITCHFIELD Age 53

2. Address of observer LAGOON RD BERRIMAH NT 5788
(POSTAL ADDRESS) POST OFFICE BERRIMAH NT Phone 843035

3. Occupation of observer OFFICE WORKER

4. Date and time of start of observation 22-10-72 10-50-11·00 PM

How certain is the date? ACCURATE

How accurate is the time of start ACCURATE

5. Duration of observation 10 SECONDS

How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting SITTING IN VEHICLE

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR

7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR FULL MOON LIGHT NIGHT

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

9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings IN THE SKY

(b) angle of elevation 45 degrees

(c) compass angle bearing —

(d) how accurate are these estimates approximate

10. What first attracted observer's attention? COLOUR AND BRIGHTNESS

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

(a) how many were there? ONE ONLY

(b) in what formation were they? —

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12. What was the colour of the light or object?. LETTUCE GREEN & 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).. NO COMPARISON — BRILLIANT

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) ~~relative to Venus or Moon~~.. LARGER THAN AEROPLANE

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).... CANNOT SAY

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... MOVING — COULD NOT ASSESS

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 minimumangle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.... 45 degrees

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.... RED GLOW

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings... SOUTH EAST

(b) angle of elevation... BEHIND HORIZON

(c) compass angle bearing... 160 degrees APPROX

24. What was the manner of its desappearance?.. BEHIND HORIZON

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or or radioactivity etc) ..... NIL

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

27. How many witness to the sighting?....3.....

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

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

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
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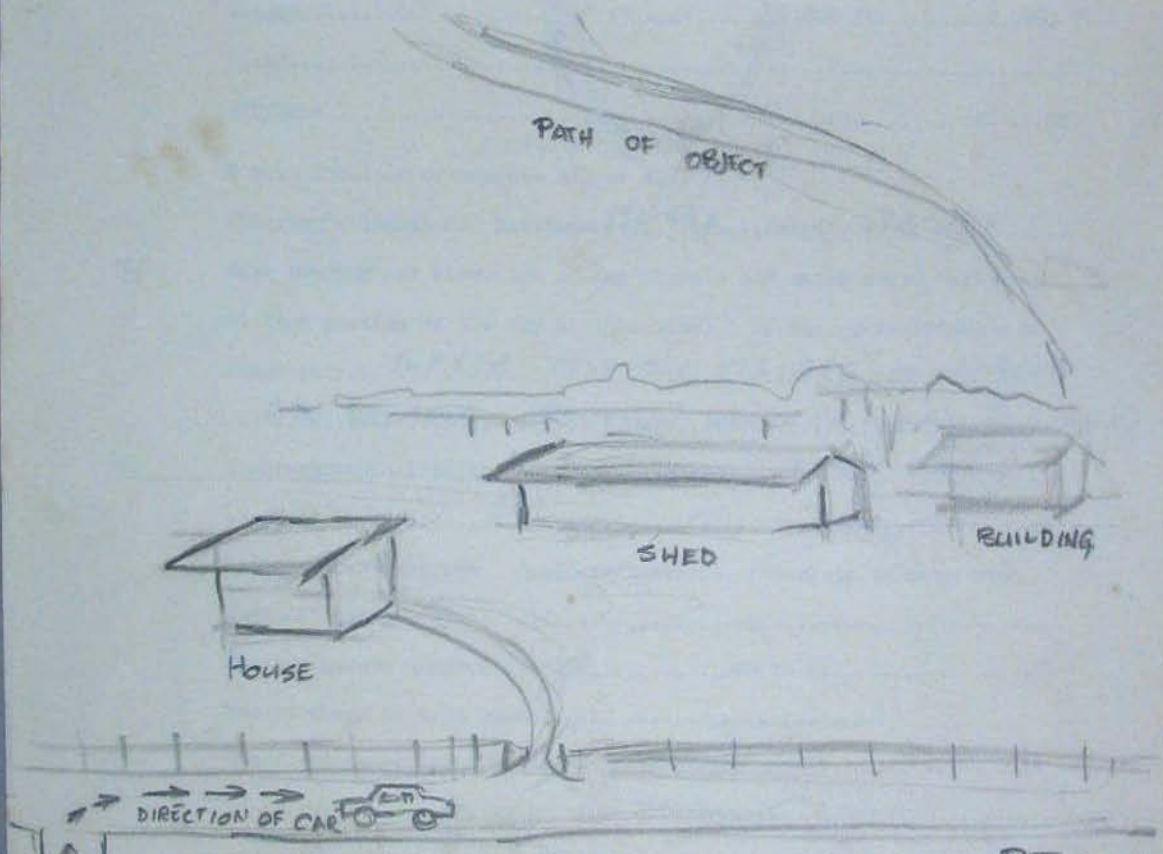
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



P.T.O.

Signature..Patricia Attachfield..... 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.....N/A.....(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.....N/A.....(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 130:56E ...Longitude 12:26S.....

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 POSSIBLY VISIBLE ON BEARING ...230 DEGREES, ELEVATION WOULD BE VERY LOW IN SKY

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

at....1130Z.....Z Colour.....–.....Weight.....–.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked....N/A.....,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, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. NO SATELLITES KNOWN TO BE VISIBLE AT THE TIME.

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

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

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

..METEOR....OR....GLOWING..AURORAS.....

Two other sightings by people in Darwin area who reported to local police that object was a flare. This unlikely as all gave bearings which put object in a near south or S.S.E direction. Mrs Litchfield was shown a picture depicting glowing auroras and she stated that colour was identical but object observed had a glowing tail. Mrs Litchfield believes object could be one of those stated in para 41 but I is not fully convinced due to brilliance of object.

...RAAF HQ DARWIN.....(Unit.....(Name)

.....31 OCT 72.....(Date).....FOT LT.....(Rank)

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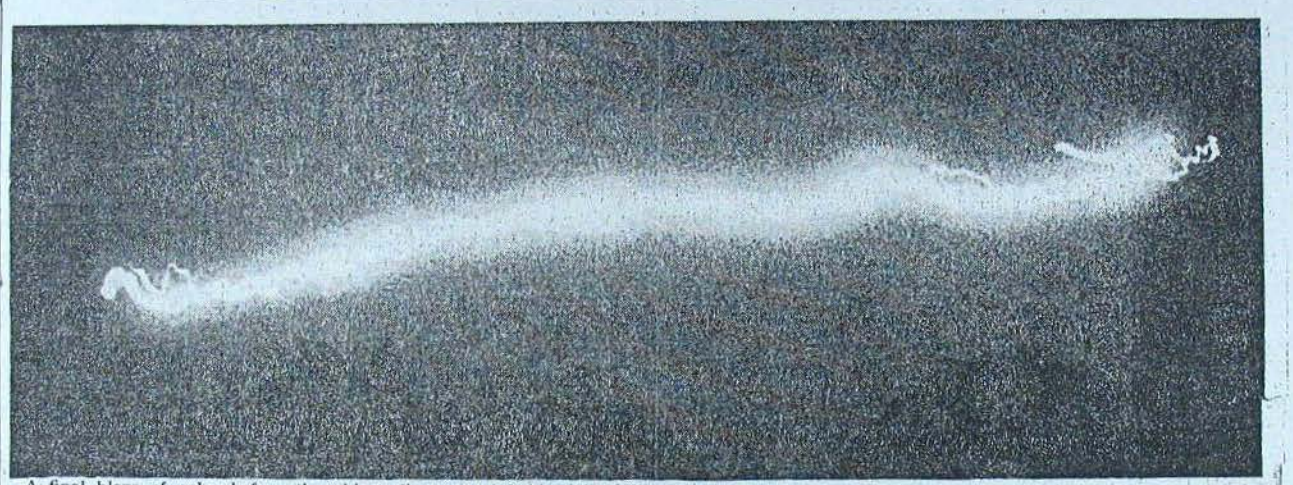
Mystery object puts on a spectacular night show for the camera's benefit



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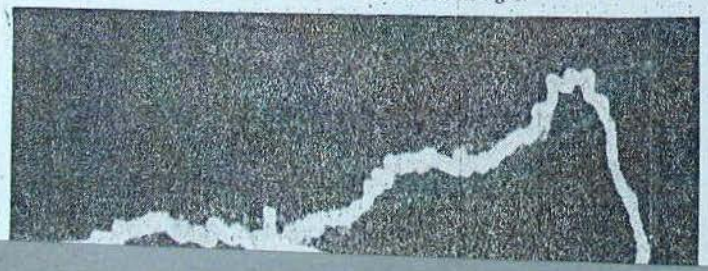

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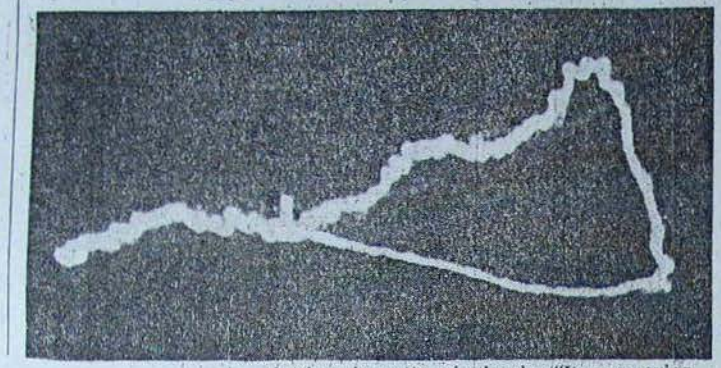
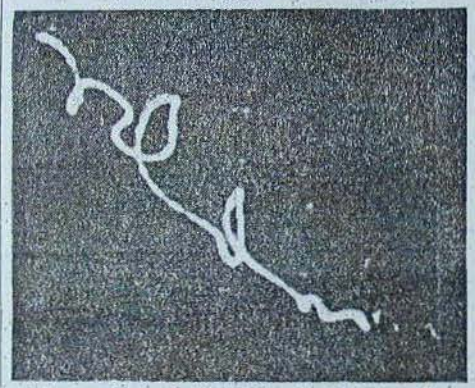


A triangular pattern in the sky. "It was moving very very fast, much faster than any aircraft I've ever seen," staff photographer, Ray Jamieson said.



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PICTURES HAVE ALL THE EXPERTS BAFFLED

Top aviation, RAAF and meteorology experts were baffled yesterday by these rare photographs of an unidentified flying object. They could not explain the phenomenon.

The pictures, by staff photographer Ray Jamieson, were taken in the vicinity of Broadmeadows North late on Tuesday night.

The fast-moving, brilliantly lit object was visible for 15 to 20 minutes.

The RAAF officer in charge of UFO sightings in Melbourne, Squadron Leader R. R. Roddy, of Support Command Headquarters, said after studying the photographs he could not offer any explanation.

"They seem unlike other photographs of reported UFO sightings," he said.

The RAAF would study the incident.

The Regional Director of the Bureau of Meteorology (Mr. A. K. Hannay) said: "We can't put forward any logical explanation for this."

Senior Department of Civil Aviation officials could offer no explanation either.

The photographs were taken about 10.10 p.m.

DCA said a TAA DC-9 took off from Tullamarine at 9.53 p.m. A Qantas Boeing 707 landed at Tullamarine at 10.24 p.m.

The fact that Jamieson saw the flying object loop-the-loop five to seven times in less than three seconds discount theories that it

'Age' man gets UFO on film

By DAVID BALDERSTONE

It was fa. moving, light-colore with a purplish fringe and threw a brilliant light.

That is how staff photographer Ray Jamieson described the unidentified flying object he sighted — and photographed — for 15 to 20 minutes late on Tuesday night.

It appeared to be 500 to 1000 ft. up. There was no sound and no vibration.

Jamieson was driving along Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows North, last night when "suddenly the sky went white".

To the left, towards Sunbury, he saw a fast-moving object, throwing a brilliant light in all directions.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was somebody playing a prank with a kite, because it was so close to the Tullamarine air lanes," Jamieson said.

"It was moving very, very fast, much faster than any aircraft I've ever seen.

"At one stage it did five to seven loops in less than three seconds — just like a rolling coin."

When Jamieson first saw the object it appeared to be moving north. Later it headed to the south or south-west.

Jamieson had been photographing footballers. He has been a press photographer for 31 years and is a former RAAF photographer. He reacted immediately. He pulled up, got out of the car and began using his camera.

Like a rolling coin it did five to seven loop-the-loops in less than three seconds.

Jamieson's first picture of the object. It appeared to be 500 to 1000 feet up. There was no sound and no vibration.

The crossroads in Mickleham Road, 15 miles from Melbourne, where Jamieson lost sight of the object.

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One senior DCA official said that in certain weather conditions the lights on a plane appeared to dance—or even, perhaps, loop-the-loop.

But the fact that the object was visible for up to 20 minutes discounted this possibility.

Jamieson used a Nikon 35 mm camera with 300 mm telephoto lens.

He had been taking football training pictures earlier and in his surprise at the sky's "suddenly going white" used the same exposure, 1-1000th of a second for his first picture, number 4.

Jamieson said he expected to get nothing on his film with such a fast exposure, but the light was so brilliant it did photograph.

All other pictures of the object were taken on time exposure with full aperture. Jamieson rested his camera on the roof of his car.

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He thought the object might be an aircraft in trouble.

Side track

Jamieson decided to follow the object. He drove along a side track leading from Pascoe Vale Road to Mickleham Road (towards Bulla).

At this stage the object seemed to be travelling towards Tullamarine.

"I headed towards the reflection in the sky. All of a sudden I lost it behind the hills," he said.

Jamieson took the photographs from Pascoe Vale Road.

He said the object "lit up the hills and you could count the trees."

Jamieson drives to and from Wallan along this route every day. He often sees aircraft at night, but "this couldn't possibly have been an aircraft," he said.

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SIGHTING BY MR R. J. JAMIESON
BROADMEADOWS - 19 SEP 72.

N of A.

1. Ref. para 27 of "Report by Observer".

2. Liaison Sgt Lots Roddy to obtain names/interviews with the other reporters in order to substantiate the sighting. He will enquire & advise. See 20 A(1)

27/11/72

N of A

1. Liaison Roddy re dates 19/9 Jamieson, 20/9 Spinks

2. Relationship area wise of Coolaroo to Broadmeadows.

3. Whether we can obtain the negs for perusal.
Won't release them!

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29 OCT 1972

Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORTS ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

The reports shown below have been examined at this Headquarters and assessments made at Part 2 of the pro-formae, and forwarded for information and record purposes.

a. Sighting observed by: R.J. Jamieson of Wallan at North Broadmeadows on 19SEP72, approx 2210 hrs

b. Sighting observed by: Miss L.Holt, Cranbourne at Frankston on 26SEP72, approx 2230 hrs

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

Enclosure: 1. Two reports on UFOs

R. J. Jamieson Nth Bieadows

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10.10 19 Sep 72 15.25 mins.

