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Reference 12/4/1954

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DIA

1 Ref Enclos 15A.

2 Has the sum of money mentioned in ~~the~~ ^{the} paragraph been received?

S. O. J 1954

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W. H. G. J
12.5.

1 L3

The payment has not been received

12/10/54

W. H. G. J
D.F.T.

11.

D/D.A.F./OPS

1. Ref Encl 105 A.B. & 104A.

2. Mr Turner has asked for a copy of his report to be returned to him. I will do so. Have you any comments on the report please?

W. H. G. J
12.3

~~Enc 105A~~ ~~D.S. 105A~~ ^{12.3} Noted. I am not prepared to afford a full-time investigation.

1. You will remember in our discussions concerning flying saucers I mentioned that a Melbourne University professor was doing a scientific appreciation of our reports. The Minister has, I think, been informed of this fact.

2. At enclosure 105A you will find the scientific report which is I think, worthy of your study. You will see that among his recommendations, Professor Turner urges "greater official interest in reports of flying saucers and the establishment of at least one full time investigator."

3. I await your instructions.

24 FEB 55

W. H. G. J
Wing Commander, D/D.A.F.I. (OPS)

Copy to [unclear] 13/2/54
PRO
How who
Flying Saucers
On Friday
approximately
my back door
was a lovely
looked up,
appended to
would think
when nothing of
thought was the
I realised the
and to please
and again, that
that part

16. *Height
17. *Speed
18. State about measuring (12 days ago)
* Since of a s

DE(T)
DIA

- 1 Ref Enclos 15A.
- 2 Has the sum of money mentioned in ~~the~~ final paragraph been received?

Shagel
12.3

5 Oct 1954

10.

1 L3

The payment has not been received

12/10/54

W. W. L. H.
D.F.T.

11.

D/IAFI/OPS

1. Ref Encl 105A B. & 104A.
2. Mr Turner has asked for a copy of his report to be returned to him. I will fix. Have you any comments on the report please?

Shagel
12.3

Jan 1955.

D.C.S.

Noted. I am ^{12.}not prepared to afford a full time ~~investigation~~.

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3. I await your instructions.

W. W. L. H.

24 FEB 55

Wing Commander, D/D.A.F.I. (OPS)

DAFI

Reference Encl 13A. Could I have early advice please, for preparation of Minister's reply.

Louise
for CAA/CAS

4/2/54

DAFI

Reference Encl 18A and Encl 20A/21A.

Can you give urgent advice on this for Minister's reply please. 18A is dependent on 20A/21A. Perhaps D/OPS should advise on Encl 20A/21A.

13/4/54

Louise
for CAA/CAS

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CAA/CAS.

Ref encl 17A.

2. I think the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau (addressed at 18A) should be given the opportunity to avail themselves of Mr Stein's offer

Michael SH
A.I.I.

8.

P.R.O.

At encl 24A is an approved Press release.

6 May 54

Michael SH
DAFI.

CAA (CAS)

Re End 3A.

The film of the unusual sighting at Mauritius when projected shows ~~a~~ a very small light colored object moving across the sky.

Individual frames of the film show nothing detectable by the naked eye. It is therefore quite impossible to produce a print that would be of any value as it just wouldn't show anything.

Department of Civil Aviation have no objection to prints being made from the film and we have no security objection to this, but one might just as well look at a piece of clear glass. The only value is in the record of movement of the ~~very~~ very vague object.

Following by
DHR

Note of Action.

The film has been sent to America for approx 1 month for technical processing.

In the meantime a copy of the original Drury report of the sighting has been passed to D Ops for onward transmission to Farrold.

26 Nov 53

Rosebell
by Cdr.
2/DAFI (Ops).

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Note of Action

The USA Air Attache was today asked to expedite the return of the film mentioned in 112.

5 Jan 54

Rosebell
by Cdr.
2/DAFI (Ops)

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Note of Action.

The USA Air Attache today stated film is on its way.
ETA AFHQ Feb 17.

3 Feb 54

492 101111
CENTRAL OFFICE
Pheasant Creek
New Whittles
8/8/54

RECEIVED
L-11 AUG 1954
CIVIL AVIATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Flagstaff Research Dept.

To Whom it may concern,

PRO 18/2/54
11/6/54
Dear Sir

In the interests of those who wish for information regarding Flying Saucers, I send this, my story.

On Friday night last August 6th at approximately 7-7-5 PM, I walked out of my back door which faces East. It was a lovely clear night, and as I looked up, I saw what at first glance appeared to be a meteor, so I thought I would stand and watch it disintegrate, when nothing of the kind happened, my next thought was that it must be a plane, 'til I realized there was no noise whatsoever, and no plane ever looked like that anyway, and again, that a plane hardly ever used that path. Suddenly, as it continued

To glide, I realized what I was watching +
screaming to my husband, come see, as I
knew he would be skeptical, if he didn't see
for himself, but by the time he came, the
object (which was exactly the color of a
candle flame) and seemed rounded, had
glided behind a bank of clouds coming
from the south. Had the southern end
of the sky been as clear as where I live, I
probably could have watched it glide from one
end of the sky to the other, but as you
can see by the beginning of my letter, my
mind registered quite a few things before
the object sailed out of my sight. About
four seconds, I would say.

I watched the newspapers for signs that
others may have seen something, but read
nothing whatever. Since then I have
realized that I live on the top of a
mountain and therefore much closer to the

they, than that of my city friends. I
 feel however that it may reach
 somebody who takes a professional
 interest in the heavens, and I would
 be most interested to know if any
 one had seen what I experienced
 last Friday night.

Pardon my closeness with the note-
 paper, but this is just all I have left.

Hoping this proves helpful.

I am

Yours sincerely
 (Yours) L. M. Hall.

11-4-197

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Dear Squ-ldr. Birch,

18th. April 1955.

Thank you for obliging with a copy of the report. Apparently my hieroglyphics were not completely baffling. Apart from a "flipped blip", the typist put up an astounding performance.

Regarding the method of propulsion, I am not inclined towards the popular idea that they can use the magnetic field of the earth in some way. There is slight evidence that the earth's magnetic field is a hindrance to them rather than a help - their behaviour appears to be more erratic when crossing the "lines of force" than when travelling along them. Personally, I am inclined towards the idea of their using a jet of charged particles, ions, or something similar, at a velocity of the order of the velocity of light. This would enable fantastic machine velocities for a negligible fuel consumption, provided that a means of accelerating the charges at a sufficiently high flux could be devised. Also they would have to have some suitable seal or similar device to enable operation in the earth's atmosphere. With the limited evidence available, it would seem very premature to speculate further on the subject.

There is another point. Several presumably non-scientific people have mentioned that if these saucers could overcome the effect of gravity, then they could flick about as easily as a beam of light. This is, of course, nonsense. Reduction in weight does not mean reduction in mass. Even if a saucer were to have no weight, it would still possess inertial mass and be subject to the usual "g" stresses. However, their behaviour at times does actually suggest that their mass is quite small. Also, their sudden changes of direction and speed is indicative of their being under remote-control.

It would be very interesting indeed if you could pass on the viewpoint of Washington and London. If there is anyway that I could co-operate further in this matter, I am quite willing to do so.

*All the best,
Harry James*



Squadron Leader A.H. Birch, A.F.C.,
Directorate of Air Force Intelligence

Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE,
AUSTRALIA

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Sender's name and address: H. Turner,
Buckland House, Buckland,
near Faringdon,
BERKS. U.K.

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PLEASE QUOTE

No. 26/11/sec(54a)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Western Area
R.A.A.F.
Pearce
Western Australia

22nd July 1955

The Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne S.C.4.

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Herewith is enclosed report on Unusual Aerial Object sighted by Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Underwood near Perth at 2203 hours 7th July, 1955.
2. There have been no other reports of sighting this object.

Handwritten initials

J. C. Hartley

(J. C. HARTLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer B. D. UNDERWOOD... and... W. J. F.
2. Address of Observer 30. TRAYLEN... R.D. ... KALAMUNDA..
3. Occupation of observer T. ELEPHANT... T. E. HUNTERIAN
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 7th July... 22:03 hours
5. Period of observation(s) 3 seconds myself and 7 seconds for wife
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Between Nambora Rd. & Edroy Rd. on the Maida N. side (via. from Ave.)
Max. vision from a motor car. My wife observed first, thru side window and myself thru windscreen
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
Approx. 12 degrees above horizon in N.E. direction from west of Greenmount way - travelling easterly direction slightly downwards
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
Brilliant light in itself, but out lighting countryside - NO NOISE
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
White hot ball about 5th size of the full moon
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
One... only
11. What was the colour of the light or object (if) all brilliant white
12. What was its apparent shape. self - oval with light around the front
wife - white head with flame coloured pointed tail
13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.
15. Was there any sound. No. Our car makes a fair noise on its own.
16. *Height or angle of elevation Approx. 30 degrees above artificial horizon
17. *Speed or angular velocity Difficult to tell any speed at all as we were ourselves moving
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
measuring degrees from compassing I find it difficult to tell the speed of (12 degrees was checked but it was high). An aeroplane of form in a moving vehicle

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

... *N.W.E. to N.E.*

- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

... *Straight Path or slight curve downwards*

- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen *short tail (not long like a comet)*

- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

I was driving the car and only took a 30 sec second look at it. My wife said it looked as if it went into or over the hills.

- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

... *None.*

- 24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

Clear frosty night - moon somewhere near zenith

- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

... *RAAF NIL*

... *CIVIL NIL*

- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

Quindoo. Anacapa. Pilot Balloon flights at 1700 + 2359 hrs. Local Radio Sunda 1200 hrs Local

- 27. Any additional information

... *NIL.*

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Western Area
R.A.A.F.
Perth
Western Australia

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14 JUN 1955

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne S.C.I.
Victoria

UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

Further to this Headquarters B6/11/Sec(52a) attached is sketch of unusual aerial object sighted by J.A. Morris and G. Martin, near Cue, Western Australia, on 28th April 1955.

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(J.C. HARTLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding.

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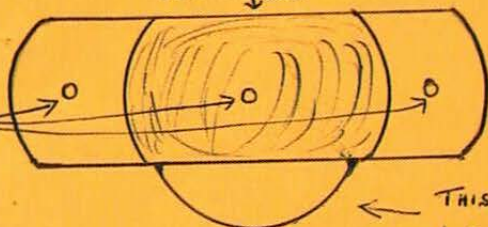
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OBJECT CAME
FROM & RETURNED TO
THE WEST.

THE
ORANGE
GLOW
CAME FROM
THE THREE
PORTHOLES.

CENTRE
PIECE
SEEMED TO PROTRUDE.

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THIS LOOKED
LIKE AN INVERTED
DOME.

THE OBJECT APPEARED TO
FLOAT JUST ABOVE THE
TREETOPS.

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No. B6/44/Sec(52a)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Western Area
R.A.A.F.
Pearce
Western Australia

The Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne Victoria.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS - AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Enclosed is letter by Mr. John A Morris, also completed proformas by Mr. Morris and Mr. G. Martin, regarding unusual aerial sighting near Cue, Western Australia on 28th April, 1955.
2. No other residents at the area who witnessed the phenomenon can be located.



(J. C. HARTLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Officer Commanding

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Received
HQ. W.A.
4 May 55

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Friday, April 29, 1955

Madonna Station,
Via Lee,
West Australia

To: The Intelligence Branch,
Air Force Base,
Perth, W.A.

Dear Sir,

As we have been requested in our home State of Victoria to notify the Air Force of any "Flying Saucers" sighted we presume the case to be the same here.

My friend, Gary Martin, and myself sighted an object which we definitely believe to be a "Saucer" near our quarters on Madonna Station, our place of employment, 2 miles from Lee.

I thought both of us were rather shaken we noted its position, etc., and after it vanished my friend wrote down the following —

"At 11.15 P.M. on the night of Thursday, April 28th, 1955, my friend, by name John Arnold Morris, and myself viewed a strange glowing object which in our opinion was not a natural phenomenon in our sincere opinion it was what has been largely termed by the public and journalists alike as a "Flying Saucer". The object was viewed in an West-ly direction on a practically clear night. The object was viewed thru a pair of binoculars.

"The object was saucer shaped as drawn
here -



As seen by
Gary Martin



As seen by
John Morris

"The object was in view for a period, by our unanimous reckoning, of 3 to 4 minutes.

"The color was an orange glow which appeared to originate from the sections marked "x" on the above diagrams.

"The object was first sighted by John Arnold Morris. To my friend, John Arnold Morris, the object first appeared as an orange blur.

"I, Gary Martin, was called out of bed to view the object, and by the time which occurred between John Arnold Morris first calling me, Gary Martin, and my going outside, the object appeared brighter and more stable to John Arnold Morris.

"The object as viewed by myself, Gary Martin, was bright and stable at the whole period of viewing it.

Signed _____

Robert
What we saw could not be a comet or fire-
ball since it travelled very slowly, coming straight towards


as it stopped, it appeared, above some trees.
Later it travelled backwards until it seemed to vanish
behind the trees. It had a definite shape, and I
could see, thru the binoculars, what appeared to be
portholes. No known vehicle was travelling on the highway
at that time to cause any reflections.

If so desired by you, we are willing to
give any information we can concerning our sighting.

Yours, etc.,

John Morris

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer..... GARY MARTIN
2. Address of Observer..... MADONGA STATION VIA CUE, W.A
3. Occupation of observer.....
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
THURSDAY 28th APRIL 1955 2315 HRS.
5. Period of observation(s)... *Approx. 5 mins.*
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
*Madonga Station about 1/2 mile North East of here.
Went w. pair of field glasses after first sighting
object*
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
Appeared over the horizon & came towards me.
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
Was acquainted of the presence of the object by John Morris
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
When first sighted seemed to be a glow of light which took shape on observation
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Only one object
11. What was the colour of the light or object. *Orange to red colour.*
12. What was its apparent shape. *Oval shape with slight indentation*

13. Was any detail of structure observable... *No*
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... *No*
15. Was there any sound... *No*
16. Height or angle of elevation... *Appeared to the one the sea level about 1/2 to 3 miles away*
17. Speed or angular velocity... *Seemed to drift slowly towards observer & then retreat in the same direction.*
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Nil

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

Appeared to come from a westerly direction & retreat in the same direction.

- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

On a straight path

- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.

No, only the object itself

- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Over the horizon

- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

Nil

- 24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

Clear sky. Fine night

- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

None known Nil

- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

At Carnarvon + Geraldton - approx 240 + 190 miles distant respectively

- 27. Any additional information

Nil

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer... JOHN ARNOLD MORRIS
2. Address of Observer... MADONGA STATION VIA CUE W.A.
3. Occupation of observer.....
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
THURSDAY... 28TH APRIL 1955 2315 HRS.
5. Period of observation(s)..... Returns 3-4 minutes
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
Madonga Station about 60 mts. North East of Cue.
Used Binoculars after first sighting object.
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
Appeared from the West in a thin orange blue & then came down & appeared to retreat over the horizon.
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
Flashed in direction of object & returned & left.
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
Appeared first as a light & then took on definite shape.
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Only one object.
11. What was the colour of the light or object... Orange
12. What was its apparent shape... Oval shape with an object underneath.
13. Was any detail of structure observable... Appeared to have 3 definite round holes from which the orange glow seemed to come.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... No
15. Was there any sound... No
16. *Height or angle of elevation... Appeared to be about two feet high about 1/4 of a mile away.
17. *Speed or angular velocity... travel slowly towards observer - then go back again.
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
Nil

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Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
..... *Apparent to come from West & go back the same path*
20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.
..... *On a straight path*
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... *No*
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
..... *Disappeared over the horizon*
23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
..... *Nil*
24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)
..... *Fine clear night*
25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
..... *None known Nil*
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
..... *at Coimbatore & Guadalupe approx 240 & 190 miles distant respectively*
27. Any additional information
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Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 273/8/Air(44A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Home Command
Perth 1W
New South Wales



20 JUN 1955

Secretary
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne, S.C.1 (Copy for Info: N.E.A.H.Q)
Victoria

REPORT ON UNUSUAL SIGHTING

1. The enclosed letter was handed to C.I.(S).O by S.O.A. North Eastern Area Headquarters, during a visit of the former to Townsville on 13th June 1955. The addressee is a Mr. C. Craig, c/- Buzacotts, Flinders Street, Townsville.
2. The pilot has not been interrogated, as it was considered that he would have very little pertinent information to offer other than that provided in the letter. In addition, the information was some weeks late in being received and as the aircraft had disappeared from the area, no action was taken.
3. For your information and action, if considered necessary.