35 mm Nikon Camera with 300 mm telephoto lens

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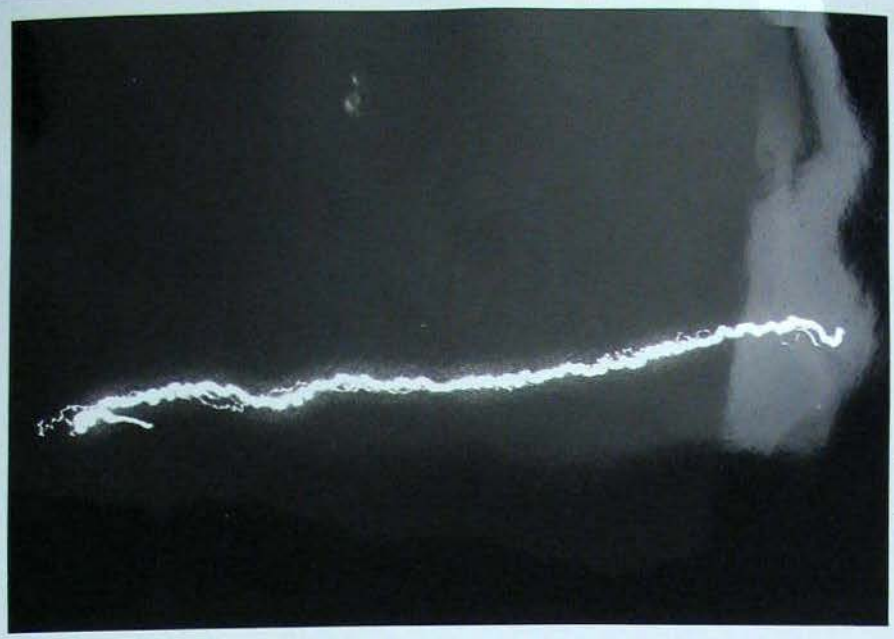

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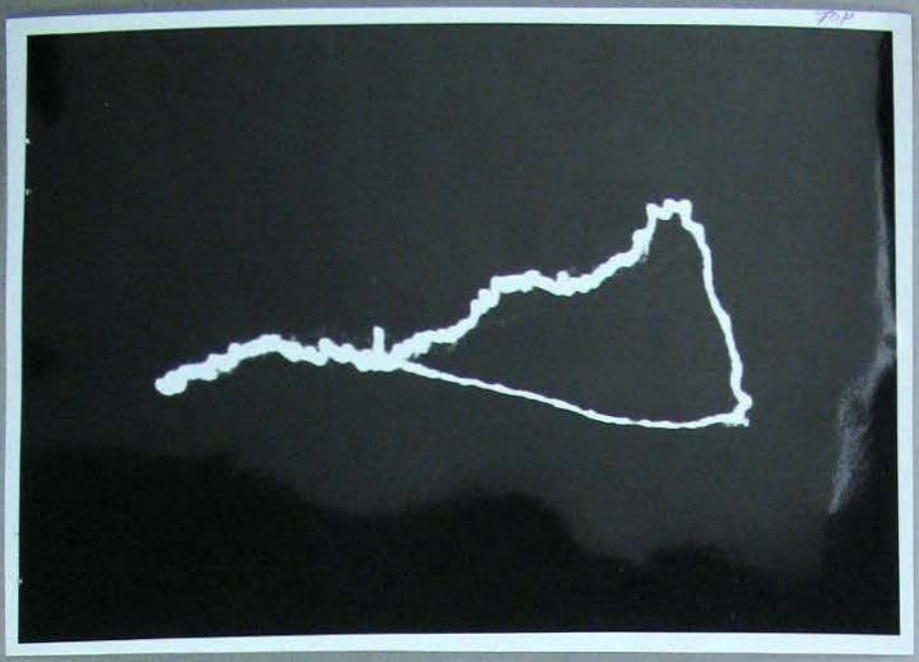


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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

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 R. J. Jamieson Age 46 yrs.

2. Address of observer Watson Street, Wallan.

Phone

3. Occupation of observer Press photographer

4. Date and time of start of observation 19/9/72. Approx. 10.10 p.m.

How certain is the date? Definite

How accurate is the time of start? Within 5 minutes

5. Duration of observation 15-25 minutes

How accurate is your estimate? Accurate

6. Observer's location at time of sighting Pascoe Vale Road, North Broadmeadows.

How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar

7. Weather conditions at time of observation Fairly clear with clouds.

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation 35mm Nikon Camera fitted with a 300 mm telephoto lense.

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings To the north east.

b. angle of elevation Approx. between 10 and 11 o'clock.

c. compass angle bearing

d. how accurate are these estimates? Reasonably accurate - due to training in RAAF.

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Brilliant illumination in sky to my left.

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

a. how many were there? one source of light

b. in what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Brilliant to blinding centre with a purplish fringe and an area of approximately 150 yds. diameter, lighting the sky.

[redacted]

[redacted]

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)...At least 20 times, brighter than an ordinary street light.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon. To a quarter moon, approx. one third, with the surrounding light approx. size of full moon.

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)...Impossible to estimate because of speed of moving light.

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..10 o'clock. My knowledge of locality.

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)?..10 to 11 o'clock...1,000 ft. down to 500 f

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 ...The maximum speed was faster than any aircraft I have ever seen. The minimum was at short periods, as slow as an Avro Anson.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Never stationery, but hovered, for seconds.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres...Performed aerobatics that I feel no aircraft could perform at such speed.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen...The source of light during all movements left a tail of brilliant light behind it.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..Heading in a south west direction.

b. angle of elevation...10 o'clock

c. compass angle bearing.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..The source of light disappeared behind tree lined hills and for a period of approx. 5/10 mins. I still observed the sky brightly lit and instantaneously the sky went black.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..Yes - approx. for the 15/25 mins. I photographed the light continuously.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....30 years as a press photographer and 3 years as a RAAF photographer.

27. How many witness to the sighting?...To my knowledge none, but the Editor of "The Age" has received letters from readers reporting sighting at the approx. same time.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?. Could have been a high-powered distress flare; however because of duration of my observing the source of light this would be impossible.

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

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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.

PHOTOS SUPPLIED.

Signature..... Date.....2/oct/72

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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.....(1).....NIL.....(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 : See Comments.

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.....27408.....Longitude.....14455E

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 was at about az 255° el 030° at 2230 MAG -2
ANTARES ..... 242° ..... 022 ..... 2230 MAG 1.

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

at.....1100.....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? UNKNOWN

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....6.....°C at .....4-5000.....ft, measured at.....2300.....Z hrs from.....TULLAMARINE .....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

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580/1/1 (24)

21 FEB 1973

Miss Linda Holt
Valley Road
SKYE

via CRANBOURNE VIC 3977

Dear Miss Holt,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 26th September 1972 and subsequent correspondence with Sqn Ldr R.R. Roddy in Melbourne relating to this matter, our enquiries have failed to determine a likely cause for the sighting.

Based on the information supplied by you, the most probable explanations have been examined to no avail. Unless you have any further information which may enable us to determine the cause of sighting, we regret we are unable to offer any explanation.

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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

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)

UNKNOWN

The only aircraft in the area around the time of this sighting were a DC9 outbound at 2153 and a 707 inbound, landing at 2224. Laverton met section considers that their balloon released at 2100 would have been at or around 60,000 feet at the time of sighting if it had not already burst. The duration of Mr T's observation rules out the possibility of the sighting being an aircraft, although a colleague of the investigating officer (who lives in the Broadmeadows area below the flight path for aircraft landing on Runway No2 at Tullamarine) states that landing aircraft are sometimes visible for long periods during letdown. Because of the customary long, flat approach of jet a/c and the fact that most a/c switch on landing lights at night, up to 15-20 miles before touchdown, the lights are visible for a considerable time. This of course does not account for the reported movement in Mr T's sighting.

HQSCU (Unit) R.R. Roddy (Name)

9 Oct 78 (Date) SGN: Cpl (Rank)

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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.)

UAS - Miss Linda Holt - CRANBOURNE VIC
26 SEP 72

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N. of A

1. Rang Sgt Hall Reddy for more info:

a. what was cloud base/cover/reflective properties.

b. was the quarry in operation - what type of equipments/lights etc.

c. relation of quarry to vehicle

d. cars windows up or down

e. other witnesses

f. car sales yards - use of searchlights etc

g. position of trip.

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.....p.m.

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...is the time of start?..WITHIN...5 MIN.....

5. Duration of observation.....10 MINS.....

How accurate is your estimate?..TO...WITHIN...1MIN EITHER WAY

6. Observer's location at time of sighting..BOUNDARY..RD, FRANKSTON

..OPPOSITE...MUNICIPAL...TIP.....

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

7. Weather conditions at time of observation...CLOUDY,..NO..WIND

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

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9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings..ON THE LEFT...WHEN.....

..HEADING...TOWARD..MELB. IT..APPEARED TO BE OVER SEAFORD

b. angle of elevation....APPROX...45°.....

c. compass angle bearing...NORTH...45°.....

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

10. What first attracted observer's attention?..EXTREMELY.....

...BRIGHT...LIGHT...IN...SKY.....

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

a. how many were there?..1 OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED THEN JOINED BY 2

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

12. What was the colour of the light or object?...WHITE..LIGHT.....

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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)..APPROX...STREET...LIGHT...AT...100...YARDS.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon...MOON.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..APPEARED...AS...LARGE...AS...A CAR.....

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 ....NO...APPARENT...NOISE...BUT...QUARRYING BEHIND US MAY HAVE...DROWNED OUT ANY SOUND

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. ..APPROX...45°...TO...30°.....

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 ..SIGHTED...STATIONERY ....MOVED OFF...AT...APPROX...600 MPH...COMPARED...WITH...T-JET AT SAME DISTANCE.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..AT...FIRST...SIGHTING...FOR APPROX 1 MIN.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..FORWARD, BACK AND TURNING.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..NO...APPARENT...TRAIL.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings..TRAVELLING...ALONG BOUNDARY RD. TOWARD US.

b. angle of elevation...APPROX...30°.....

c. compass angle bearing...SOUTH...80° WEST.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..AS...IT...APPROACHED...WE DROVE OFF

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....NIL.....

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27. How many witness to the sighting?....TWO.....

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?....NONE.....

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

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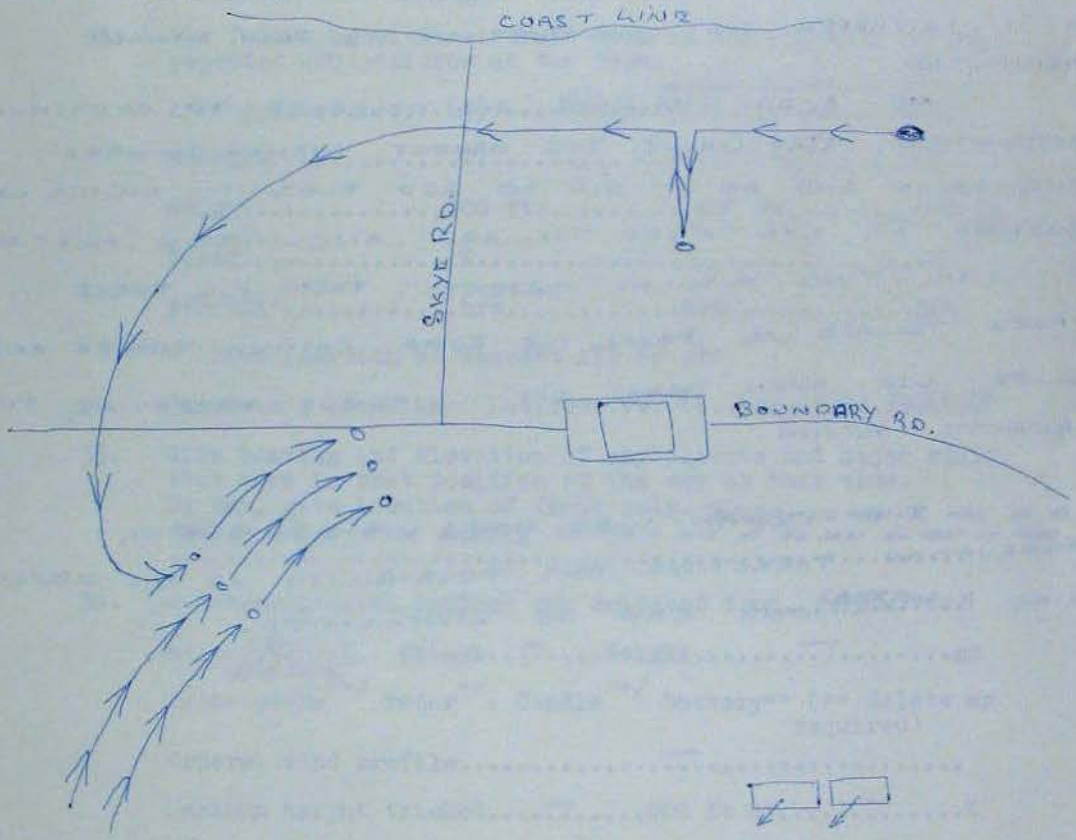
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



LIGHTS FROM WITHIN. MADE OUTLINE OF OBJECT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE OUT

Signature....Linda Holt..... Date....1-10-72.....

DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING OVERLEAF.

...WHILST TRAVELLING NORTH-EAST ALONG BOUNDARY RD. WE OBSERVED AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE NORTHERN SKY. WE STOPPED TO WATCH MORE CLOSELY. THE BRIGHT LIGHT THEN FADED AND THEN LIGHTS WERE VISIBLE FROM WITHIN THE OBJECT.

THE OBJECT THEN BEGAN TO MOVE ALONG THE COAST-LINE TOWARD MORNINGTON. AS IT DREW LEVEL WITH US IT CAME TOWARD US. WE THEN MOVED ON AND AS WE DID SO IT WITHDREW AND CONTINUED ON ITS PATH TOWARD MORNINGTON.

WE AGAIN STOPPED AND REVERSED TO CONTINUE OBSERVATION. GRADUALLY THE OBJECT TURNED TOWARD LANGWARRIN AND AS IT DID SO RED FLASHING LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED. IT CONTINUED TOWARD LANGWARRIN MEETING UP WITH TWO SIMILAR OBJECTS. THEN ALL THREE HEADED TOWARD US FROM THE REAR COMING FASTER AND LOWER. WE THEN DROVE OFF WITHOUT OBSERVING THE OBJECTS AGAIN

THE OCEAN WAS NOT VISIBLE DURING OBSERVATION THEREFORE ANY POSSIBILITY OF THE OBJECTS BEING REFLECTIONS CAN BE DISCOUNTED.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A/C type.....(1)....NIL.... SEE COMMENTS (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..38/35..Longitude..145°07E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. JUPITER VIS MAG -2 WAS AT AZ 255° EL 03° AT 2230. ANTARES VIS MAG 1 WAS AT AZ 242° EL 022° AT 2230.

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

at...1100 2100 LOCAL...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? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of...6...°C

at...5-7000...ft, measured at...2300...Z hrs from.....

..TULLAMARINE..station.

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

PAGEOS 1 seen at azimuth 103° elevation 050° heading 359° at 223110

/39. When an

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

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N/A

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

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

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UNKNOWN

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Operations at Tullamarine advise that there were no movements into/out of there within 10 minute either side of the time quoted at Part 1 para 4. The general heading of the object suggested the possibility of light aircraft activity to/from Moorabin, however a check with Moorabin revealed that no aircraft were operating from there at the time, and in any case night flying finishes at 2200 on the nights when night flying is scheduled. Similarly Essendon had no activity at the relevant time. Meteorological section at Laverton advised that they had released a balloon at 2100 but at the quoted time the balloon would be over 60000 feet and would probably have burst.

HRSCU (Unit) ..... 9 Oct 72 (Date)

[signature] (Name of Investigating Officer) ..... Sgt RAAF (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(26)

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Department of Air (DAFI)

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15 FEB 1973

UFO SIGHTINGS 20SEP72

Reference: A. Our 5/6/1/Air(21) of 30th January 1973

Herewith reports by Mrs D. Spinks and Miss S. Jordan relating to the sighting of a UFO on 20th September 1972. No reply has been received from Mr Batchelor.

(R.R. RODDY)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Reports (2)

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

a. how many were there? ONE

b. in what formation were they? ONLY ONE — NIL

12. What was the colour of the light or ~~object~~? BLINDING WHITE

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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. D. SPINKS Age 27

2. Address of observer 9 FLYNN CRES. COOLAROO

Phone 309-4683

3. Occupation of observer TYPIST

4. Date and time of start of observation 20 SEP 72 10.30PM

How certain is the date? ACCURATE

How accurate is the time of start? (NIL) JUST GLANCED UP.