J. Headlam
FOR (J. HEADLAM)
Air Commodore
for Air Officer Commanding

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BURKETOWN, N.Q.

Empire Day 1955

Dear Clarence,

As usual I've been wondering how you were faring and, as usual, not getting any news. It seems a long time since I heard from you. I've been more than busy and the year seems to have been galloping. I can hardly credit that the half way mark and tax returns are almost due again, but I was reminded of it last night when one of the local mailmen came in for assistance with last year's return which is being demanded in a hurry.

The year has been unusual for climate. The earlier erratic wet season, with practically no S.E. weather was followed lately by early winter cold, in turn followed by summery weather and now by overcast skies and some rain. We had 70 points to 9 a.m. to-day and a little more since but Dobbys had 10 inches and "Riversleigh", I heard, had 8 inches. Today's Dobbys mail has not gone out and the inward Camooweal mail is held up at "Riversleigh." We are hoping the air service will turn up to-morrow.

I have been wondering a bit about a story told me recently. It seems strange indeed but I think it should be considered by the right people. If Andy Dale is still interested, you might give him a ring and pass this on, or if Andy is no longer in the business, you probably know his successor.

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The hunt for minerals is not abandoned here yet. We have heard of a supposed uranium find of high quality. I'm inclined to doubt it as Jack Gordon combed the district thoroughly two or three times. I heard a little while ago that Jack was found dead somewhere about the Kimberleys.

I have just been looking over some mineral specimens sent in for the school. I have limestone, chalk, mica, some quartz samples, including crystal form and the purple variety, and some copper. One of the copper specimens looks very rich and is stated to test at 74%. I have a little bottle of tin sand also, but it is rather poor. I hope to put a counter over the lot this week.

It is just past midnight, so I'd better turn in. Best wishes to you all,

STUART PALMER

P.S. I'd be grateful if you would have someone send me a spare outside glass for a battery testing hydrometer - about 2 inch inside diameter or, failing that, a complete one. Mine has just met its fate. I think the whole new one might be best as the old rubbers are perishing. I am enclosing £1 note. You might like to join me in a Casket ticket from the change.

SP.

29th May 1955

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STUART PALMER.

Marketsburg, N. D.
Empire Day, 1955.

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Dear Clarence,

As usual I've been wondering how you were faring and as usual not getting any news. It seems a long time since I heard from you. I've been more than busy and the year seems to have been galloping. I can hardly credit that the half-way mark and tax returns are almost due again but I was reminded of it last night when one of the local malmen came in for assistance with last year's return which is being demanded in a hurry.

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Peter Bretcher Stuart Palmer.

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FRED STONE ADELAIDE

(11/6/55)

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R.A.A.F. H.Q.
Melbourne. Vic.

22 Northcote St.
KILBURN. S.A.
June. 4th 1965

Dear Sir.

Following upon my telegram sent this morning requesting an interview with you for next Saturday morning if possible, I must apologise for the suddenness of this request, but owing to various things I could not get my committee together earlier to discuss this intended visit, and their approval.

As I am making this trip across hurriedly and in conjunction with another personal matter, I would therefore like to put the committee to at less expense as possible and thus save them any other expense than necessary.

There are a number of questions which I am anxious to put to your dept. some mainly for our guidance and your approval, as well as in the hope of formulating some plan of direction from you in which we can work amicably in liaison with your branch, and thus serve not only the community in our work of research, but if possible assist our country also in the same.

I will be arriving by express and would suggest that perhaps an early interview in the morning from say ten onwards, this I do knowing that it is a holiday week end and feeling probably you personally would like to have this availability of same with your family and not desiring to interfere with this too much.

Such arrangements would make it possible for me to complete my other matters in the latter part of the day and enable me to return to Adelaide the next evening with out much loss financially to my personal matters.

Should however such be inconvenient for you to arrange I would be grateful if you could wire me regarding same so that I can cancel the transport and booking details.

Hoping this will not inconvenience you too much and looking forward to a very pleasant mutual and co-operative chat with you.

I am,
Yours Faithfully,

Fred Stone

PRES. And Gen. Secretary

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From: Squadron Leader A.M. Birch, A.F.C.,

Air Force Head-Quarters,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

5th April, 1955.

Dear Mr Stone

109A.
Thankyou for your letter of the 7th March, 1955.
I regret the delay in answering it, but I have been away
on leave.

For your information, the discussion during
the brief interview I had with Mr. Jarrold mainly
concerned the possibility of his Society causing
embarrassment to the Royal Australian Air Force by
investigating reports of unidentified flying objects
which he thought could be secret guided missile research
flights.

I assured him that if his Society cared to
submit any initial sighting reports which he considered
to be in this category, we would gladly give a clearance
to investigate them if no considerations of security
were involved.

My Director would be happy to extend this
service to your Society also.

I am afraid that we cannot assist you in your
request for security information about members or potential
members of your Society.

When you are in Melbourne later in the year,
I would be glad if you could call and see me.

Yours sincerely
A.M. Birch

Mr. F. Stone,
President,
The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society,
22 Northcote Street,
Kilburn,
South Australia.

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OFFICERS MESS,
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,
POINT COOK.

5 Mar.

Dear Dawson,

Enclosed are my rough notes written out last night. I have not had time to put them in better form and have them typed, but trust they provide all the information you need.

I was rather anxious to get the details in in case this chapkie spoke to the press and you started getting questions.

Yrs sincerely,

J. Ingleden

Telephone call, ^{was received} from Mr Sheeron, 470
Lygon Street Carlton. (F15241) at ~~about~~
20.45 to 20.50 hrs. He asked for US
intelligence officer

Sheeron reported an odd ^{looking} red light
very high, moving about N.N.E to E
away from his location. He said it did
not look like an aircraft, but might have been
a balloon with a light attached.

He took photos with a movie camera
but had little hope of results - as he
had slow film.

I telephoned Duty Officer T.C.H.G. and
asked him to check with Essendon search
Radar and suggested he phone duty
officer, Dept of Air.

I also phoned control Pt Cook and
asked them to note any aircraft position
known and also to ~~state~~ ^{find out} whether net
balloons had been flown.

I received a further call at 2057 (from Sheeron)
stating that a similar object (of the same one)
was then immediately overhead.

I phoned command again - and was
told that a jet (a Vampire) was
doing circuits from Essendon. I then
phoned Sheeron, who said there was no
jet noise and no ^{new} lights ^{were}
showing. ^{He said} ^{the} ^{light} ^{moved} ^{essentially} ^{and} ^{that} ^{it} ^{seemed} ^{to}
be circling. The light could be seen at

I phoned and at 2112 it was
Lygon Street from his house and
calls. ^{and} ^{with}

~~and tonight are bygone street.~~
There were a number of people present - ^{with Shearon} who respectively estimated 8000 feet, 12000 feet & "much higher" - One person present suggested it could be a small aircraft with no navigation lights but with a light on in the cabin which appeared & disappeared as the aircraft turned.

Shearon is an ex. serviceman who appears quite objective and careful in his reporting. He was obviously not a "hoaxer" (or if so ^{his ability and} the background comments on the phone were well rehearsed).

There seems little doubt ^{in my opinion} that it was a Vampire sighted. For public relations reasons however ^{it may be desirable} I ~~suggest that~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~phoned~~ ~~and~~ the matter ~~discussed~~ with him ~~to~~ ~~demonstrate~~ our interest.

I thanked him for his report, told him that the matter was being checked tonight & would be checked in detail in the morning - and informed him that we may ^{ask} ~~contact~~ him for further information at a later date.

I don't know if he phoned any newspapers or many anyone other than myself.

Times listed above were noted roughly and quickly - They should be correct within \pm or - 2 minutes or the outside ^{however,} as I checked my watch against a radio time announcement (not a time signal) within half a hour of the calls.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

~~Flt. Lt. Fogarty~~
D.A.F.I.

1. The Duty Officer at Headquarters, Training Command, last night rang the officer on duty here at Department of Air, who made the following entry in the log book.

2055K Call from Duty Officer T.C. re report by Mr. Sheeran (librarian, FJ5241) 470 Lygon Str. Carlton (thru W/C Ingledeu) of the sighting of a strange object of reddish appearance flying very high in a northerly or north-easterly direction.

2. The call was apparently made to H.Q.T.C. by W/C Ingledeu, on behalf of Mr. Sheeran.

Keith R. Meggs
Flg. Off.
A.O.R. Controller.

9 Mar 55

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Capetown.

WORK and assist one another the more easily. This being so I should be glad if you would enlighten me on any matters which you may desire us to assist you in your work as well as any particular phase in which you feel we might ignorantly transgress in regard to security. Which is the last thing we wish to do, it being our constitutional agreement to assist and owe allegiance to the Constitutions of Her Gracious Majesties government as well as that of the Commonwealth.

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In this regard therefore I would be glad if you could give me some enlightenment into the security status of the following men who have been recommended to assist us in an advisory panel, and if not personally give me the name of someone whom I can contact here for such future reference or whom I can contact for any important matters which come to our investigation, some of which are not reported publicly or to any other

22 Northcote St.
MILBURN. S.A.
March 7th. 1966.

Squad. Leader.
A.H. Birch.
Victoria Barracks.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,
The above society has recently been formed here in south Australia, for the purpose of intelligent research work in the above subject.

Previously to this I personally was the S.A. president of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, under the leadership of Mr. Edgar Jarrold, who was in contact with you last July.

Unfortunately the amalgamation of my society with Mr Jarrold after twelve months did not work out as happily as anticipated, and it was found, that whilst remaining on the most friendly terms and co-operative basis with he and his society, it was necessary to form our own with a firmer business basis.

As with him and his bureau, the desire to keep in touch with your Dept. and its affairs, as well as to affirm our willingness to assist and co-operate is also our sincere desire.

I regret that Mr. Jarrold was not very communicative regarding the outcome of his interview with you, this could be easily understood, except that he had agreed that between us there should be perfect clarity to enable us to

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responsible body .

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The names required for tabulation are .

Keith M Cartwright . Is Maxwell Rd. Hampstead.

Ex' R.A.A.F. Navigator .

Present occupation Land salesman .

(This case is investigated because his wife has habit of using strong communistic phrases ' she herself was in the services .)

John . R. Bushell . 20 Milton Kat Ave. Pullarton Est .

nothing known except claims to be an engineer schooled in

science physics, aeronautics, astronomy.

is very anxious to come on committee , but was unusually curbed as to our connections with security .

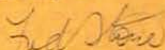
Normally of course we do not trouble to investigate members personal lives , except for assuring them of our allegiance as quoted above but we are very anxious that all those on our committee are safe to talk even security matters with . as well as those who act on the advisory panel. I hope that you do not think that such is overdone , but the experience of the writer has been that such is necessary . and my committee are most anxious that no red taint shall be hurled at our work or management .

I hope to be visiting Melbourne later on in the year and hope then that you will grant me an interview in which you may be able to personally explain in what way we can colabobate with you and your department.

Hoping that I have not burdened you unnecessarily, and that you will accept the offer of my society and of myself to assist you in any way , and that the same will be reciprocated ,where possible .

I am .

Yours faithfully .



Hon. President and Gen. Secretary.

D.A.F.I.
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

TELEPHONE: FJ 9171.

PLEASE QUOTE
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METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH,
DEPT. OF INTERIOR,
P.O. BOX 1289 K,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

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8th March, 1956.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.



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I am enclosing a letter from Mr. W. A. Kerr of Yannathan Victoria describing some astronomical phenomena which he has observed.

2. This Department does not make investigations into phenomena of this nature so I am passing the material to you as I believe your Department is interested in these matters.

E. W. Timcke
(E. W. TIMCKE) *WA*
Director.

Encl. ✓

DAFI

Loves as though this is more in the nature of business for the Observatory to comment upon.

Johns

[Signature]

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25/2/55



Mr. W. A. Kerr
c/o Butter Factory
Gannathan, Vic

Dear Sir,

This is just a few lines enquiring about a few strange things which have been taking place in the sky lately. A few years ago I wrote to you about rain and what direction it came from that was a northerly rain with a easterly surface wind. This letter that I am writing to you about this time is about planets, I am saying now before I explain all of this to you that this is a very true but strange happening, but they would be many people if I told them what I saw they would just laugh, but this is a very strange occurrence, but as I might mention it is still occurring every now and then. Well I tell of all what I have seen, about a month ago I was having dinner at Grantville that is where we cart gravel for the Cambourne shire council

C.S.O

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and I was finished dinner and ~~laying~~^{lying} down under the side of a truck just looking up towards the sky and suddenly I noticed a small silver spot through the broken clouds, and of course the first thing I thought it was a jet, but as the cloud moved away I could see that it wasn't a jet plane it was a star and this star has been appearing every day and I have been looking for him every chance I have had, and several of other work mates see him ~~so~~ he is laying about 25th degrees south west from the sun. The best time to see him is about 12-30 pm to 1-30 pm. But this part of the story is nothing to what happened on Tuesday 22 february at 12-15 pm. I was ~~by~~ laying down after dinner as usual having a bit of a rest before I started again and I was looking up for this star again, there were a few clouds in the sky but for a while I couldn't see anything, but so I looked

and looked in the usual place but I happened
about south this was about 25 degrees to the
left from where I saw him but this one
appeared much bigger and brighter about four
times, and I pointed him out to one of my
work mates but the most strange thing
he was saying on the west side of sirius cloud
but both appeared not to be moving, but after
at least a half hour seemed to move so I
took more particular notice, but within an
hour this star or planet we might call them
moved eastward at least 60 to 70 degrees easily
Now as the sun rises in the east and so do
all the stars to my knowing but they all
move westward the same as the sun and moon
But what could this have been a planet
moving in a solar movement in the
opposite direction to all of the others But I
will mention this would not be a aeroplane
because for the size, it would be moving
so slow, and if it was so high
for this speed you wouldn't see it.

(4)

I am sure that it would not be any weather balloons because it was too bright but if I said it was a flying saucer well I would be saying something I could not answer because it was round and bright the same as any other star would look at night. I am waiting to see if this appears again and I am going to try and photograph it but I might never see it again, the other star can be seen daily but I don't think I could possibly photo him because of size but the other object could have been it printed dark. But as I do my own photo work and I do obtain any photos of them I will forward them to you for observation. I will draw a full scale diagram of what I have been seeing I would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

P.S. If you want to know any more of this I will be pleased to do so.

yours faithfully
Mr. W. A. Kerr

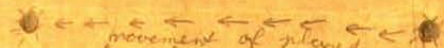
scale of planets and sun in s

~~east~~ east.

south

s. west

this object appeared 22/2/55
moved eastward.



movement of planet
or object roughly
3 to 1 hour to
cover this distance.

east

this planet
appearing every
day about 12-15 to 1-30
25 degrees
south west.