5. Duration of observation 15 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting HOME ADDRESS

How familiar is observer with this locality? 2 YEARS

7. Weather conditions at time of observation NO CLOUDS & CLEAR.

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation

NIL — OWN EYES.

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings EAST OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE

b. angle of elevation IMMEDIATELY ABOVE

c. compass angle bearing AS IN 9B.

d. how accurate are these estimates? GOOD TO MY KNOWLEDGE

10. What first attracted observer's attention? VISITORS JUST LEAVING AT THE PRESCRIBED TIME.

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

a. how many were there? ONE

b. in what formation were they? ONLY ONE — NIL

12. What was the colour of the light or ~~object~~? BLINDING WHITE

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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).....REAL BRIGHT + BLINDING.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon...MOON SIZE AT 1000 FT.

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....SAME AS JUST LOOKING AT MOON

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?...AS IN PARA 9 B.....

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)?.....AS IN PARA 14 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 .....

.....STATIONARY.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....15 MINUTES.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....NIL.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....BRILLIANT LIGHT

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings....IMMEDIATELY ABOVE

b. angle of elevation.....AS ABOVE 23 B.

c. compass angle bearing.....NOT KNOWN

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...JUST DISAPPEARED.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....NOT KNOWN.....

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

.....NO TRAINING.....

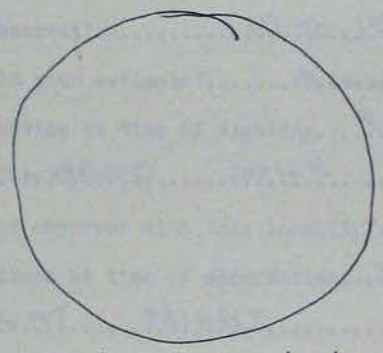
27. How many witness to the sighting?.....FOUR.....

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?..UNNATURAL OCCURRANCE IN SKY.

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

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.



Just a brilliant light moon size which did not move, which disappeared

Signature. D. Spunks..... Date. 3rd February 1973

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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 ...SHEILA JORDAN.....Age ...19.....

2. Address of observer...22 HILGAY STREET.....
.....COOLAROO.....3048.....Phone..309 3161..

3. Occupation of observer.....COMPTOMOTRIST.....

4. Date and time of start of observation..20TH SEP....APPROX. 10.30 p.m.
How certain is the date?.....ACCURATE.....
How accurate is the time of start?....WITHIN 10 MINUTES..

5. Duration of observation.....10 TO 15 MINUTES.....
How accurate is your estimate?.....ACCURATE.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting....9 FLYNN CRES..
.....COOLAROO....3048.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....5½ YEARS...

7. Weather conditions at time of observation...VERY CLEAR..
..MOONLIGHT....NIGHT.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation....NONE.....
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9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings.....EAST OF 9 FLYNN
...CRES COOLAROO.....
b. angle of elevation...ABOVE TO THE LEFT.....
c. compass angle bearing.....?.....
d. how accurate are these estimates?...AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE

10. What first attracted observer's attention?...DRIVING OUT OF
..THE DRIVE A BIG BRIGHT LIGHT MADE ME LOOK UP.

11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there?.....ONE.....
b. in what formation were they?...~~Sort~~ —.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?...BRIGHT WHITE

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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)...CAR LIGHT AT 3 YARDS APROX.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon..MOON SIZE (NOT QUITE AS BIG)

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?...ABOVE TO THE LEFT...

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....NO.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

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18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?...NOT SURE OF HEIGHT. (SEEM TOO LOW FOR PLANE)

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 ...STATIONARY...

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20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....10 - 15 MINUTES.

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....ABOVE TO THE EAST

b. angle of elevation.....SAME AS 23 A.....

c. compass angle bearing.....NOT KNOW.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.STARTED TO MOVE SO RAN INSIDE.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....NONE.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....NONE.

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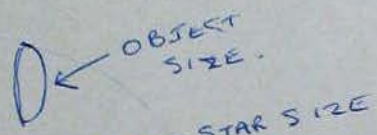
27. How many witness to the sighting?.....FOUR.....

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? BIGGER LIGHT THAN STARS & STATIONARY

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.



THE OBJECT WAS APROX. 300 YARDS WALKING DISTANCE (TO THE LEFT) FROM HOUSE. HEIGHT UNKNOWN.

Signature S. Jordan Date 5.2.73

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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

6th October 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a completed questionnaire by the undermentioned:

Mr Ivan UNICOMB
26 Lydham Avenue
ROCKDALE NSW 2216

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

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(c) compass angle bearing 320° approx (Actual reading - no allowance for) USED TODAY (19/9/72) old "ABNEY'S LEVEL" FOR GETTING SLOPES OR GRADIENTS ETC

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(d) how accurate are these estimates LENSATIC COMPASS. (I HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED IN THE CORRECT USE OF EITHER)

10. What first attracted observer's attention? SILVERY DOT IN SKY BELOW AIRCRAFT'S FLIGHT PATH.

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

(a) how many were there? —

(b) in what formation were they? —

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REPORT OF 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 IVAN UNICOMB JP Age 47

2. Address of observer 26 LYDHAM AV., ROCKDALE 2216

3. Occupation of observer OFFICER OF THE SALVATION ARMY (RANK-MAJOR) (EX-RAAF 73532 FITTER IIA)

4. Date and time of start of observation 12th AUGUST 1972 10:30am approx

How certain is the date? NOTED IN PHONE DIARY

How accurate is the time of start. WAS WATCHING AN AIRCRAFT CLIMBING AFTER LEAVING MASCOT (THINK FROM MEMORY IT WAS JUMBO 747) OBSERVED OBJECT AS AIRCRAFT PASSED A LITTLE ABOVE ITS POSITION

5. Duration of observation. APPROX ONE HOUR

How accurate is your estimate? WAS UNABLE TO WATCH CONSTANTLY AS HAD THINGS TO ATTEND TO - CAME BACK TO A MARKED SPOT TO OBSERVE ANY MOVEMENTS

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. ~~CORNER~~ AT REAR OF THE SALVATION ARMY CITADEL, INSIDE GROUNDS, IN SEMI-SHADE, REAR OF CORNER OF FOREST ROAD & PRINCESS ST, BEXLEY

How familiar is observer with this locality? LIVED HERE FOR TWO & A HALF YEARS

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR SKY - SUNNY

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NAKED EYE ONLY. (TOOK A 3x PAIR FIELD GLASSES THERE AT APPROX 12:30pm BUT SAW NOTHING.) HAVE GOOD EYESIGHT STILL WITHOUT GLASSES.

9. Where was object first observed:

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(a) Relative to your surroundings N.W.

(b) angle of elevation. 31° approx.

(c) compass angle bearing. 320° approx (Actual reading - no allowance for deviation) USED TODAY (19/9/72) old "ABNEY'S LEVEL" FOR GETTING SLOPES OR GRADIENTS ETC

(d) how accurate are these estimates LENSATIC COMPASS. (I HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED IN THE CORRECT USE OF EITHER)

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10. What first attracted observer's attention? SILVERY DOT IN SKY BELOW AIRCRAFT'S FLIGHT PATH

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

(a) how many were there? —

(b) in what formation were they? —

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What was the colour of the light or object? SILVERY - SLIGHTLY SHINING

What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards). AS PIN HEAD (IN SHADE)

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. VENUS

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) 1/3RD OF 1/16 THINCH DIAMETER (IE. ABOUT 1/3RD DIA. OF PIN HEAD SUPPLIED)

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? REMAINED SAME DISTANCE AS MOVED SLOWLY WEST.

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)? SAME 31°

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 APPEARED TO BE MOVING IN SAME DIRECTION AND SPEED AS MOON AND ASSOCIATED PLANETS MOVE

20. Give duration of any stationary phases AS WAS NOT WATCHING CONTINUALLY - ONLY OCCASIONALLY - COULD ONLY OBSERVE THAT IT APPEARED TO BE MOVING AT A SLOW STEADY RATE

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. WITHOUT ANY DEVIATIONS (IE. I USED THE RIDGE CAPPING OF AN ADJACENT HALL TO OBSERVE RATE & ANGLE OF MOVEMENT.)

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NIL

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. Short distance only - though if object was far enough away this distance could have been miles.

(b) angle of elevation. 31°

(c) compass angle bearing. ~~30~~ 315°

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? I DID NOT KEEP OBSERVING LONG ENOUGH.

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

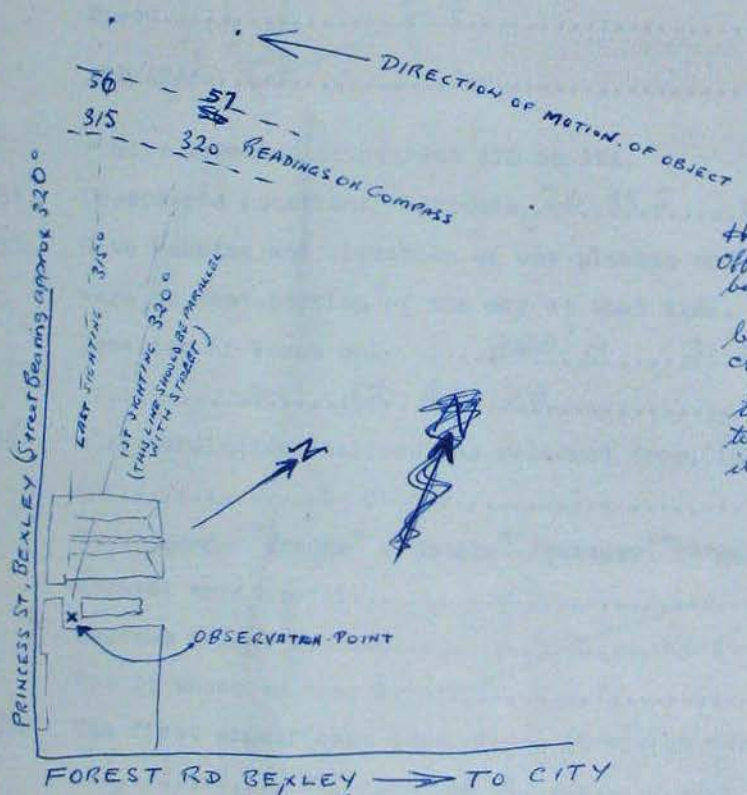
27. How many witness to the sighting? 3 OR 4

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? A STAR OR PLANET

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? COLOUR OF THIS OBJECT WAS SILVER. (FROM MEMORY - SEEM TO RECOLLECT THAT STAR SEEN FROM SHADE OF TALL BUILDING WAS GOLDEN - THOUGH IT IS YEARS SINCE I SAW THAT)

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.



Had a ship navigation Officer check compass bearing with my compass. He said 320° & 315° would be as accurate as the compass could show it. He was intrigued with the old Abney's Level used to find angle, but thought it would be accurate.

Signature J. Micomb SP Date 19th September, 1972

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

Heading. Various (Under G.C.I. control) ..... T

Height ..... 34,000 ft ..... 32,000 ft ..... ,000ft

Speed ..... .8 mach K ..... .9 mach K ..... K

ATD/ATA*. ..... hrs airborne from Williamtown during period of sighting ..... hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: No Records available

A/C type ..... (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.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 34.05 S ..... Longitude 151.10 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 ..... 320° M ..... 31° Elev ..... at 1030K ...
..... on 12 AUG 72 .....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from. None during period.

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 No record. °C at

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

..... station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, commets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting ..... None .....

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)

.....Venus.....

.....ICRU Brockwell.....(Unit).....K Barnes.....(Name)

.....27 SEP 72.....(Date).....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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PHONE: DARWIN 89 9911

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 5/4/Air(77)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
RAAF Base
DARWIN NT 5793

1st September 1972

~~Department~~ of Air (Attention: DAFI) ← This Copy For
Headquarters Operational Command

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INVESTIGATION OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. HQDAR AI267 of 24th July 1972

1. Efforts to obtain further information on the sighting reported in reference A have not been successful however observations made by the navigator stationed at this headquarters would indicate that the unusual sighting was in fact the planer Saturn.

2. Attached are two reports of an unusual sighting in the Darwin area of the night of 6th August 1972. Due to a delay in the receipt of the attached reports no initial report by signal was made.

(L.E. STAPLETON)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Two Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings.

Note
Member advised by
Investigating Officer
RCB

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(d) how accurate are these estimates. UNKNOWN - MY ESTIMATES ARE MADE FROM MY OWN JUDGEMENT

10. What first attracted observer's attention? I WAS LOOKING AT THE NIGHT SKY, AND WAS ATTRACTED BY THE UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHT

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

(a) how many were there? ONLY ONE

(b) in what formation were they? N/A

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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 A318889 LAC LANCASTER L.D. Age 21 YRS

2. Address of observer C/o No 2 CONTROL & REPORTING UNIT RAAF DARWIN NT Phone EXT 407

3. Occupation of observer GHAND

4. Date and time of start of observation SUN 6 AUGST, APPROX 8PM

How certain is the date? CERTAIN

How accurate is the time of start WITHIN 15 MINUTES

5. Duration of observation APPROX 45 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? WITHIN 15 MINUTES

6. Observer's location at time of sighting STUART HIGHWAY, APPROX 2 mile North of BERRY SPRINGS ROAD

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR

7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR AT FIRST, BUT CLOUDY TOWARDS END OF OBSERVATION

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 APPROX 65°

(c) compass angle bearing NORTH EAST

(d) how accurate are these estimates UNKNOWN - MY ESTIMATES ARE MADE FROM MY OWN JUDGEMENT

10. What first attracted observer's attention? I WAS LOOKING AT THE NIGHT SKY, AND WAS ATTRACTED BY THE UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS OF THE LIGHT

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

(a) how many were there? ONLY ONE

(b) in what formation were they? N/A

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

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). VARYING — A LOT BRIGHTER THAN ABOVE EXAMPLE AT TIMES, AND AT OTHER TIMES ALMOST DISAPPEARING.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. ABOUT THE SIZE OF A LARGE STAR

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). ABOUT ¼" IN DIAMETER.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... ESTIMATE LIGHT TRAVELLED IN DOWN DIRECTION TO ELEVATION ANGLE OF 55°, AND IN ANTI-CLOCKWISE CIRCLES OF APPROX 9" (USING SCALE AT ARMS LENGTH) IN NORTH EAST DIRECTION

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?....NO.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

NO.....

18. What was the maximum and minimumangle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. MAX 65° TO MINIMUM OF 55°

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. APPROX 3 OR 4 SECONDS TO TRAVEL FROM MAX ELEVATION ANGLE OF 65° TO MIN. ELEVATION ANGLE OF 55°

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. VARIOUS AVERAGEING APPROX 3 MINUTES

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres...As per Paragraph 15.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....

VERY LIGHT GREYISH - WHITE VAPOUR TRAIL.....

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings.....

(b) angle of elevation.....APPROX 65°.....

(c) compass angle bearing.....NORTH EAST.....

24. What was the manner of its desappearance?. SKY WAS CLOUDING OVER - LIGHT WAS LOST BEHIND CLOUD

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or or radioactivity etc) ...NO.....