West



Sun

northwards
move of sun
toward aether

Sun and other
stars move west

north east

n. west

north

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No 5/6/AIR. (62A)

Headquarters Training Command,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE, 303.Secretary,
Department of Air (D.A.F.T.)
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, 301.

2 MAR 1955

(Copy Department of Civil Aviation)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT:

1. On 25 FEB.1955, the Department of Civil Aviation reported that a sighting of an unusual aerial object had been made by a Mr. Newton, employee of the Burwood Boys' Home, Burwood.
2. It was also advised that Civil Aviation radar facilities failed to depict any object in the reported area, and that there were no aircraft or meteorological balloons in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
3. Mr. Newton was immediately contacted by the Staff Officer Intelligence at this Head-Quarters. Details given were:-
 - (a) the object sighted appeared as a star in close proximity to the sun;
 - (b) the object sighted had been observed for some three or four days - from 0600 hours until approximately 1500 hours;
 - (c) the object appeared to move from East to West;
 - (d) on one occasion the object appeared to move from West to East;
 - (e) the object was also sighted at approximately 1730 hours on the 25 FEB 1955;
 - (f) Civil Aviation Meteorological Bureau was informed. This Department advised that the object was probably a star;
 - (g) the "Argus" Newspaper was informed - they advised that the object was probably a result of cloud reflection.
4. The S.O.Intell. further contacted Mr. Newton on the 28 FEB.1955 and from the description and positions given, it was thought that the object sighted was probably Venus and that the apparent movement was based on the positions of the object at various intervals relative to the sun and the horizon.
5. A study of the Air Almanac of 1955 showed that the positions given by Mr. Newton resembled closely the positions of Venus at the particular times in question.
6. The S.O.Intell. visually checked the object and he considers that there is reasonable conclusive proof that the object sighted was the Planet Venus.

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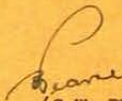
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7. It can be concluded, therefore, that:-
- (a) the apparent movement of the object was characteristic of a star relative to the earth and observed relative to the sun and the horizon;
 - (b) the position and times of the object agreed with those of "Venus" as calculated from the Air Almanac 1955;
 - (c) the apparent reversed direction of movement could have been due to a movement of the observer's head or datum point on the ground;
 - (d) although Venus set at approximately 1700 hours on the 25 FEB.1955, the object sighted at 1730 hours could possibly have been Venus and an error made in the estimation of the time, or alternatively another planet, e.g. Sirius, which would have been bright enough to be observed at that time of day.
 - (e) the object sighted was Venus and no further action is considered necessary.



(C.W. PEARCE)
Group Captain
SENIOR AIR STAFF OFFICER.

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No. B6/11/¹⁴⁶~~146~~ (146A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters
Western Area
R.A.A.F.
PEARCE, W.A.

Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
MELBOURNE, VIC.

1 MAR 1955

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS, AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Enclosed herewith are reports on an unusual aerial sighting to the south of Carnarvon by Messrs. W.E. GODFREY and P. ANNEGARN on 15th December 1954.
2. No other report has been received on this sighting.
3. Delay in forwarding these reports was occasioned by completed pro-formas not reaching this Headquarters until 24th February 1955.

J. C. Hartley
(J. C. HARTLEY)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding.

Encl:

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer..... Peter ANNEGARN
2. Address of Observer..... 180 Durlacher St., Geraldton, West Australia.
3. Occupation of observer..... Insurance Salesman
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
.. 15th December 1954. 0300 hours. (H)
5. Period of observation(s)..... Approximately 25 minutes
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).

Between 50 and 67 miles South of Carnarvon on the main Geraldton Rd. the light was observed in E. SE direction from car, travelling at same speed
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
East-South Easterly direction
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
Light
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
First as a light but when 67 miles Sth. of Carnarvon object
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
Only one object
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Orange colour
12. What was its apparent shape... Oval if anything
13. Was any detail of structure observable... A series of orange coloured thin lights gave the appearance of path lights
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... NO
15. Was there any sound... NO
16. *Height or angle of elevation... Angle varied as object came closer, but at closest range... slightly above horizon
17. *Speed or angular velocity... moving at same speed as car during any close approach
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
I'm Royal Dutch Army officer

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. *From 30-67 miles South of Cairnairn*

Southerly direction, parallel with Car in which I travelled, later came towards the Car in Westerly direction seen by object.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvure at all. (See 19)

Object came closer to car, when pulled up with lights extinguished

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *No trail*

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in min-air, behind a hill, over the horizon. *Object went out suddenly, a few minutes later, object (orange island light) was seen in N-NE. direction at great distance.*

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

Object was noticed by another passenger independently.

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

Cloudy! Object was definitely visible with clouds behind it

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

Nil.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

*CARRINGRYON? BALLOON FLIGHTS AT 0500, 1100, 1700 AND 2300 LOCAL TIME
GERRALTON*

27. Any additional information

See report by ~~R. HARRISON~~ W.E. GODFREY.

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

S. J. Davies Per. 1952.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer..... William Ernest GODFREY
2. Address of Observer... 4 Arnold Street, Northam, Western Australia
3. Occupation of observer... ~~Insurance~~ Salesman
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
... 0300 hours (H) 15th December 1954
5. Period of observation(s)..... 26th
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
... 67 Miles NE South Coast, Visual Observation
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
... E. S. E.
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
... Light
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
... Light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
... None
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Orange
12. What was its apparent shape... Similar to P. Dimpled Plate
13. Was any detail of structure observable... No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious ... No
15. Was there any sound..... No
16. *Height or angle of elevation. NEARLY HORIZONTAL APPROX. 200'
17. *Speed or angular velocity... No Knowledge
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
... Only Formation is to be Light Becomes Closer & Closer

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

*By Ballon Transatlantic Flight to N.W. Coast of E. S. I. Observer
Accompanied by LIGHT TO KNOWN DISTANCE.*

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

*Remained By Forward View For 20' When We Reached Can. Coast (Can. In
Close)*

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *LIGHTS SEEN*

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

Mid Air

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

No.

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

EASTERN CLOUD BANK WITH NO STARS VISIBLE IN THAT

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

*DIRECTION
NIL NONE*

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

Spaldton and Laramie BALLOON FLIGHTS {0500, 1100} LOCAL TIME {1700, 2300}

27. Any additional information *See attached report*

SEE REPORT BY T. ANNEGARN

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

W. H. P. 2783

SGT. ALLAN.

I have to report that William Ernest GODFREY of The City Mutual Insurance Office St. George's Terrace Perth telephoned this station at 7.30pm. and reported the following :-

This morning at 3am. he was travelling by car about 67 miles South of Carnarvon with Peter ANNEGARN of the above same address when they saw a "Flying Saucer". The Saucer kept pace with their car for twenty minutes in which time they travelled about 18 miles. They then stopped the car and both men sat by the roadside and watched the machine. They saw it bank and then immediately disappear.

GODFREY said that a light was shining from both ends of the machine. He could give no further description owing to the bad light but both he and ANNEGARN are convinced that they saw a "Flying Saucer".

GODFREY will call at the Police Station on the 16. 12. 54 and give a statement.

Northam Station.
15. 12. 54.

A. K. Smith
Constable 2241.

SGT. ALLAN.

I have to report that I obtained a Statement, attached, from William Ernest GODFREY this date in relation to his report by telephone to me on the 15.12.54 "Re alleged "Flying Saucer" sighted 67 miles south of Carnarvon on the 15.12.54 at 3am."

GODFREY is a sensible type of man and practically a Teetotler. He told me whilst giving the statement that he has always been very sceptical in regard to "Flying Saucer" reports but he is now convinced of their existence as was his companion at the time, Peter ANNEGARN.

ANNEGARN who resides at Geraldton informed GODFREY that he would make a report to the Police at Geraldton.

Northam Station.
16. 12. 54

A. K. Smith
Constable 2241.

William Ernest GODFREY states :-

I am 38 years of age and I am employed as an Insurance Inspector employed by the City Mutual Insurance Coy. of St. Georges Terrace Perth.

At present my address is 4 Arnold St. Northam. I will Transferring to Perth on the 20.12.54.

At 3 am. on the 19.12.54 I was travelling by car from Carnarvon to Geraldton. I was accompanied by Peter ANNEGARN of 180 Durlacher St. Geraldton. He is also employed by the City Mutual Insurance Coy.

At that time we were travelling about 67 miles South of Carnarvon.

We were travelling in a due Southerly direction.

I then noticed in the sky in a Easterly by South East direction ^{an} orange light in the sky. The light appeared to be about the size of a dinner plate to me and I would say it was about two miles away.

ANNEGARN then said to me, "What the hell do you think that is?"

I said in a joking manner, "I think it is a "Flying Saucer" ".

We were both interested but we did not take a great deal of notice.

We watched the light for exactly twenty minutes whilst we were travelling. The light kept coming on and then disappearing.

We travelled 18 miles in that twenty minutes and the light kept the same distance from us.

We then stopped the car and we got out watched the light for exactly 4 minutes.

When we stopped the light came towards us, as the light became larger. I would say that the light came to within a quarter of a mile from us.

I would say that the light belonged to some sort of a machine.

When the machine got to within a quarter of a mile from us it started to turn and then we definitely saw what appeared to be port holes along the side of the machine. Also another large light appeared at the rear of the machine. This light was not as large as the one in the front.

I say that the machine was turning because when the rear light came into view I could see portion of the front light. I timed the machine when it started to turn and I say that a complete turn took 30 seconds. The machine was turning for the full 4 minutes when we were watching it. The machine then completely disappeared.

We remained at the side of the road and 4 minutes later I saw the same orange ^{due} North from where we were standing. The light was then about the size of a dollar piece. It appeared to be a considerable distance away. We saw the light for another 30 seconds then it disappeared completely. We did not see it again.

When the machine was at its closest point to us I would say that it was about 200 feet in the air.

Witness W. E. Godfrey

Witness Peter Annegarn

I could not give a further description of the machine nor could I give an estimate of its size but both ANNEGARN and I definitely consider that we saw an unusual type of machine.

The times I have given in this statement are exactly correct as I checked with my watch which has a large seconds hand. The distances given by me regarding the lights I saw is only my estimate.

I have read this statement through and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true and correct in every detail

Witness. *W. H. Smith* Signed. *W. E. Gandy*
Constable 2241. I6. 12. 54.

~~Letter~~
The report and letter
have been typed and
placed on file (section of report etc.)
C.S.W.

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Buckland House
Buckland
near Faringdon
BERKS

12th Jan 1955.

Dear Jerry,

My sincere regrets at handing this bundle of trouble over to you. It would be unwise to have the report typed at Harwell and it is beyond my own capabilities, so could you possibly arrange for the typing to be done in your section please. I can but hope that my writing is not too mystifying. Would it be too much if I were to ask for a copy to be ~~returned~~ sent to me partly for checking, partly for reference. If you wish to rearrange the presentation, please go ahead.

Would it be possible to let me know of the results of your request to the Washington liaison? Also the reaction, if any, to the accompanying report? Is there anything you would like me to do in the U.K. - such as contacting the R.A.F. counterparts?

When I made my final hurried visit to RAAF H.Q. to return the files, you were away so I'm afraid I was not able to say cheerio and

to thank you for your co-operation. My apologies
for being slow with the report, but if it weren't for
the time on board ship being sufficient to allow most
of it to be done, it would never have been started.
What has been written, has been written hurriedly.

I am enclosing a covering letter addressed to
the Secretary. Would you be kind enough to
attach it to the finally typed copy.

I would be pleased to hear of any further
interesting reports.

With thanks indeed,

Yours sincerely,
Harry Furner

TELEPHONE:

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters,
R.A.A.F.,
LAVERTON. VIC.

21st December, 1954.

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Air Force Headquarters, (Attention D.A.F.I.)
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

(Copy to Headquarters, Home Command)

SUSPICIOUS FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded herewith is letter dated 16th December, 1954 received from Mr. A. Moller, 88 Churchill Road, Morwell, Victoria, relative to suspicious flying objects.

L. J. Billing
(L.J. BILLING)
Squadron Leader,
for Officer Commanding.

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Encl. ✓

Howell 16th Dec. 1954.

Dear Sir,

I want to report two (or possibly three) strange jet-aircraft sighted at high altitude over the Yellowknife-Howell area on Monday afternoon the 13th between 3³⁰ and 4 p.m. - It may be wrong to use the term aircraft, because the objects looked more like a tennis ball and of the same colour. - One would suddenly appear, and in a matter of seconds a jet-stream was visible, but the object disappeared ^{upwards} at such a fantastic speed, that it was not possible to see it, but for the brief appearance, when the jet-stream was visible. - There was something else peculiar about the whole thing, because "the exhaust" would fan out more like a minor atomic explosion at one place. Or maybe like the exhaust, when a booster-rocket is fired. - Another strange thing was, that we did not hear the

usual whine after jet-motors. -

I pointed out the objects to one of my working-mates. -

There were a few clouds to the east, but it was bright sunshine to the north-west and west.

where we saw "the tennis-balls".

We thought it possible, that the R.A.F. could have been carrying out exercises, but for the absence of noise from planes. - The whole thing lasted ~~for~~ approx. 20 minutes, with repeat performance. -

Hoping this will be of some use.

I remain yours sincerely

A. Moller

88 Churchhill Rd.

Norwell. -

P.S. Please don't use my name unless necessary. -



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Headquarters;
Home Command,
R.A.A.F.,
Penrith
New South Wales.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your 5/1/Air (7A), ^{77A} 31st August, 1954.

1. It is advised that no further action is to be taken on this matter.

R.A.C. Ellison
by Cdr

H. (A.D. CHARLTON)
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff

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Office of the Air Attache,
Australian Embassy,
3148 Cleveland Avenue,
Washington 8, D.C.,
U.S.A.

FLYING SAUCER REPORTS.

Your 5/1/Air, 24th November, 1954.

1. Forwarded herewith, for your information, are copies of correspondence between Headquarters, Home Command and this Head-Quarters on the above subject.

R.G.G. Ellis:
Wj. Chr.

(A.D. CHARLTON)
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff

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MINISTERIAL ENQUIRY - RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, NOWRA.

Secretary,
Department of Air. (Copy to C.A.S.)

1. Attached is a copy of a report received on the 4th October, 1954, from the Department of the Navy concerning the above sightings.
2. Since the beginning of August until quite recently, all reports on unidentified flying objects were referred to Mr. G.H. TURNER of the Physics Department of the University of Melbourne, who had offered to carry out a statistical analysis on such reports.
3. Before his recent departure for England, Mr. TURNER stated that he would be submitting a report on the results of his research. The report has not yet been received.

16 DEC 54


Group Captain, D.A.F.I.

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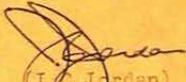
Secretary
Air Board
Victoria Barracks
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AUSTRALIA

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FLYING SAUCER REPORTS

Your advice as to when an answer to this office letter 5/1/Air(2a) dated 22 June, 1954 can be expected, would be appreciated.