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

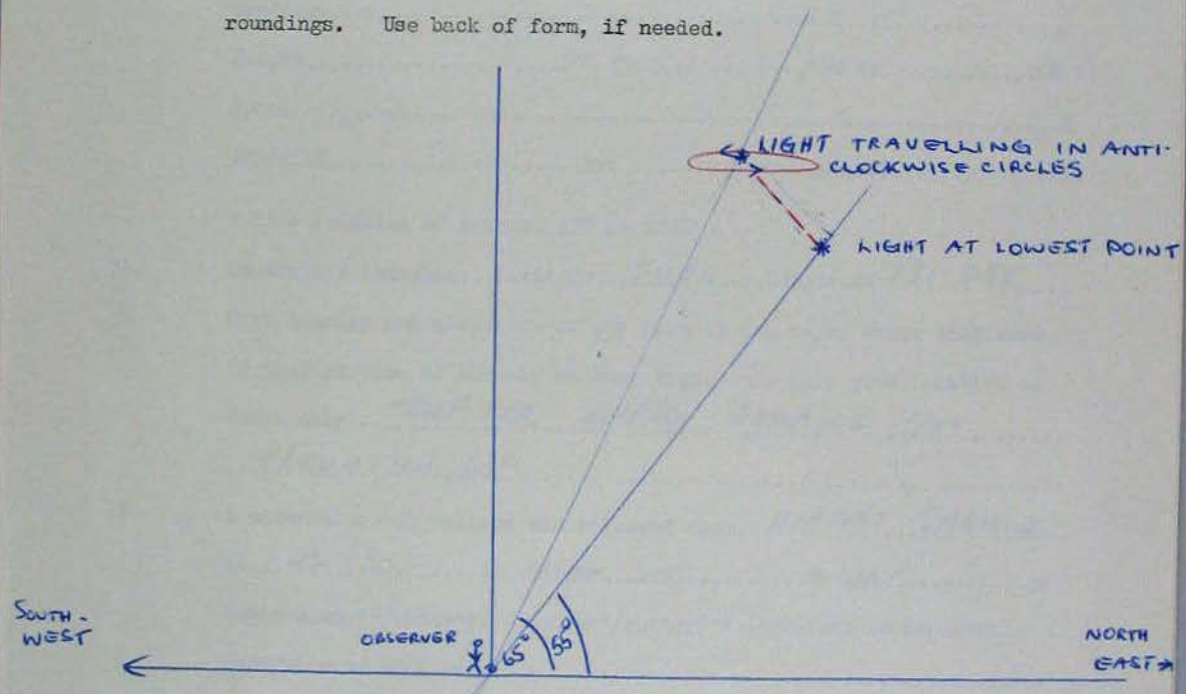
27. How many witness to the sighting? ANOTHER 5 PERSONS

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? A STAR

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? NIGHT VAPOUR TRAIL, MOVEMENT OF LIGHT AND FLUCTUATIONS OF BRILLIANCE

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. L. D. Lancaster Date. 10 AUG 72

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.L.....(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.....N.L.....(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..12°40S....Longitude..131°05E.....

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 APPROX BEARING 90°.....
...ELEVATION 60°.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..AIRPORT DARWIN..
at...061130.....Z Colour...—.....Weight.—.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)
General wind profile.....
Maximum height tracked....N/A.....,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. .....—.....

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 can*/~~cannot~~* be determined.

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

The Planet JUPITER

The meteorological balloon can be discounted as:

a. The launch time is too late, and
b. The light would not last for the period observed.

Planets have been noted as very bright over the last few months.

HQ DARWIN (Unit) Photo Pilot (Name)

28 AUG 72 (Date) FLT LT (Rank)

at 8 PM on Sunday the 6th Aug 72 I was driving back to darwin when some of bed came of one of my tyres, so I stoped on the side of the road to let it cool down, so that we would be able to get back to darwin, I then got out of the car and sat on the side of the road, and was just looking at the night sky, when I seen what looked to be a bright star, and then the star went dull, and moved what looked by naked eye, to be not very far, then it would stop and brightend up again, and at one stage it droped down, and then we all got back in the car and keep going to darwin and the people that were in the car with me peep on looking out of the window to make sure it was still there and when we got about 8 miles from darwin was the last time it was seen

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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. A225916 AC RITCHIE C Age. 20 YRS

2. Address of observer. % No 2 CONTROL & REPORTING UNIT RAAF DARWIN Phone. EXT 407

3. Occupation of observer. CLK A

4. Date and time of start of observation. SUN 6 AUG 72 APPROX 2000 HRS

How certain is the date? ABSOLUTE

How accurate is the time of start. WITHIN 2 MINUTES

5. Duration of observation. APPROX 1 HOUR

How accurate is your estimate? WITHIN 5 MINUTES

6. Observer's location at time of sighting. STUART HIGHWAY, 2 MILE SOUTH OF DARWIN, APPROX 29 MILE SOUTH OF DARWIN

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. GOOD - NO CLOUD COVER AT PLACE OF FIRST SIGHTING, BUT MILD CLOUD COVER ENCOUNTERED AT 8 MILE SOUTH OF DARWIN

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

9. Where was object first observed:

(a) Relative to your surroundings. ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

(b) angle of elevation. APPROX 85°

(c) compass angle bearing. NORTH EAST

(d) how accurate are these estimates. REASONABLY CERTAIN OF ESTIMATES

10. What first attracted observer's attention? OBJECT WAS POINTED OUT TO ME BY FELLOW TRAVELLER, LAC LANCASTER L.D.

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

(a) how many were there? ONLY ONE LIGHT

(b) in what formation were they? NOT APPLICABLE

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE, AND A SLIGHT BLUE OUTER TINGE APPEARED ON ONE OCCASION

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) INTENSITY VARIED - AT BRIGHTEST POINT, MANY TIMES BRIGHTER THAN ABOVE EXAMPLE. AT LOWEST POINT, MANY TIMES DULLER, ALMOST DISAPPEARING.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. VARIOUS - AT BRIGHTEST POINT, APPROX 1/6th SIZE OF MOON — AT DULLEST POINT ALMOST DIMINISHED TO ZERO AREA.

(b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) VARYING FROM ALMOST ZERO TO APPROX 3/4" IN DIA

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? LIGHT APPEARED TO APPROACH AND DESCEND TO AN ANGLE OF 45°, ON ONE OCCASION, IN EASTERLY DIRECTION. LIGHT ALSO APPEARED TO MOVE IN CIRCLES OF 9", AND TO POINTS APPROXIMATELY 2FT APART. (RELATIVE DIMENSIONS AT ARMS LENGTH)

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

NO SOUNDS EXPERIENCED

18. What was the maximum and minimumangle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? MAXIMUM 85° TO MINIMUM OF 45°

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. LIGHT TOOK APPROXIMATELY 3 SECONDS TO TRAVEL FROM MAX 85° TO MIN 45° OF ELEVATION.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. VARYING FROM 1 SECOND TO AN ESTIMATED 3 MINUTES

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. AS PER PAR 15. LIGHT INTENSITY VARIED, AND DEVIATIONS OF COURSE TOOK PLACE WHILST LIGHT WAS DULL

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. VERY SLIGHT WHITE HAZE SURROUNDED LIGHT ON ONE OCCASION ONLY FOR SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WHILST LIGHT WAS DULL.

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

(b) angle of elevation. APPROX 85°

(c) compass angle bearing. NORTH-EAST

24. What was the manner of its desappearance? SIGHT OF LIGHT WAS LOST DUE TO CLOUD COVER. ENCOUNTERED AT 8mile SOUTH OF DARWIN

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or 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.....
.....NIL.....

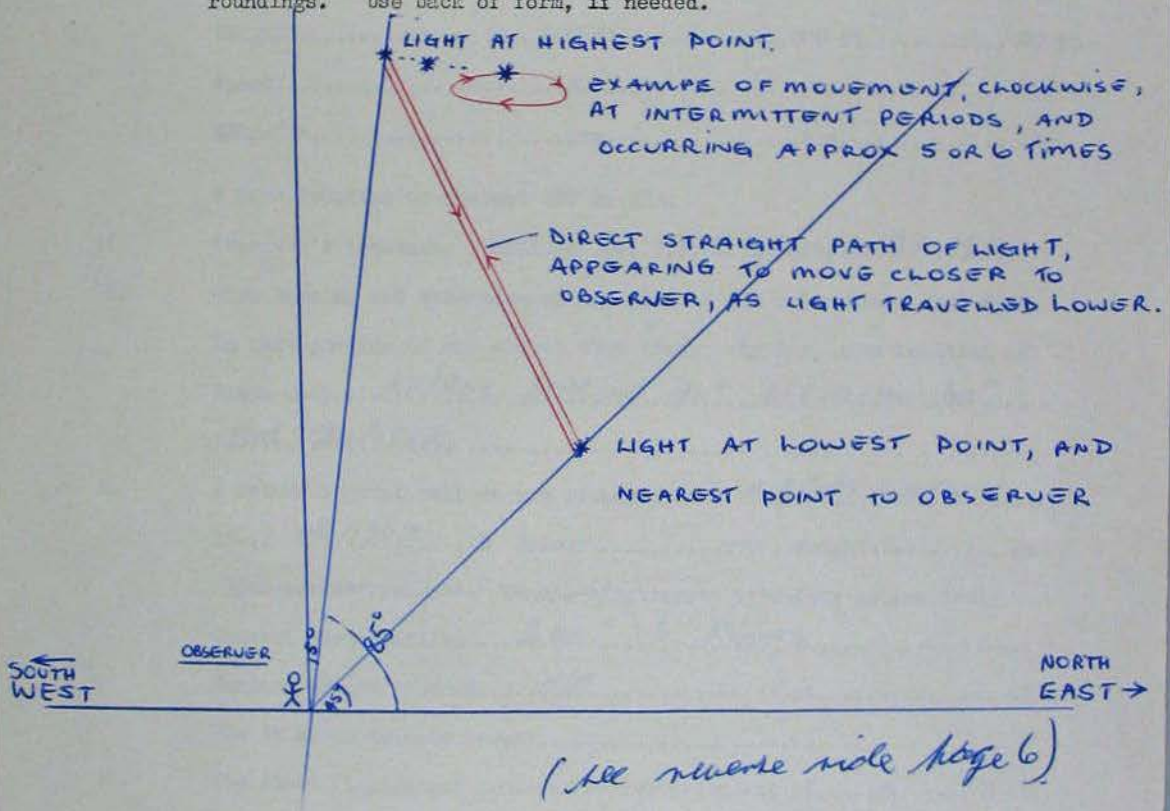
27. How many witness to the sighting?..ANOTHER 5 PERSONS.....

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?...A STAR.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..MOVEMENT IN VARYING DIRECTIONS AND DRASTIC FLUCTUATIONS IN INTENSITY

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.....C Ritchie..... Date.....10 AUG 72.....

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.L.....(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.....N.L.....(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..12-40 S..Longitude.131-05E.....

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....APPROX. BEARING 90° ELEVATION 60°.....
.FOR..JUPITER.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..AIRPORT DARWIN....
at....061130Z.....Z Colour.....-.....Weight..-.....gm
Radio-sonde**/radar**: Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)
General wind profile.....260° 6 KNOTS.....
Maximum height tracked.....N/A.....,000 ft at.....Z
Was it known to have burst?..... .....

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

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

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 can*/cannot* be determined.

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

...The Planet JUPITER.....

The meteorological balloon can be discounted as:

a. The launch time is too late, and

b. the light would not last for the period observed.

Planets have been noted as very bright over the last few months.

.....HQ DARWIN.....(Unit.....[signature].....(Name)

.....28 AUG 72.....(Date).....FLT LT.....(Rank)

At 8PM on the 6th August 1972, myself and two friends had a bright light pointed out to us by LAC LANCASTER, approx 2 miles south of NOONAMAH.

When I saw the light I passed it off as a star until the light went dull and moved, in a direction which appeared to me, towards us.

We continued to watch the light for another 15 to 20 minutes. The light would move only after going dull and after I turned a flash lantern ~~on~~ in its direction it moved upwards again and appeared to circle, stopping, going dull, and moving again.

We left that spot and drove to the NOONAMAH HOTEL and pointed the light out to the barman. The light was stationary at this time but was then going dull and then becoming very bright.

At approx 8.40PM we then proceeded toward DARWIN. On the journey I watched the light from the car till we reached the COONAWARRA NAVY DEPOT, when we lost sight of it due to cloud.

During our surveillance of approx 1 hours duration the light only decended once and for the rest of the time after turning the lantern in its direction remaing in a fixed area moving in a circular orbit. On odd occasions it would move in a straight line then circle.

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INQUIRE INTO UFOs

Why don't they set up a commission or committee of inquiry into the sightings of unidentified flying objects?

Why don't they have a committee that could be contacted any time?

— **Terry Cuddy**, Flinders Cres., Boronia.

ANSWER: A spokesman for the RAAF said: "The air force is charged with the air defence of Australia; part of this charter is the investigation of any strange objects in the sky.

"The air force base closest to the sighting is given the responsibility of investigating it," he said.

"People who see these objects are given question forms to describe their sighting.

"The information is recorded and sent to the Department of Air in Canberra where analysis of the sighting is made."

The RAAF spokesman said from January, 1960, until December, 1971, the air force investigated 595 reported sightings of UFOs.

"Of sightings investigated, 93 per cent were explainable by scientific knowledge and six per cent did not provide sufficient information to permit analysis and evaluation."

He said one per cent were attributed to unknown causes.

If you have a suggestion or question, send it, in no more than 100 words, to "Why Don't They . . . ?" Box 2828AA, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.
The Herald will seek the answer or put the idea to the appropriate authority.

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Mystery flying object lights sky over Gippsland

By NICK MOUNTSTEPHEN

Senior Sergeant Ron Tanian . . . he saw the mystery object.
Pictures—NEVILLE BOWLER

A strange, brilliantly-colored object in the South Gippsland sky is terrifying animals and scaring local people.

The blue and silver red-rimmed object was sighted yesterday morning and has been seen several times this week.

The RAAF has classified it "unexplainable."

Senior Sergeant Ron Tanian, of Traralgon police, said: "I have never seen anything like it".

Sgt. Tanian said he saw the object as "a silver ball in the sky" again yesterday morning.

Another Traralgon policeman, Constable Neil Davey, said the object changed from a blue and red color to a silver circular shape and moved away as dawn approached.

Residents who have seen the UFO say it hovers for a time, then shoots away with frightening speed and effect.

Most of them would not have believed their eyes had it not been for the frightened animals.

The oject makes no sound and changes shape, they say.

The first reported sighting was at Sheepwash Creek by John Dixon, 23, of Traralgon, as he pedalled to work along the Princes Highway.

Dixon said it hung in a bright blue cloud the size of a hotel only 200 feet above at 4.45 on Monday morning.

He raced back to Traralgon and told Constable Davey, the night-shift policeman, and the saleyards caretaker Jack Gilbert.

The three stood stunned in the police station doorway as the "thing" rose into the sky in the east. As day dawned the blue light withdrew and only a silver fluorescent circle remained.

After three days of investigation by Flight Lieutenant John Ogden, of the RAAF General Flying School at Sale, a classified Unidentified Flying Object report, marked "unexplainable", will be forwarded to the Air Department in Canberra.

Sightings marked "unexplainable" make up only one per cent. of the 595 investigated cases in the past 12 years.

This is what it looks like: Brian Perry, 15, and his mother [illegible] the object.

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That light in sky shows up again

Melbourne's brilliant mystery light in the sky has again been sighted over Broadmeadows.

Four people reported seeing the light, now being studied by the RAAF's top-level team of Unidentified Flying Object experts.

The light has appeared in the same area, about the same time, two night in a row.

It was first sighted — and photographed — by "Age" staff photographer Ray Jamieson near Broadmeadows North about 10.10 p.m. on Tuesday. It was visible for 15 to 20 minutes.

On Wednesday night at 10.30 four people saw a brilliant mystery object from Flynn Crescent, Broadmeadows. They watched it for about 15 minutes.

The object was sighted by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Spinks, Miss Sheila Jordan, and Mr. Albert Batchelor.

Mrs. Spinks said: "We had just watched a film on TV and Sheila Jordan was driving out the drive on her way home.

"Suddenly she yelled: 'Di come and have a look . . . come quick'.

"I didn't see it at first, but then a saw a great big light to the east. It was stationary."

Mrs. Spinks first talked about the mystery light to a work friend at Courage Brewery. She was unaware of "The Age" pictures.

Her friend, whose husband works for "The Age", told her about the newspaper pictures.

Mrs. Spinks said the light appeared to be about two miles away and about 1000 ft. above the ground.