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(J.C. Jordan)
Squadron Leader
for Air Attache'
Royal Australian Air Force

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

3rd December, 1954.

IN REPLY QUOTE.....

Dear Sir,

Attached is an aerial phenomena report received by
this office today. It is forwarded for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas N. Gillison.

(D. N. Gillison)
Public Relations Officer,
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

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11/12/54

Aerial Phenomena Report from Mr. R. Haslam, 9 Dickins Street,
Pascoe Vale South.

"At approximately 11.45 p.m. last night (2.12.54) my attention was drawn to an orange object in the western sky. It appeared somewhat like the moon with a tail but was very orange in colour and appeared to be shimmering. No doubt that was due to clouds. Then it disappeared and appeared again about 11.50 and was in full view for five minutes, finally disappearing below the horizon at 11.55."

Mr. Haslam added that his wife also saw this object and that it was she who drew his attention to it. An acquaintance to whom he spoke on the train said that his wife also had seen this object.

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(This side only to be written on.)

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Subject:

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

D.A.F.I.

1. Enclosed is a report of an aerial object observed by 2/5963 Gnr. WILLIS, R.J. Kinetheodolite Operator at Woomera.

2. The date and time of observance is stated to be 1520 hours on the 6th October 1954. Gnr. WILLIS claims to have photographed this object for approximately three seconds with a Kine Theodolite. The negative of this photograph has been handed to the Director.

28 OCT 54



(H.C. SMITH)
Wing Commander
Provost Marshal

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer. 2/5963. Capt. WILLIS, R.J.
2. Address of observer. Post. Off. Air. Base
3. Occupation of observer. Kinetheodolite Operator
4. Date and time of observation (time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
1520 hours 6th. October 1954
5. Period of observation(s). Ten (10) minutes
6. Manner of observation: (give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
47658 116758 Kinetheodolite K5 Range "A1", used in observation
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Overhead
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Was looking for Jindivik when sighted object
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Definite object
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. One object only
11. What was the colour of the light or object. Silver white
12. What was its apparent shape. Half moon shape
13. Was any detail of structure observable. No
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No
15. Was there any sound. No

16. xx Height, or angle of elevation. Approximately 40,000 Feet.
17. xx Speed, or angular velocity. Medium Speed.
18. state any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
.Owing to tracking aircraft.
19. direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
.North west from South west.
20. did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
.Straight path.
21. was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. No.
22. where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
.Out of view at same height.
23. existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.
.Photographed object with Kinetheodolite for approx. 3 Seconds.
24. weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s).
.Very clear.
25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
.Dakota, Python Lincoln, Beaufighter, Lincoln, Meteor and...
.Jindivik, all flying in the area at the time of the observation
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
.Woomera airfield approx. 20 miles from place of observation
27. Any additional information. Meteorological section reported.
.releasing a large balloons at 1400 hours on this date. The
.negative of the object photographed is enclosed.

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

questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

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Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of the 8th November, 1954, to which you attached a copy of a teletype message received from the New South Wales Region of this Department relating to a reported sighting of an aerial phenomenon in the Wilcannia district.

It would be appreciated if copies of the negatives and three prints mentioned in the teleprinter message could be obtained for this Department.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Hicks

(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary.

Mr. D.N. Gillison,
Public Relations Officer,
Department of Civil Aviation,
"Henty House",
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.I.

[Signature]

D.A.R.L.

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499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET,
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8th November, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Attached is a copy of a teletype message received from the New South Wales Region of this Department relating to a reported sighting of an aerial phenomenon in the Wilcannia district.

The contents of this report were communicated to the Intelligence Section, R.A.A.F., by telephone on November 5.

In keeping with arrangements undertaken by this Department, New South Wales Region are being asked to supply information (if any) relating to aircraft movements in vicinity of the area of sighting on the date mentioned (November 4).

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Gillison

(D. M. GILLISON)
Public Relations Officer,
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

Done 9/11/54

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

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INVO720 FOLLOWING VERBAL REPORT RECEIVED BY OFFICER IN CHARGE BROKEN HILL AT ABOUT 1240E NOVEMBER FOURTH REPEATED VERBALLY TO THIS OFFICE 1340E SAME DATE HEREUNDER REPEATED TO YOUR OFFICE FOR TRANSMISSION TO R A A F QUOTE MR. KEITH WESTON OF MENA MURTEE EIGHTEEN MILES NORTH WEST WILCANNIA SIGHTED AT 4 PM TUESDAY LAST AND PHOTOGRAPHED AN OBJECT ESTIMATED 500 FEET FROM GROUND ABOVE WOOL SHED ESTIMATED 80 TO 90 YDS REPEAT YARDS ACROSS SAUCER SHAPED THREE TIERS HIGH. CAME FROM DIRECTION N270E AND HOVERED OVER MENA MURTEE WOOL SHED. WHEN MOVING OFF MADE LOUD EXPLOSIVE AND CLANKING NOISE. WHEN ASKED HOW IT DISAPPEARED REPLIED DID NOT KNOW WAS TRYING CLIMB RISE FOR FURTHER PHOTOS. PHOTOS DEVELOPED AT HOMESTEAD COMMA NEGATIVES AND THREE PRINTS AT WILCANNIA. '3- E E E E SEVERAL PERSONS HEARD AND THREE PERSONS SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT MENA MURTEE. FULL REPORT PASSED TO WILCANNIA POLICE. UNQUOTE. OIC BROKEN HILL ASKED ENDEAVOUR OBTAIN OFFICE PHOTOS.

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Pearce, W.A.

Air Force Head-Quarters
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UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS AERIAL OBJECTS

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1. Enclosed herewith is a report on an unusual aerial sighting in the vicinity of Perth by Mr. F. Sifer.

2. No other report has been received on this sighting.

W. F. Waldock
(W. F. WALDOCK)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding.

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Encl: ✓

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer... MR. F. JIKER.....
2. Address of Observer... 60 THOMAS ST. WEST PERTH.....
3. Occupation of observer... JOURNALIST.....
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 29th OCTOBER 1954 23.25 hrs.....
5. Period of observation(s)... 9/5 - 1/2 sec......
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
PERTH WAR MEMORIAL - KING'S PARK
.....
.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
EAST OF ~~THE~~ RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHT LOCATED ON G.P.O. BLDG.
.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
LIGHT.....
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
WELL DEFINED OBJECT. LARGER THAN NEARBY OBSTRUCTION LIGHT.
.....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
ONE ONLY.....
11. What was the colour of the light or object. RED. CHANGES TO ORANGE
.....
12. What was its apparent shape... ROUND OR DISC.....
13. Was any detail of structure observable... No.....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... No.....
15. Was there any sound... NO SOUND HEARD.....
16. Height or angle of elevation... HORIZONTAL TO 20° APPROX......
17. Speed or angular velocity.....
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
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* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

Determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

E. S. E & CLIMBING TOWARDS OBSTRUCTION LIGHT ON ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

REMAINED ON STRAIGHT PATH

21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *Nil.*

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in min-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

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23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

Nil.

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

FINE & CLEAR.

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

Nil.

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

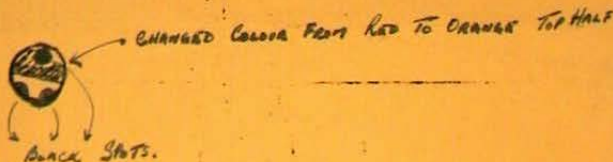
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27. Any additional information *RADIO SOUNDE BALLOON FLIGHT FROM*

PERTH AIRPORT 2310 TO 2315 ~~WIND~~ WIND 190°

DIAGRAM OF OBJECT BELOW.

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.



BF 1472

60 THOMAS STREET
WEST PERTH

October 29, 1954

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE
HEADQUARTERS
WESTERN AREA
RAAF
PEARCE

Dear Sir:

I have sighted for two fifths to one half second at 23.25 hours tonight an object some miles distant while sitting on a bench near the King's Park monument and looking at the centre of the City of Perth.