Unlike Jamieson's sighting, when the object moved "faster than any aircraft", the light seen over Broadmeadows on Wednesday night was stationary.

"The Age" yesterday received many telephone calls from readers. They offered explanations for the phenomenon and reported sightings of other unidentified flying objects.

The RAAF talked to Jamieson. It wants full details of the sighting.

The Secretary General of the Astronautical Society of Australia (Mr. Keith Thomas) said the object could have been "a bit of space rubbish burning up in the atmosphere".

Mr. Thomas said the length of time the object would be visible would depend upon the angle of entry into the Earth's atmosphere, its speed, and the turbulance in the atmosphere.

He agreed the bright light being emitted from the object, as reported by Jamieson, would not "normally tally" with the space rubbish theory.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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19th September 1972

IN REPLY QUOTE 6/13/Air (21)

Department of Air (Attention: D/DAFI(IR))

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For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (CCIO)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information is a newspaper clipping relating to the above subject.

(B.G. KING)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer T/Commanding

Enclosure: Newspaper clipping

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RAAF is baff
UFO sightin
nine years.

One of those is the UF
sighted in the La Trob
Valley town of Traralgon
100 miles north-east of
Melbourne, three time
this week.

Wing Commander A. E.
Ilton, administration staff
officer at Sale air base,
about 21 miles from Tra
ralgon, said yesterday
We have had about six

"THE NEWS" SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 1972

SIX UFOs REMAIN PUZZLE FOR EXPERTS

MELBOURNE, Today: The RAAF is baffled by six of 579 UFO sightings in the past nine years.

One of those is the UFO sighted in the La Trobe Valley town of Traralgon, 100 miles north-east of Melbourne, three times this week.

Wing Commander A. E. Ilton, administration staff officer at Sale air base, about 31 miles from Traralgon, said yesterday: "We have been unable to eliminate it as an explainable phenomenon.

"The La Trobe Valley has been one of the most intense concentrations of reported UFO activity. The RAAF has investigated eight different UFOs here in the past two years.

"Most of them had natural explanations. But while we are not prepared to commit ourselves to any theories, we haven't found explanations for them all.

'NOT EASY'

"This latest one on Monday morning, Monday night, and Wednesday morning was observed for some time by several people, including police officers in Traralgon, Bairnsdale, Boisdale, Nambrok, and Rosedale.

"We understand this week's other sightings in Taree, New South Wales, have been satisfactorily put down to the planet Venus, but our one isn't so easy."

CRITICAL

Wing Commander Ilton said all RAAF bases had UFO investigation officers.

"The RAAF takes UFOs seriously," he said.

The officers were kept supplied with the standard "UFO description" forms which were filled in by people interviewed after sightings.

The forms and reports by investigating officers were sent to the Air Department in Canberra, which had built up a substantial file on UFOs.

IN ADELAIDE, flying saucer research officer, Mr. Colin Norris, today attacked the Federal Government over their handling of the Taree UFO "mystery."

"It is most disturbing to think it took the Government a fortnight to discover just what the unidentified flying object over the town was," said Mr. Norris.

Mr. Norris claimed it was "ridiculous" that "so called Government experts" had taken two weeks to discover the object was Venus.

"How long can any Government hoodwink the public in these matters," he said.

"What if the object had been a Russian or Chinese satellite armed with a nuclear warhead just sitting over our country?"

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Mr. Norris said he would like to see investigation of UFOs taken out of the RAAF and the Government's hands, and given to research scientists.

"Even the early astronomers could have determined whether the object was Venus a lot sooner, and it would have prevented a lot of public concern," he said.


WEEK IN THE NEWS
WE HAVE A REPORT THAT YOU HAVE REGULAR SIGHTINGS OF FLYING SAUCERS, MR. OCKER?

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Taree's UFO is Venus, say experts

Hundreds of people turned out yesterday to view unidentified flying objects at towns in Victoria and New South Wales.

At Taree, in northern NSW, the object was spotted. At Traragon, in Gippsland, viewers were disappointed.

The Taree crowd saw the red and silver speck in the sky at precisely its scheduled arrival time.

But the light was later identified by experts as "probably Venus."

Press photographs of the object showed it as a tiny, shimmering dot. Witnesses said it was colored red and silver.

Eminent astronomer Dr. Harley Woods said later it was "almost certainly" Venus.

'Change color'

Astronomers at Sydney Observatory have been watching the planet, and are convinced that it is the same "object" that has been appearing over Taree every morning for the past three weeks.

"When viewed through binoculars the planet could appear to change color, which would explain the various reports ranging from silver through to red," Dr. Woods said.

Traralgon residents waited and wondered whether their mystery object would appear again.

On Wednesday night many stayed up in vain. Clouds covered the sky.

Traralgon was quiet after three hectic days of frightened domestic animals and residents following many sightings of a shimmering object.

The official RAAF report will be subitted to the Air Department in Canberra on Monday.

RAAF investigating officer Fligtht-Lieutenant John Ogden said he had his own theory on the cause of the sightings.

He would not elaborate.

"Often a star can be exaggerated and heightened by natural environment, and a person's impression can be greatly influenced," he said.

His report to Canberra will include his theory.

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C.D.O. 9789

SUBJECT: UFO REPORTS

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The enclosed results of investigations of unusual aerial sightings (see folios 4, 9, 10 and 11) have been prepared for your approval and release.

(M.D. WALTER)
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for DAFI

23 Oct 72

Noted. 30 Oct 72.

Note - Sec. does not sign the proformas so all that is done here is supply an envelope. Also no summaries of sightings were enclosed. Should these have been?

Sgt
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Royal Australian Air Force

A2 MEMO

For use within the RAAF only
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TO DAFI ~~SECRETARY~~ DEPARTMENT OF AIR	ATTENTION DAFI	
SUBJECT UFO REPORTS		

Forwarded are two UFO reports as per above reference

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

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REPORT OF 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. Irene Kirk ..... Age. 69 yrs.
2. Address of observer.. 37 Breaker St. Main Beach ..... Gold Coast Q ..... Phone. 31 3570
3. Occupation of observer..... Housewife .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 12.9.72 ... 12.45 approx.
   How certain is the date?.... quite .....
   How accurate is the time of start... definite .....
5. Duration of observation..... at least half an hour .....
   How accurate is your estimate?.... quite .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. Patio of home unit ... at ground level .....
   How familiar is observer with this locality?.. have lived ... here for almost five years .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.. fairly clear day ... with bank of cloud at ocean horizon .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. Through ..... Binoculars. Here seemed to be two ~~dim~~ shadowy lights.
9. Where was object first observed:
   (a) Relative to your surroundings. Easterly direction ... over rooftops in front of bank of cloud.
   (b) angle of elevation.....
   (c) compass angle bearing.....
   (d) how accurate are these estimates.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? bright object in ... front of cloud bank .....
11. If there was more than one light/object: no
   (a) how many were there?.....
   (b) in what formation were they?.....

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

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What was the colour of the light or object? silver bright-light

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) intermittent appeared to be revolving

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:

(a) relative to Venus or Moon. larger than Venus seen at 5 pm 18.9.72.

(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? bright object cloud bank ocean

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? appeared to be hovering

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. almost stationary

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. very slight variation

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. very bright intermittent, appeared to be sunreflection on a bright object

23. Where was object last observed:

(a) relative to your surroundings. just disappeared

(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).....

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

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State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..none other than elementary geometry.....

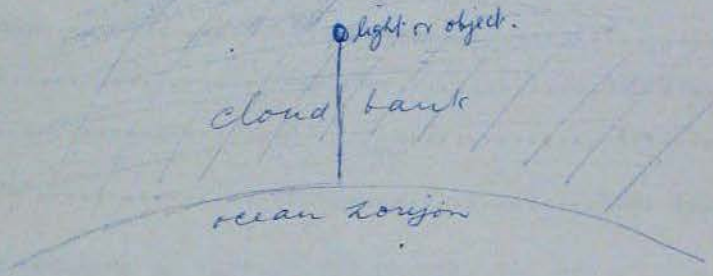
27. How many witness to the sighting?..four on my premises two neighbours

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?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..not having seen anything like it before.....

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.



Memo. An eye specialist recently said I have very good eyesight

Signature....Irene Kirk..... Date..21.9.72.....

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

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.....,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: NIL.

A/C type.....(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.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 27° 58' 45" S Longitude 153° 26' 04" 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.....

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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.....,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....

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

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

.....UNK.....

.....92 Wing RAAF Base Amberley.....(Unit).....B. P. DENNES.....(Name)

.....27 Sep 72.....(Date).....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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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 R. Miller Age 23

2. Address of observer 12 Kettle St
Toowoomba Phone

3. Occupation of observer House Painter

4. Date and time of start of observation 20 AUG 72 0300-0430
How certain is the date? Certain
How accurate is the time of start? ± 15 mins

5. Duration of observation 1½ hrs
How accurate is your estimate? ± ½ hour

6. Observer's location at time of sighting driving from Moonie via Dalby to Jondaryan (Warrego Highway)
How familiar is observer with this locality? very familiar

7. Weather conditions at time of observation very good - very clear skies

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None

9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings ± 30° to front of car
b. angle of elevation approximately 30°
c. compass angle bearing Road Moonie to Dalby approx 045° Dalby to Jondaryan approx 135°
d. how accurate are these estimates?

10. What first attracted observer's attention? Nothing

11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there? N/A
b. in what formation were they?

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

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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). similar to street light at distance of 20 yards.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon. Diameter about ⅓ that of 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? 60° to horizontal directly in front of car

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)? 20° to 60°

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

No movement noticed but difficult to tell from moving car.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. N/A

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Light went off and on about 20 times and finally reappeared on opposite side of vehicle

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None.

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings. To front of car

b. angle of elevation.

c. compass angle bearing.

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Light went out

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. nil

27. How many witness to the sighting? One — wife of observer

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? None

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.

(Note: Interview was carried out by Flt Lt R.J. Schmad on 15SEP72. Mr Hellyer decided to report the incident after hearing radio news reports of NSW UFO sightings and investigation by RAAF staff.

15SEP72

R.J. Schmad
FLT LT
UFO OFFICER)

Signature R. Hellyer Date 15SEP72

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 27° 33' 30" S Longitude 151° 57' 16" 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.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from MOREE

at 0800 Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile NIL

Maximum height tracked.....21,000 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

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.....

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 ~~can~~/cannot* be determined.

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

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82 Wing RAAF Base Amberley (Unit) R.P. JENNES (Name)

27 Sep 72 (Date) FLT LT (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(3)

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REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Attached are reports of aerial objects alleged to have been sighted by Messrs Sawan and Greenman at Regent VIC on 15th August and at Dandenong on 12th September 1972. The reports have been examined at this Headquarters and the findings of C Int O appear at Part 2 of the pro-formae.

(R.R. RODDY)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. Report by G.Sawan, 470 Grimshaw St Bundoors
2. " B.M.Greenman 2/73 Hammond Rd Dandenong

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10. What first attracted observer's attention? BRIGHT LIGHT IN SKY SHAPED THUS -

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

a. how many were ~~there~~? A SERIES OF FLASHING LIGHTS

b. in what formation were they? IN A CIRCLE

12. What was the colour of the light or ~~object~~? NATURAL LIGHT

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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(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 ...GEORGE SAWAN.....Age ...27

2. Address of observer...470 GRIMSHAW ST BUN...

Occupation of observer...TEXTILE KNITTING.....Phone...

e and time of start of observation...15th...

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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 GEORGE SAWAN Age 27

2. Address of observer 470 GRIMSHAW ST. BUNDOORA

Phone 467 1597

3. Occupation of observer TEXTILE KNITTING M/C MECHANIC

4. Date and time of start of observation 15th AUGUST APPROX 7:40 PM

How certain is the date? EXACT

How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN A FEW MINUTES EITHER WAY

5. Duration of observation APPROX 3 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? AS BEST AS I CAN JUDGE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting IN MOTOR VEHICLE NEAR INTERSECTION OF REGENT & HIGH STREET (REGENT)

How familiar is observer with this locality? TRAVEL THERE TWICE DAILY

7. Weather conditions at time of observation PERFECTLY CLEAR NIGHT NOT RAINING

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NAKED EYE ONLY

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings SPOTTED OBJECT WHICH WOULD BE APPROX IN A DUE EASTERLY DIRECTION

b. angle of elevation APPROX 30° - 40°

c. compass angle bearing NO IDEA (abt 090°)

d. how accurate are these estimates? APPROXIMATE

10. What first attracted observer's attention? BRIGHT LIGHT IN SKY SHAPED THUS - ★

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

a. how many were there? A SERIES OF FLASHING LIGHTS

b. in what formation were they? IN A CIRCLE

12. What was the colour of the light or ~~object~~? NATURAL LIGHT

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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). AS BRIGHT AS CAR HEADLIGHTS LOW BEAM AT A FEW FEET.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon. 4 TIMES SIZE OF VENUS.

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). NO IDEA

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? NO IDEA.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? MOVING at average ~~aero~~ plane speed

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)? NO IDEA

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 AS IN No 16.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. FEW SECONDS THEN I LOST SIGHT OF IT

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. STRAIGHT COURSE ONLY.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. NONE

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings. OFF TYLER ST PERCIVAL ST EAST PRESTON.

b. angle of elevation. AS IN 9 (b)

c. compass angle bearing. NO IDEA.

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? TURNED CORNER + LOST SIGHT.

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. NONE.

27. How many witness to the sighting? NONE.

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

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? NO IDEA

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? NEVER EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE

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.

NOTE: WHICHEVER ANGLE VIEWED FROM, STAR SHAPED LIGHT WAS DOMINANT FEATURE.

Signature George Sawyer Date 18.8.73

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.37435.....Longitude.145000E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. ENIF visual magnitude 2 azimuth 068°, elevation 020° at 2000. FOMALHAUT vis mag 1 azimuth 100° elevation 025° at 2000.....

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

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

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

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

.....station.

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

.....NIL.....

/39. When an

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

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

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

.....Civil aircraft.....

.....

The point from which Mr. Sawan observed this light is 5½ miles due east of Essendon airport and 10 miles SE of the runway crossing at Tullamarine. It is customary for aircraft landing at Essendon or Tullamarine to switch on their landing lights after dark, and I believe Mr. Sawan has seen one of several aircraft approaching Tullamarine near the time of sighting.

.....HQSC..... .....21 SEP 72.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....R.R. Roddy..... .....Sgt Lsr.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

Bernard. M Greenman
2/73 Hammond Road,
Dandenong 3175.
Monday 18th September 1972.

Dear Sir,

Just a few words to explain why I reported seeing an object in the sky on 12th Sept

The object was extremely bright, silver (SLIVE COLOURED). No stars even remotely compared with it in size or brightness. It was too high from the ground to be a ground object

Due to the nature of my work I was unable to keep it under constant observation. When I pointed the object out to my co-worker he was of the opinion that it was "VENUS". I accepted this theory, and did not think about it again until I saw a report on television of an object over Yarralagon, wondered if perhaps my sighting was related

Hoping that I have not wasted your time

Thank you
B. Greenman.

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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 BERNARD MICHAEL GREENMAN Age 35 YEARS

2. Address of observer 2/73 HAMMOND ROAD DANDENONG VICTORIA 3175 Phone NIL

3. Occupation of observer CHEMICAL OPERATOR

4. Date and time of start of observation 12-9-72 BETWEEN 2 & 4 AM

How certain is the date? IT COULD HAVE BEEN 11-9-72

How accurate is the time of start? THE OBJECT WAS PROBABLY VISIBLE PRIOR TO MY OBSERVATION

5. Duration of observation APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS

How accurate is your estimate? REASONABLY ACCURATE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting MARBON CHEMICAL HAMMOND ROAD DANDENONG

How familiar is observer with this locality? PLACE OF WORK

7. Weather conditions at time of observation FAIRLY CLEAR WITH SLIGHT WIND BLOWING

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE

9. Where was object first observed? :

a. Relative to your surroundings E.N.E APPROX IN LINE WITH PRINCES HIGHWAY

b. angle of elevation 10-20° DEGREES

c. compass angle bearing EAST NORTH EAST

d. how accurate are these estimates? AS ACCURATE AS I AM ABLE WITHIN 5°

10. What first attracted observer's attention? EXTREME BRIGHTNESS OR LUMINOSITY OF OBJECT IN COMPARISON WITH ANYTHING ELSE IN SKY AT THAT MOMENT

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

a. how many were there? ONLY ONE OBJECT

b. in what formation were they? NIL

12. What was the colour of the light or object? STAR COLOURED OR WHITE LIGHT

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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)..STREET LIGHT AT 400 YARDS.....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. relative to Venus or Moon..MOON TO OBJECT 20-1.....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....1/8" - 3/16".....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?...EAST NORTH EAST 10-20°

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....NO.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity .....NO SOUND AT ALL.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?. ....10° - 15°.....

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 .....NO MOVEMENT AT ALL.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases...STATIONARY ALL THE TIME

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....NONE.....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen....NONE.....

23. Where was object last observed :

a. relative to your surroundings.....EAST NORTH EAST....

b. angle of elevation.....15° - 20°.....

c. compass angle bearing.....EAST NORTH EAST.....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..UNABLE TO SAY.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....TOO FAR AWAY FOR THIS.....

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... .....NONE.....

27. How many witness to the sighting?.....ONE.....

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?.....PERHAPS PLANET VENUS.....

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

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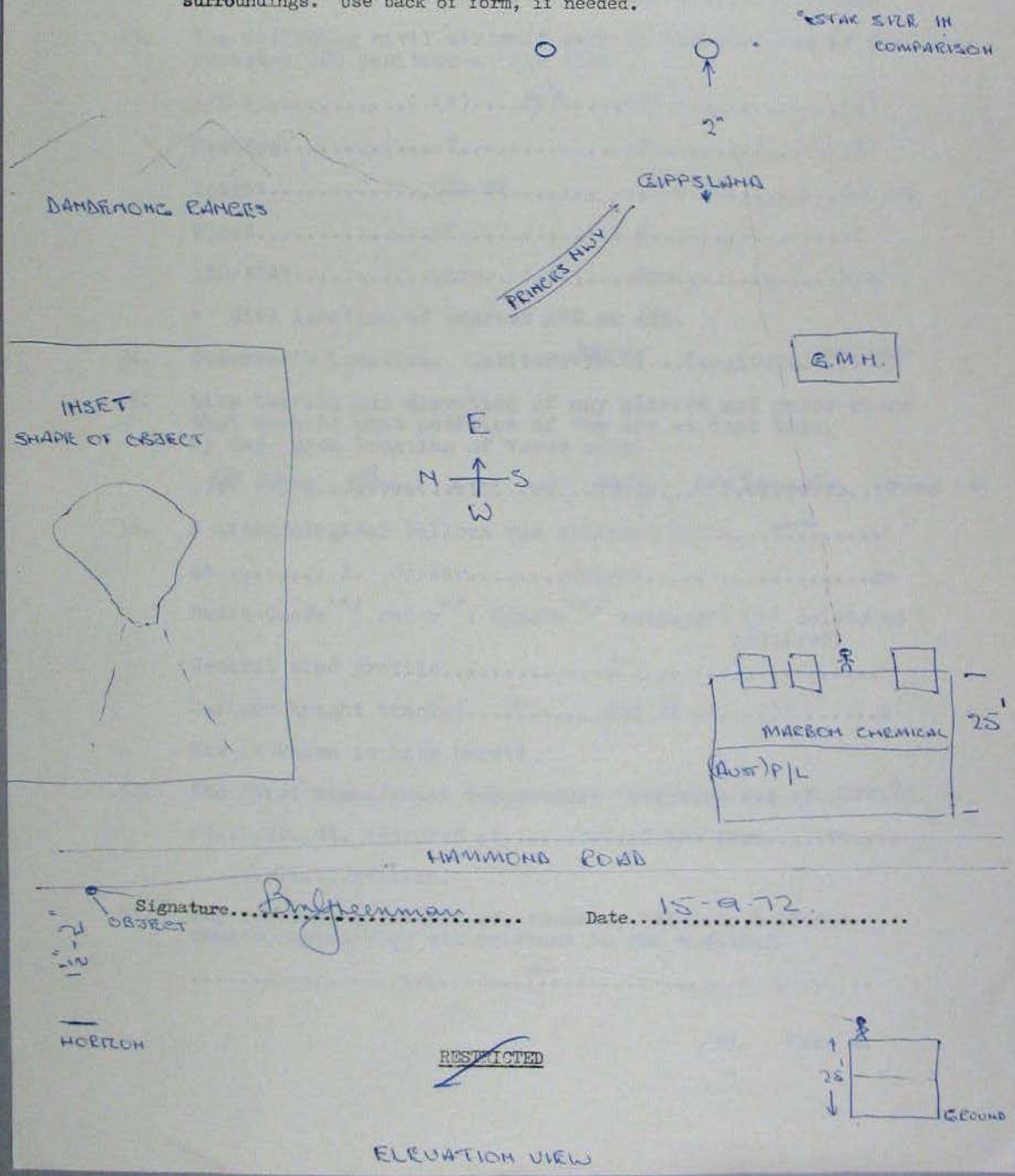
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature...B.J. Greenman..... Date...15-9-72.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A/C type.....(1)....N/A....(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 01 E ...Longitude 145 12 E

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

At 0400 Venus was at 060° az 015° elevation VISUAL -4

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

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....—.....

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

Was it known to have burst?

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

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

.....—.....station.

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

.....—.....

/39. When an

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

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

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

.....VENUS.....

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From Mr GREENMAN's original report and follow-up letter I have no doubt that he was looking at Venus.

.....HQSCU..... .....26 Sept 72.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....A. R. ROBBY..... .....SGT LDR.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

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DEPT. OF AIR DAF1 580-1-1 10-10-72

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 ...Daryl Ian Kirk.....Age .40....

2. Address of Observer ...8 Mena Avenue CHELTENHAM VIC.....

.....Phone Number .93 6552...

3. Occupation of Observer ...Telecom Assistant PMG.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ...20 Sep 72, 9.55pm.....

How Certain is the date? ...Exact.....

How accurate is the time of start? ...within 3 minutes.....

5. Duration of Observation ....20 minutes.....

How accurate is your estimate? ...exact ± 1 or 2 minutes.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ...Buckley Street, MORWELL VIC.....

...(looking toward the Melbourne-Moe direction).....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ...very clear, deep blue cloudless.....

...and starry night. No wind at ground level at all. Fog camein about 2 hours later I have been informed.

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

.....Nil.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ...over hills toward Moe, not very high - I didn't.....

...have to put my head back to look at it, directly ahead.....

b. Angle of elevation .....

c. Compass angle bearing .....

d. How accurate are these estimates? .....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ...I think it must have been the.....

...colour of the object - light.....

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

What was the colour of the light or object? pinky orange at base to pearl white at top.

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

at its brightest, about the same as full moon

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon Moon

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) about 3" diameter

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:

No sound at all

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

only a guess - 2000 ft

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 seemed to me to be moving the same speed as any normal light aircraft at that height travelling on a straight course

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 As stated before as to light

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings amongst the stars very high to my left

b. angle of elevation

c. compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? moved too far away for the eye to follow

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

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

None

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Myself and one other

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

Yes

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

Similar to weather balloon

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

I've not seen a weather balloon at night or coloured as described or pulsating with light.

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 SIGNED: D. KIRK Date 25-9-72

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 .....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 .....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....3815S..... Longitude ...14625E.....

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

Jupiter 270°T 48° Elevation

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

at ..1115.....Z. Colour ....white..... Weight .....5lbs.....xx

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile surface calm/1000' 090/10/3000' 580/10...20000 250/10-15

Maximum height tracked .....3,000ft at .....1115.....Z

Was it known to have burst? Yes

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ....2.5..°C

at ...3500.....ft, measured at .....1130.....Z hours from ...LAVERTON....

.....station.

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

Nil

/39. When an

When identified as possible aircraft, 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 xxx*/cannot* be determined.

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

A light aircraft seen transiting the area. However if so, the aircraft wasoperating without a flight plan, as no record of a light aircraft in the area, at the time, can be found.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL — 2 OCT 72
(Unit) — (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) — Flight Lieutenant
(Name of Investigating Officer) — (Rank)

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580/1/1 Pt19 (8)

23 OCT '72

Mr J. Dixon,
Flat 1/10 Thomas Street,
TRARALGAN VIC 3844

Dear Sir,

After a thorough investigation of your report of an unusual aerial sighting the following conclusions have been reached.

The most probable cause of the blinding light seen first by you was the refraction of the sun, through a surface inversion. At the time of your sighting the sun was approximately 10° below the visible horizon and in a suitable position for the refraction to occur. The large amount of water vapour present in the inversion layer would have caused the bluish tint.

The light in the northern sky which you described as stationary except for small vertical and horizontal 'bobbing' movements was most probably the planet Venus. Water vapour present in the lower layers of the atmosphere at the time of sighting would make the planet appear larger through the halo effect and would also explain the various protrudences of light seen to appear at intervals during the period of the sighting. The presence of dust and smoke haze common in the area, trapped under the inversion layer would discolour the light, and most probably cause the red dots seen on the object.

The rapid horizontal movements observed could have been caused by the constant and rapid changes to the angle which the light entered the inversion layer. The strong wind shear between 1,000 feet and 5,000 feet would cause the top of the inversion to adopt a wave like motion, therefore constantly changing the angle of refraction as seen from the ground.

Yours faithfully

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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23 OCT '72

Mr N.B. Davey,
25 Tobruk Street,
MORWELL VIC 3840

Dear Sir,

Investigation of your report of an unusual aerial object has revealed that the object sighted was most probably the planet Venus seen through unusual atmospheric conditions.

At the time of sighting a moisture laden inversion layer cuased Venus to appear much brighter and larger, to move around with rapid, short flutters and have blotches of red around the perimeter.

Yours faithfully

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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23 OCT '72

Mr J. Gilbert,
124 Shakespeare Street,
TRARALGON VIC 3844

Dear Sir,

The investigation of your report of an unusual aerial sighting has revealed the object sighted was probably the planet Venus seen through unusual atmospheric conditions. The moisture laden inversion layer present at the time of the sighting caused it to appear:

a. much brighter and larger;

b. to move around with rapid, short flutters; and

c. with blotches of red around the perimeter.

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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C.D.O. 9789

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The enclosed results of investigations of unusual aerial sightings (see folio 4) have been prepared for your signature and release.

(M.D. WALTER)
Flg Off
for DAFI

17 Oct 72

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Sale 44 3311

Headquarters
RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC 3852

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/3/Air(32)

25th September 1972

Department of Air

DAFI For Information:

Headquarters Support Command

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING
TRARALGON AREA 11TH AND 13TH SEPTEMBER 1972

Reference: A. HQSC 5/6/Air(27) of 11th August 1972

1. Enclosed in terms of reference A are :-

a. the Investigating Officer's Report (Annex A); and

b. Observer Reports (Annexes B to J)

in connection with the above sighting.

2. It will already be known at both Departmental and Command level, due to TV and Press coverage, that these sightings caused considerable comment. As a result some observations, subsequent to those initially made, could well have been the result of "looking" for UFO's and a possible imaginative influence.

3. In order to follow-up all the observations of this particular UFO sighting, which was more controversial than usual, the Investigating Officer was fully occupied on this task alone for at least one week. His report is a comprehensive one and his conclusion that the phenomena could be attributed to Venus or Sirius is not un-reasonable.

/4. In respect

4. In respect of the time consuming aspects mentioned in the preceding paragraph, should a similar spate of sightings occur in the future, it may be necessary to seek assistance from either Headquarters Support Command or from your Department.

5. I have commended Flt Lt Ogden on the thoroughness of this report and for the logical conclusions evolving therefrom.

(J.S. WILSON)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

Annexes: A. Report by Investigating Officer

B. Observer Report - John Dixon

C. Observer Report - John Gilbert

D. Observer Report - Constable Neil Davey

E. Observer Report - Senior Constable Ronald W. Allen

F. Observer Report - Kathleen Perry

G. Observer Report - Kenneth Dennis

H. Observer Report - Lilian Palling

I. Observer Report - Karron Rodgers

J. Observer Report - Senior Sergeant Ronald W. Tanian

ANNEX A TO HQESL 5/3/AIR (32) DATED 25 SEP 72

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE SIGHTINGS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT TRARALGON ON 11 AND 13 OF SEP 72

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 11 Sep 72 the Administrative Staff Officer received a telephone call from Snr Sgt TANIAN of TRARALGON Police concerning a UFO sighting at 4.30am that morning. The initial sighting had been made by a Mr J. DIXON of TRARALGON, and the object was subsequently observed by Mr J. GILBERT, Const N. DAVEY, and Snr Const W. ALLEN.

2. The investigating officer visited TRARALGON Police Station on the 12 Sep 72 to interview the four principals involved in the sighting. All four witnesses were interviewed individually.

3. Mr DIXON stated that, on Monday morning at about 4.30am EST, as he was riding his bike east along the Princes Highway about 1½ miles from TRARALGON, he saw a bright light in the eastern sky. He paid no more attention to light until he was several miles further down the highway, when he looked up and saw it as a very large bright light travelling very rapidly toward him along the road. It then stopped above him, lighting the surrounding country for a quarter of a mile with an intense blue light. He described the intensity of the light hovering over him as much brighter than the sun, and almost impossible to look at. After a short period he observed the light to transit extremely quickly towards the North, where it remained stationary except of small vertical and horizontal 'bobbing' movements.

4. He then returned towards TRARALGON and stopped enroute to talk to Mr GILBERT, who was working in the sale yards. Mr GILBERT then saw the light in the North Eastern sky, and continued to watch it for about 1 hour 20 minutes. It remained stationary except for small, rapid sideways movements. Both Messrs DIXON and GILBERT reported that dogs in the surrounding area were in an excitable state.

5. Mr Dixon continued on to the TRARALGON Police Station where he reported his sighting to Const DAVEYS, who went outside and also saw the bright light in the sky, which appeared to him to be over GLENGARRY (025°T at 4½ miles from TRARALGON). Const DAVEYS continued to observe the bright light until 0700K, during which time it had become a silver ball, after the transition to daylight.

6. At approximately 0630K the object was pointed out to Senior Const ALLEN, who saw it as a small silver ball, due north of the Police Station. It was seen to disappear at 0700K by Const DAVEY, who said it appeared to shoot straight up out of sight.

7. On the 13 Sep 72 at 0500K, Const DAVEY again saw the object, this time to the north east of TRARALGON. He immediately contacted Snr Sgt TANIAN, and they both watched it until it dissappeared behind cloud at about 0515K.

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

8. The evidence taken from the three police officers is considered to be very sound, the only appreciable difference being in the estimation of the angle of elevation by DAVEY and ALLEN. Mr GILBERT appeared to be a quiet sensible man, the main difference between his statement, and those of the two policemen being the bearing of the object. As far as the investigating officer could ascertain all of the above people were in no way prone to lapses of imaginative thinking.

/9. Mr DIXON

9. Mr DIXON prior to the interview, had been drinking, and when the investigating officer took his statement, he was obviously intoxicated. The effect of alcohol, combined with what was considered a first class imagination, led the investigating officer to the conclusion that Mr DIXON should be treated as an unreliable witness.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

10. The following aspects were considered, in attempting to find a satisfactory explanation:

a. Aircraft. There were no known civil or military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting. Melbourne recorded no radar traces in the area.

b. Visible Satellites. There were no visible satellite passes at that time.

c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloon released from LAVERTON at 1700Z would have blown well to the South of TRARALGON by the time of the sighting. The only other balloon which could possibly have a bearing was launched from MILDURA at 1700Z, but would not have reached the area of the sighting by 1830Z.

d. Local Phenomena. The only local phenomena in the area is the gas burner at the ESSO-BHP plant at LONGFORD. Even though it lies in the general direction of the first sighting, all witnesses stated that they were familiar with it, and all discounted it completely.

e. Meteorological Conditions. At 101700Z, the weather in the area was:

Wind - Surface calm 350/02 at 1000', increasing to 310/40 at 5000' and 300/60 at 20,000'.
Cloud - no cloud, visibility 10nm in mist, strong possibility of patches of fog in the Latrobe Valley.
Temp was 4°C, dew point 3°C.
Inversions - a strong surface inversion of 4°C between 0 and 1000', and an isothermal layer between 3000'-5000'.

f. Celestial Bodies. The two most likely celestial bodies to affect the sighting are Venus and Sirius. At the times of the sightings Venus had a magnitude of -3.8, and would have moved from a position 064°T, 03°32' Elevation at 0430K to 035T at 26°00' Elevation at 0700K. Its bearing therefore co-incides with the reported azimuth of the object, although the elevation does not. Sirius with a magnitude of -1.8, would have moved from 070°T at 57° elevation at 0430K, to 182°T, elevation 68° at 0700K.

CONCLUSION

11. The most probable cause of the blinding light seen by Mr DIXON is the refraction of the sun, though the surface inversion. At 0430K the sun would be approximately 10° below the visibile horizon and it would therefore have been in a suitable position for a refraction to occur. Owing to the large amount of water vapour present in the inversion layer the light would have appeared to have a bluish tint, although the investigating officer cannot explain the reported illumination of the surrounding area by the light.

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12. In the investigating officer's opinion, after Mr DIXON saw the light disappear he looked around to locate it again, and, seeing the planet Venus concluded that this was the object he had seen. It is suggested that the reported high-speed transit to the north, and the trail of light were a figment of his imagination. On attempting to point out his sighting to Mr GILBERT, it is probable that this gentleman saw the star SIRIUS, as the position and elevation of this star is consistent with Mr GILBERTS observations over the 1 hour 20 minutes he observed it. Supporting this supposition is the fact that Mr GILBERT saw the object dissappear at 6.14K, 45 minutes before the other observers. Sirius having less than half the magnitude of Venus, would fade away at sunrise; whilst it is common for Venus to be observed several hours after.

13. The object pointed out to Const DAVEY by Mr DIXON was most probably the planet Venus. The elevation observed does not coincide with the location of the planet but the surface inversion could have made it appear higher in the sky than it was. The water vapour present in the lower layers at the time would make the planet appear larger through the halo effect, common under those conditions. It would also explain the various protrudences of light seen to appear at intervals during the period of the sighting. The presence of dust and smoke haze common in the area, trapped under the inversion would discolour the light, and most probably cause the red dots seen on the object.

14. The rapid horizontal movements observed by all the witnesses, could have been caused by the constant and rapid changes to the angle the light entered the inversion layer at. The strong wind shear between 1000' and 5000' would cause the top of the inversion to adopt a wave like motion, therefore constantly changing the angle of refraction as seen from the ground.

15. In the investigating officer's opinion the most probable cause of the sighting was the planets Venus and Sirius, observed in unusual atmospheric conditions. The subsequent observation of the star Sirius by Snr Sgt TANIAN at 0500K on the 13 Sep 72 and the statement by Const DAVEY who saw it with him, that it looked the same as the object he observed 2 mornings previous, support this theory.

Raaf Base East Sale
18 Sep 72

(J.N. OGDEN)
Flight Lieutenant
Investigating Officer

ANNEX B TO
HQSESC 5/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ...John Dixon.....Age ..23....

2. Address of Observer ..Flat 1/10 Thomas Street Traralgon.....
.....Phone Number 7 1997....

3. Occupation of Observer ..Rigger.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ...4.30 am 11th Sep 72.....

How Certain is the date? ...Certain.....

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

5. Duration of Observation ..4.30 - 6.10am.....

How accurate is your estimate? ....very.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..six miles east Traralgon.....
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7. Weather conditions at time of observation ...cold - clear sky.....
.....

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

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ..1 mile east of Traralgon.....
.....

b. Angle of elevation ..passed overhead.....

c. Compass angle bearing ...SE passed overhead sung due north.....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ..very accurate.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..light in sky.....
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11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there? ..one.....

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

/12. What was

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

....overhead - brighter than sun....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon ....larger than sun....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) ....1000 yards....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

....overhead....

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)?

....200 ft....

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 ....hovered overhead and travelled north very rapidly....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ....¾ hour....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ....sideways across....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ....light trail across sky....

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings ....North Traralgon P-S....

b. angle of elevation ....45°....

c. compass angle bearing ....N....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ....Dissappeared....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

....Dogs Howlling....

/26. State any

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

army training

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? six

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

no

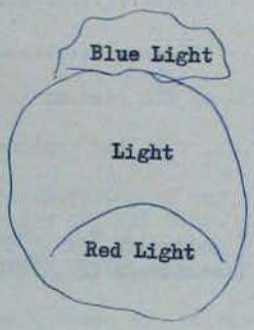
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

no

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

no

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.



Ultra Violet Blue Light

Signature SIGNED J. DYKOM Date 12 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....3812S.... Longitude ....14633E....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.
0430 - Venus 072°T, 15° Elevation) 0600 Venus 030°T, 30° Elevation
.....Saturn 015°T, 32° Elevation) .....Saturn 335°T, 32° Elevation.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ....Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier....

at ....101700Z....Z. Colour ....white.... Weight ....5lb.... ~~xx~~

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxxx/xxxxxxx~~* (** delete as required)

General wind profile ....surface calm 1000'-5000' 310/40 20,000 300/40-60....

Maximum height tracked ....40,....000ft at ....1017302....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ....4....°C

at ....0-1000'....ft, measured at ....1700....Z hours from ....Laverton....

....station. Isothermal layer 3000'-5000'

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

....Nil....

/39. When an

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

no aircraft, no radar traces in the area.

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

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

Venus in conjunction with the inversion layer. However this would not explain the intensity of light or the fact that it lit up the surrounding area with a bright blue light. See the accompanying report for further details.

Central Flying School — 13 Sep 72
(Unit) — (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) — Flight Lieutenant
(Name of Investigating Officer) — (Rank)

ANNEX C TO
HQESW 5/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ....John Gilbert.... Age .....

2. Address of Observer ....124 Shakespeare Traralgon.... Phone Number .....

3. Occupation of Observer ....Engine driver with VR....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ....0455....

How Certain is the date? ....11 Sep 72....

How accurate is the time of start? ....very certain - looked at watch....

5. Duration of Observation ....1 hour 20 minutes....

How accurate is your estimate? ....very accurate - timed deliberately....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ....Traralgon cattle yards - 1 mile east of town....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ....still and very clear....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ....no....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ....East North East of Princes Highway....

b. Angle of elevation ....40°....

c. Compass angle bearing ....about 075°T....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ....reasonable....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ....shown by Mr J. Dixon....

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

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

as bright as a bright star

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon as large as the moon

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) 12 inches

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

075°T 45° elevation

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)?

floated upwards about 5°

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 extremely rapid sideways movements

20. Give duration of any stationary phases apart from small movements about 1 hour 20 minutes

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres small rapid sideways movements

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen No

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings 072°T in same place as first observed

b. angle of elevation 65-70°

c. compass angle bearing 072°T

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? disappeared when last looked at 6.14 am

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

frenzied dog activity from about 1 mile around.

/26. State any

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

No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 2 (Const ~~Davies~~ DAVEY, J. Dixon)

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

No

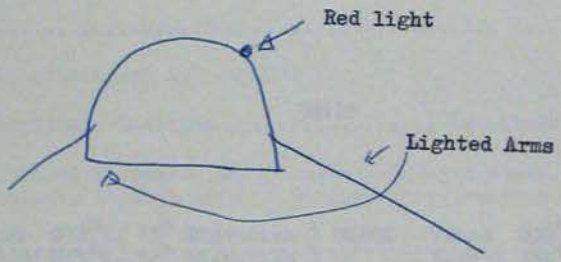
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

No

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 SIGNED: J. GILBERT Date 13 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....3812S.... Longitude ....14633E....

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

0430K - Venus 072°T, 15° Elevation) 0600K - Venus 030°T, 30° Elevation
- Saturn 015°T, 32° Elevation) - Saturn 335°T, 32° Elevation

36. A meteorological balloon was released from Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier..

at ...101700...Z. Colour .....white..... Weight .....5lb.....xx

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile ..surface calm 1000'-5000' 310/40.... 20,000' 300/40-60

Maximum height tracked .....40.....000ft at .....101730.....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....4...°C

at 0-1000....ft, measured at .....1700.....Z hours from .Laverton.....

.....station. Isothermal layer 3000'-5000'

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

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

No aircraft, no radar traces in the area.

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

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

Venus in conjunction with the surface inversion. The bearing is the same as Venus, however the elevation is too great, except for the angle of elevation at the time of the first sighting, it is the investigating officers opinion that subsequent angles of the planet would be too great for a refraction through the inversion, to appear to make the planet look larger.

The most disturbing part of the observation is the fact that Mr Gilbert saw the object only a short while after Mr Dixon, the latter pointing out the phenomena to him, yet his description as the the size, bearing and behaviour of the object differs greatly from Dixons. If this report and the reports from the police constables Davies and Allen are considered separately from Dixons, a possible explanation for the phemomenon would be unusual atmospheric conditions effecting the planet Venus, causing it to appear:

a. much brighter and larger;

b. at a higher angle of elevation than actual;

c. to move around with rapid, short flutters; and

d. with blotches of red around the perimeter.

Central Flying School — 14 Sep 72
(Unit) — (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) — Flight Lieutenant
(Name of Investigating Officer) — (Rank)

ANNEX D TO
HQESL 5/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ....Neil Bernard Davey.... Age ..24..

2. Address of Observer ....25 Tobruk Street, Morwell....

.....Phone Number .....

3. Occupation of Observer ....Policeman....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ....11 Sep 72 4.50am....

How Certain is the date? ....Certain....

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

5. Duration of Observation ....4.50am to 7.00am....

How accurate is your estimate? ....Certain....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ....Traralgon Police Station....

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7. Weather conditions at time of observation ....Dark, starry night....

.....

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

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ....Appeared to be approximately over....

....Glengarry....

b. Angle of elevation ....about 60°....

c. Compass angle bearing .....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ....difficult to say for certain....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ....drawn by another member of....

....public....

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

a. how many were there? ....one....

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

/12. What was

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

Brighter than moon - glowed and dimmed on occasions

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon half size of moon

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) size of tennis ball

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

appeared to be over Glengarry at angle of 60° from Traralgon

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)?

N/K

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 was very rapid. No comparison to familiar objects

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ¾ of an hour

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres moved sideways and then straight up.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Nil

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings straight up from original sighting

b. angle of elevation 90°

c. compass angle bearing N/K

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? still visible at 7.00am

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

dogs barking

/26. State any

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

army service for 2 years

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 3

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

No

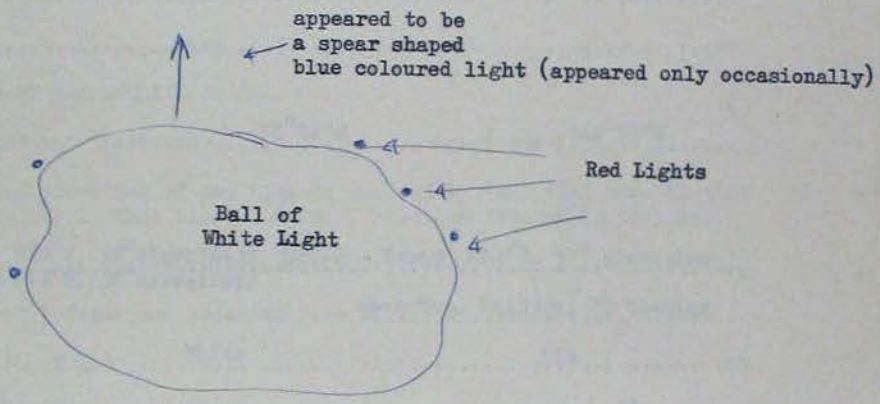
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

Nil

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

The speed with which it moved and the lights around the outside of the object.

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 SIGNED M. B. DAVEY Date 12 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....38°12'S..... Longitude .146°33'E.....

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

0450K - Venus 070°T, 18° elevation) 0700K - Venus 022°T, 37° elevation
- Saturn 012°T, 32° elevation)

36. A meteorological balloon was released from Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier...

at ....101700....Z. Colour ....White..... Weight .....5lb.....xx

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxx/xxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile .surface .calm .1000'-5000' .310/40 ... .2000' .300/40-60 ...

Maximum height tracked .....40.....000ft at .....101730.....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....4...°C

at ....0-1000'....ft, measured at .....1700.....Z hours from .....Laverton.....

.....station. Isothermal layer 3000-5000'

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

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

no aircraft, no radar traces in the area.

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

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

Venus in conjunction with the surface inversion.

Central Flying School — (Unit)

14 Sep 72 — (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) — (Name of Investigating Officer)

Flight Lieutenant — (Rank)

ANNEX 'E' TO
LASESL 5/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ....Ronald W. Allen.....Age ..29...
2. Address of Observer ...C/o Traralgon Police Station.....
   .....Phone Number ..74 3333...
3. Occupation of Observer Senior Constable of Police.....
4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ..6.30 am (approx) 11 Sep 72.....
   How Certain is the date? ...Positive.....
   How accurate is the time of start? ..Certain.....
5. Duration of Observation .....35 minutes.....
   How accurate is your estimate? ...Accurate.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..outside Traralgon Police Station..
   .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation perfectly clear - blue sky.....
   .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ..Nil.....
   .....
9. Where was object first observed?:
   a. Relative to your surroundings ..North of Trarlgon Police Station.....
   .....
   b. Angle of elevation ...30°.....
   c. Compass angle bearing ...North.....
   d. How accurate are these estimates? ..accurately estimated.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? pointed out by Const Davey.....
    Traralgon Police.
    .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
    a. how many were there? ...Nil (Daylight).....
    b. in what formation were they? .....

/12. What was

12. What was the colour of the light or object? ....bright silver....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon ....much smaller than moon....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) ....size of a golf ball....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

Elevation - estimated, bearing - compass, taken off bearings lined up on location at police station.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ....Nil....

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)?

....30°....

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 ....stationary....

....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ....whole time....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ....nil....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ....nil....

....

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings ....as above....

b. angle of elevation ....." "....

c. compass angle bearing ....." "....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ....not known....

....

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

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

Nil

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 5

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

additionall (same day pm)

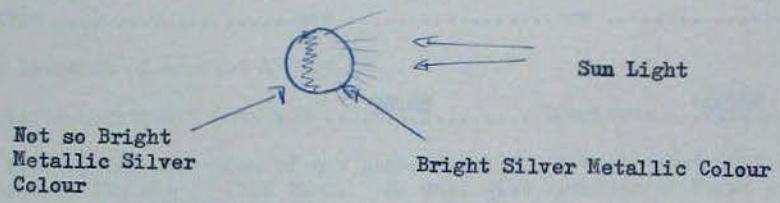
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

no explanation

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.



Signature SIGNED RONALD W ALLEN Date 12 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....3812S..... Longitude ..14633E.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.
Venus - 020°T, 28°-32°; Saturn - 338°T, 36°
.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier) 1700Z

at ...1700....Z. Colour .....white.... Weight .....5lbs.....~~xx~~

Radio-sonde**/~~xxxxxxx Condx**/xxxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile .....surface calm 1000-5000' 310/40 2000 300/40-60.....

Maximum height tracked .....40 000ft/at at all stations .....1730..Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ....4.....°C

at ....0-1000....ft, measured at .....1700.....Z hours from ..Laverton.....

.....station. Isothermal layer from 3000-5000'

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.
no radar traces in the Gippsland area from 1700-2100Z

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

41. The object reported probably xxx*/may have been* (delete as required)
The only possible speculation is that the object may have been Venus, that planet being in approximately the area of the sighting. However, in light of the accompaning statements from Mr Dixon, regarding the initial appearance and behaviour of the object this appears unlikely. However, if Mr Dixons report is treated with caution the sighting can be explained as the planet Venus. See the full report for further details on the sighting.

Central Flying School
(Unit)

13 Sep 72
(Date)

(J.N. OGDEN)
(Name of Investigating Officer)

Flight Lieutenant
(Rank)

ANNEX 'F' TO
HQESL 5/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 Kathleen Perry Age 39

2. Address of Observer Princes Highway, Rosedale

Phone Number 99 2542

3. Occupation of Observer Housewife

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation approx 10.00 pm

How Certain is the date? Certain

How accurate is the time of start? plus or minus 15 minutes

5. Duration of Observation approx 15 minutes

How accurate is your estimate? accurate

6. Observer's location at time of sighting home, Princes Highway, Rosedale

7. Weather conditions at time of observation clear skies

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

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings out kitchen door toward the east and moved south

b. Angle of elevation 15 degrees

c. Compass angle bearing East

d. How accurate are these estimates? reasonably

10. What first attracted observer's attention? the horse was agitated

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

a. how many were there? one light

b. in what formation were they?

/12. What was

12. What was the colour of the light or object? misty blue

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

misty neon light

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 eyes) about 3 feet wide

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

East about 15 degrees - local knowledge

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity:

No

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

150 to 200 feet

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

no movement

20. Give duration of any stationary phases stationary all the time

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres seen in 3 separate places

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen

just a beam of light - funnel shaped

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings south of house

b. angle of elevation 15 degrees

c. compass angle bearing south

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? light just seemed to fade from top to bottom

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

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

No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? son and daughter

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

yes

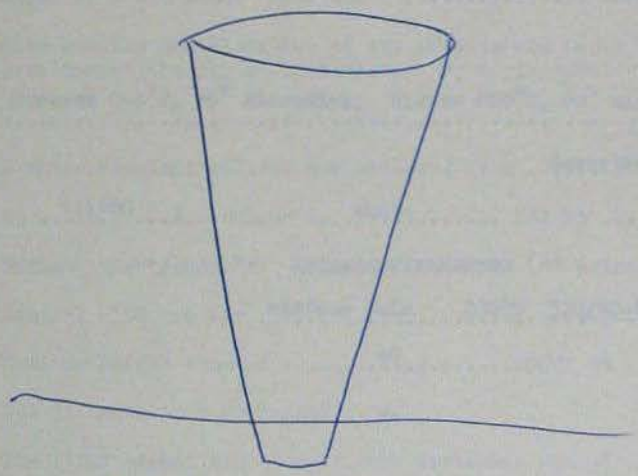
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

No

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 SIGNED K. PERRY Date 12 Sep 72

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 ....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 ....Piper Aztec -C/S MLD....(1) ....(2) ....(3)

Heading ....285.... T .... T .... T

Height ....8500'....000ft ....000ft 000ft

Speed ....145....K .... K .... K

ATD/~~XXX~~ WEST SALE* ....11 1123Z....hrs ....hrs ....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude ....38°09'S.... Longitude ..146°47'E....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.
Procyon 068°T, 25° elevation; Sirius 080°T, 60° elevation
....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier.

at ..111100...Z. Colour ....white.... Weight ....5lb....xx

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile ..surface calm...20000..320/40-60K....30000 320/80-100

Maximum height tracked ....40....000ft at ....1120....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ....3....°C

at ..0-1000...ft, measured at ....111100....Z hours from ..Laverton....

....station.

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

....Nil....

/39. When an

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

MLB was displaying standard navigation lighting; no other radar traces in the area.

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

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

The investigating officer can offer no reasonable explanation for the funnel of light seen by Mrs Perry and her children. It is of interest, that when the investigating officer visited Mrs Perrys house, her husband showed me one of the horses disturbed by the light nearly sixteen hours previously. It was still in an obvious state of distress, and would allow no-one, including its owner to approach.

The weather conditions in the area at 2200K indicated a high moisture content near the surface and strong possibility of fog or mist formation. These conditions lend themselves to the sharp ~~defraction~~ definition of light beams, although the investigating officer could find no explanation for the source of the beam.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL — 14 Sep 72
(Unit) — (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) — Flight Lieutenant
(Name of Investigating Officer) — (Rank)

ANNEX 'G' TO
HQ ESL S/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ...Mr Kenneth Dennis.....Age .25....

2. Address of Observer ..C/- Kilmany Post Office.....

.....Phone Number .49 2485...

3. Occupation of Observer ..Dairy Farmer.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation .11pm...13 Sep 72.....

How Certain is the date? ...Certain.....

How accurate is the time of start? within 10 mins.....

5. Duration of Observation ...20-25 mins.....

How accurate is your estimate? .....reasonable.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting .front porch of home, then bedroom

..window.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ....breeze - clear night.....

.....

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

.....No.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings .out the front of the house - 1½ miles away

.....

b. Angle of elevation ..0° - on the surface.....

c. Compass angle bearing ..due east.....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ..within 15° on bearing.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..noticed a bright light outside

.....

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

a. how many were there? ..4.....

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

Note: 1. When observed first - outside as one light.

2. Inside looking throught the window - as 4 lights.

/12. What was

12. What was the colour of the light or object? white - bright with orange tinge

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

2 times brighter than a car headlight

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon 1/2 inch across

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) ½ inch across

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

local knowledge

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity:

No

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

stayed on the surface

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

5 mph

20. Give duration of any stationary phases No

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres slowly moving approx N-S appeared to turn around on its end when seen as 4 lights.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen

when it turned apparently facing the house, it lit up one ~~hill~~ wall.

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings as first observed

b. angle of elevation as first observed

c. compass angle bearing due east

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? disappeared after call to RAAF Base

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

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

No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 2 (wife)

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?

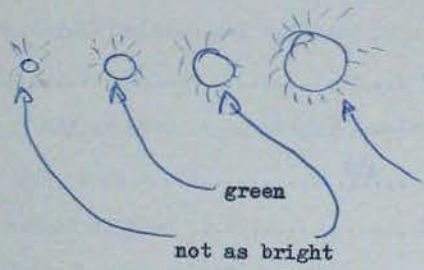
None

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.

1st - observed outside as a single bright light



2nd observation - as seen through bedroom window

Signature SIGNED K. DENNIS Date 14 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....3805S..... Longitude ...14655E.....

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

.....N/A (see conclusion overleaf).....

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

at .....Z. Colour ..... Weight .....gm

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

General wind profile .....N/A.....

Maximum height tracked .....000ft at .....%

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ..N/A...°C

at .....ft, measured at .....Z hours from .....

.....station.

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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*/~~xxxxxxxxx~~ determined.

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

A tractor which was ploughing at night. The machine had lights both front and rear and the shiny blades of the disk plow were further reflecting the light from the rear lamp.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL ..... 14 Sep 72

(Unit) (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) ..... Flight Lieutenant

(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

ANNEX 'H'
HQESL 5/3/AIR (32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 .....LILIAN PALLING.....Age .32....

2. Address of Observer ....Mount Taylor.....

.....Phone Number .....

3. Occupation of Observer ...Housewife.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ...14 Sep 72...1am.....

How Certain is the date? .....Certain.....

How accurate is the time of start? .....within 15 mins.....

5. Duration of Observation .....20 mins.....

How accurate is your estimate? ...accurate.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ...bedroom window.....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..clear still night.....

.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ...no.....

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ....straight out bedroom window.....

.....

b. Angle of elevation .....40°.....

c. Compass angle bearing ...south west.....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ..approximate.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..bright light.....

.....

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

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

....bright as moon....

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon ....bit larger than Venus....

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) ....about an inch....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

....30-40° elevation southwest....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ....no....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity:

....sound like helicopter wavering in pitch....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

....40° dissappeared behind the hill....

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 slowly descended....

....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases ....couple of minutes....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ....vertical movements....

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ....no....

....

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings ....as per 1st sighting....

b. angle of elevation ....

c. compass angle bearing ....

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ....faded away....

....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

....dogs barking....

....

/26. State any

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

No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....1.....

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

No

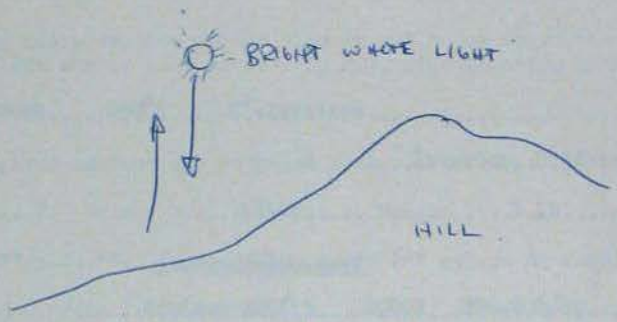
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

No

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

No

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 ..SIGNED.....L. PALLING..... Date ...15/9/72.....

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....37418..... Longitude ....147328.....

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

.....the moon.....240°T.....2° elevation.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ..Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier.

at .131100....Z. Colour .....white..... Weight ....5.lb.....xx

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~Candle**/battery**~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile ..Surface 300/13....20000...250-200/40....30000 250/100

Maximum height tracked .....40.....000ft at .....131130.....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .Nil.....°C However stable layer forming

at ...3000....ft, measured at ...2-1100.....Z hours from .Laverton.....

.....station. ∴ strong possibility of inversion at time of sighting.

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

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

Nil

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

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

The refraction of the moon from an inversion at 3000'. Owing to strong wind at 3000' (40K) the inversion layer would 'roll' causing the constant changing of the angle of the refraction. Therefore the object would appear to descend and rise slowly.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL
(Unit)

15SEP72
(Date)

(J.N. OGDEN)
(Name of Investigating Officer)

Flight Lieutenant
(Rank)

ANNEX 'I' TO
HQESL S/3/AIR(32)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 .....Karron Rodgers.....Age .18....

2. Address of Observer ..6 Hyland Court, Sale.....

.....Phone Number .....

3. Occupation of Observer ..Laboratory Assistant.....

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ..0200-0400 7 Aug 72.....

How Certain is the date? ..Certain.....

How accurate is the time of start? ...within 2 hours.....

5. Duration of Observation ...3 hours.....

How accurate is your estimate? ..reasonable.....

6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..bedroom at home.....

.....

7. Weather conditions at time of observation .....clear skies, no wind.....

.....

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

.....

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ...out the bedroom window.....

.....

b. Angle of elevation ..30°.....

c. Compass angle bearing ..North East (030).....

d. How accurate are these estimates? ..Reasonable.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..awoke early, looked out the window to see if it was still dark.....

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

a. how many were there? ...one.....

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

/12. What was

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

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

much more intense than the sun

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon **about the same as a full moon**

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) **.about.12.inches.**

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

030°T 30° elevation, local knowledge

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? **No**

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity:

No

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?

Bright light stationary - as dawn approached turned to small metallic ball 30°-45°

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 **Extremely fast up and down and sideways movement as light and ball - when initially seen out window - stationary - later as light and ball farther away.**

20. Give duration of any stationary phases .....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres **rapid up & down & sidways movement**

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ....**No**.....

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings **030°T**

b. angle of elevation **45°**

c. compass angle bearing **030°T**

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? **Faded away**

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc) **No - except severe headache.**

/26. State any

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

No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? .....2.....

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?

No

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.

First Sighting

Brilliant white light

SECOND SIGHTING

About the size of golf ball

Signature ...SIGNED K.S. ROGERS..... Date ....13 Sep 72....

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 .....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 Nil .....(1) .....(2) .....(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 38°06'S ..... Longitude 147°05'E .....

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

Venus 070°T, 04° Elev; Saturn 064°T, 14° Elev; Sirius 110°T, 8° Elevation

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

at 061700 ...Z. Colour White ..... Weight 5 lb .....~~xx~~

Radio-sonde**/radar**: ~~xxxxxxx/xxxxxxxx~~ (** delete as required)

General wind profile surface 290/12 2000' 280/30-50 .....

Maximum height tracked .....40,.000ft at 061730 .....Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....1...°C

at 0-1000 ...ft, measured at 061700 .....Z hours from Laverton .....

.....station.

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

.....Nil.....

/39. When an

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

No aircraft, no radar traces in the area.

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

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

No explanation can be put forward regarding the blinding white light seen. However the bright bobbing light was most probably Venus seen through the weak surface inversion.

Central Flying School (Unit)

14 Sep 72 (Date)

(J.N. OGDEN) (Name of Investigating Officer)

Flight Lieutenant (Rank)

ANNEX 'J'
TO HQDESL 5/3/AIR(30)
DATED 25 SEP 72

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 ...Ronald W. Tanian... Age ..43...

2. Address of Observer ...88 Seymour Street, Traralgon...

...Phone Number .74-3333...

3. Occupation of Observer ...Senior Sergeant of Police...

4. Date & Time of Start of Observation ..13 Sep 72 - 4.50am...

How Certain is the date? ..positive...

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

5. Duration of Observation 1st - 5 minutes. 2nd - 15 seconds at 5.00am

How accurate is your estimate? ..very accurate...

6. Observer's location at time of sighting .1st. - in front of Police Stn. Traralgon. 2nd - Princes Highway, Traralgon East.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation ...very rough, strong wind, fast moving cloud which obscured 2nd sighting.

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ...2nd - strong night spotting field glasses.

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings ...just north of due east...

b. Angle of elevation ...45°...

c. Compass angle bearing ...

d. How accurate are these estimates? ...naked eye...

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ...contacted by Constable Davey who observed object 11 Sep 72.

11. If there was more than one light/object: No

a. how many were there? ...

b. in what formation were they? ...

/12. What was

12. What was the colour of the light or object? White - Bluish tinge

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

compared with moon - much brighter

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon similar to Venus

b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes) viewed through gield glasses - 1½"

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?

just north of due East 45° - with naked eye

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)?

No movement

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

N/A

20. Give duration of any stationary phases stationary at all times

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres nil

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen nil

23. Where was object last observed?

a. relative to your surroundings as stated

b. angle of elevation

c. compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? behind clouds

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

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

Police training

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

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

Yes

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

Venus

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

Angle of observation at this particular time

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.

1st Sighting

2nd Sighting with F/glasses

clear outer rim with darker center.

Signature SIGNED R.W. TAHIAN Date 13 Sep 72

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 .....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 ....Nil.....(1) .....(2) .....(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 ....38°12'S..... Longitude .146°33'E.....

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

Venus 045°T 26°Elv; Procyon 058°T 32° Elev; Sirius 068°T 59° Elev

36. A meteorological balloon was released from **Laverton, Mildura, Mt Gambier**

at ....121700....Z. Colour ....White.... Weight .....gm

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

General wind profile **Surface 300/9 200,000' 230-250/40-60-80**

Maximum height tracked ....40.....000ft at ....121730....Z

Was it known to have burst? **NO**

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

at ....12-16000....ft, measured at ....121700....Z hours from ....Laverton....

.....station.

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

Nil

/39. When an

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The star SIRIUS which had a magnitude of -1.5 on the morning of observation.

It is unusual, however, that no 'twinkling' was observed; but if, as is probable, the star was viewed through a thin layer of cloud, this effect is virtually nullified, and a definate circular outline is apparent; the outline being further clarified if viewed through some optical apparatus eg, sextant, or in this case field glasses. A further effect of a thin cloud layer is to apparently magnify the star. If the observers estimation of the angle was poor, the planet Venus would also have given the same effect, Venus being brighter than Sirius, which would further explain the intensity of the observed light.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL
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