The object appeared between the two red signs to aircraft in a slightly higher level and quite close to the red light on my left, and seemed to be approximately three times larger than the overall glowing diameter of the red light, or approximately one eighth of an inch.

In the first tenth of a second, the object was stationary, coloured deep red except for a black spot in its upper part and two smaller black spots in its lowest part, its overall shape being round to oval.

In about the second tenth of a second, the object started to rise almost vertically, with about fifteen degrees inclination off a vertical line to the right, and still was coloured deep red.

In about the third tenth of a second, the object was proceeding in the same direction, gaining speed a little, and changing its upper part to an ~~orange~~ orange colour, the lower part remaining deep red.

In about the fourth tenth of a second, the top of the object turned bright orange, and in the next ~~fraction~~ fraction of a second, the whole object, having gained speed considerably, disappeared instantly.

The object travelled in the approximately half second under review a distance which appeared equivalent to about three quarters of the apparent distance between the two red signal lights, in the direction specified afore.

I heard no noise which could be ascribed to the object, but the wind blew ~~to~~ about from the opposite direction. I saw no flashes which might suggest a turbojet or rocket engine.

The object appeared similar to the design of a monstrosity elaborated by German technicians near Prague in the last months of World War II. Although all relevant files and research equipment ~~was~~ taken over by the MVD in May 1945,

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the director of the Aerodynamic Institute, Prague University, Professor Dr. Pesek, showed me a few sketches which he kept as souvenirs. In his opinion, they indicated all too clearly that Germans went altogether mad in the end. The monstrosity was supposed to attain speeds of over 10,000 km an hour, and was presumed to have been intended to be powered by some revolutionary engines of an undisclosed type. I recall that "heavy water" was supposed to have had something to do with the engines, whatever that may mean.

Shortly before my departure from Czechoslovakia in 1948, I understood that Stalin made references, possibly jocular, to new Soviet craft which he said looked like a little flat fish. It has now occurred to me that the whole damn thing may not have been quite so mad or quite so funny as it had appeared in the years past.

Although this information may be of no significance at all, I am not qualified to judge whether that is the case, and so am passing it over to you in strict confidence. I'm sorry for having expressed it in such a clumsy way, but having majored in World History, Psychology and Political Science, I am not a technical man.

Actually, I don't suppose the Russians would have passed any information regarding that German monstrosity over to the West, and it is not impossible that only few people have ever known about it. I still remember a few more things about it, but it all seems to be too long ago to make it of any interest now.

Yours faithfully,

Frank Sifer

Frank Sifer.

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The Secretary
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL PHENOMENA - TOOWOOMBA QLD.

M.C.H.Q. 5/1/AIR(3A), 39243, 27 August, 1954

Enclosed herewith for information are copies of further correspondence in connection with the above report, which have been received from No. 7 Stores Depot.

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M. J. Moore
(M. J. MOORE)
Wing Commander
for AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Regional Director
Queensland Region
Eagle Farm
C/- Private Mail Bag Service
Fortitude Valley Post Office
BRISBANE

6 September 1954.

The Commanding Officer
No. 7 Stores Depot
R.A.A.F.
TOONOOMBA.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your memoranda Nos. 3295, 3401 and 3516 on your file 6/Air(3A) and the following suggestion is offered as a possible solution to the mystery of the sightings.

Since the objects sighted in all cases seem to have been "hovering" and slowly receding away from the observers to the westward on clear nights, it seems likely that they may have been stars or planets setting.

In support of this theory, it is noted that during August the planet Venus appears at about 280° and about 45° above the horizon at 1900 hours and moves to about 265° and 10° above the horizon by 2100 hours, and is brighter than 1st magnitude. It would disappear over the horizon South of West at about 2200 hours but may not be visible right up to that time.

The Star Arcturus would appear as a 1st magnitude star slightly west of N.W. at 10° above the horizon at 2100 hours, and has a reddish appearance. This may have been the light referred to in the latter part of Para. 3 of your letter of 25th August.

At 0300 the planet Mars would appear as a 1st magnitude planet of reddish colour just setting on a bearing 240° from the observer and may have been the light seen by Mrs. Hay on 23rd August.

Even though the nights were relatively clear, the presence of a slight amount of dust haze would give a reddish appearance to stars and planets close to the horizon, and this would be accentuated if there were an inversion present even though stars overhead were clearly visible as white lights. The planet Mars and the star Arcturus have a slightly reddish appearance in a clear atmosphere. Both planets and the star referred to are quite bright objects and the planet Venus would have been the brightest object in the heavens apart from the moon.

It is emphasised that the above is only one possible solution based on the evidence available, and if the opportunity offers, you may care to discuss this aspect with the observers. If further evidence is brought forward which would appear to rule out this possibility, we would be glad to hear of it.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.)

E.H. FRY
for Regional Director

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1 New Street

TOOWOOMBA

18th September 1954.

Regional Director
Queensland Region
Eagle Farm
c/- Private Mail Bag Service
Fortitude Valley Post Office
BRISBANE.

Dear Sir,

Suggestions in your letter 54/1289 (a copy of which was forwarded to me by the Commanding Officer No. 7 Stores Depot Toowoomba) have been carefully noted by observers of the phenomenon and in the case of the sightings of Sunday 9.8.54 2040-2055, Monday 16.8.54 2040-2055, Saturday 21.8.54 2040-2055, and Sunday 22.8.54 2045-2055. No chance of confusion with stars or planets is possible. Speed of recession and the apparent reduction in size of the object with recession was very definite. In each case the objects once they commenced to recede did so at constant altitude and speed. Red and white light was visible simultaneously, red above white. Then predominantly red or white as the object appeared to tilt one way or another and so on.

In the case of Sunday 22.8.54 2105-2120
Confusion with the star Arcturus is possible.

The sighting of Monday 23.8.54 0300 may have
been the planet Mars.

The objects appeared as a small glimmer as they
vanished sharply over the horizon. This is not definite in
the last two instances mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) P.W. HAY

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Regional Director
Queensland Region
Eagle Farm
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Service
Fortitude Valley Post
Office
BRISBANE

14 October 1954

The Commanding Officer
No. 7 Stores Depot
R.A.A.F.
TOOWOOMBA.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter 3516 of 25th August, file reference 6/Air (3A) in which you forward a report from a Mr. Hay concerning the sighting of a Phenomenon in your district.

As we have received a communication from our Public Relations Officer, who advises that the R.A.A.F. Intelligence takes these matters very seriously and are interested in all reports of unusual sightings, I am attaching a copy of a further letter received direct from Mr. P.W. Hay on this matter.

In view of this it is felt that you may care to forward this report and any further report of a similar nature to your Intelligence Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E.H. FRY

for Regional Director.

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Training Command,
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Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, SCL.

26 October, 1954

(Copy Department Civil Aviation)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT
L.A.C. CALVERT, E.T.

1. Further to this Headquarters letter 5/6/AIR (0582), dated 18 October 1954, attached herewith is a report submitted by L.A.C. Calvert, E.T. of School of Radio, Ballarat.
2. This sighting was made at 0130 hours on the 4th October, 1954 and may be related to the sighting made by Apprentice Khan on that date.
3. Although sighted on the 4th October, the report was made verbally by Sqn.Ldr. Bain I.(S)O. by telephone conversation on 13th October, and the attached report did not reach this Headquarters until 20th October, 1954.
4. It is therefore considered that no further action can be taken at this juncture, but all details have been filed for future reference.

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114/1199
(G.W. PEARCE),
Group Captain,
For Air Officer Commanding.

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

1. Name of observer No A6341 LAC. CALVERT, E.T.
2. Address of observer... C/o. RAAF School of Radio, BALLARAT.
3. Occupation of observer... RAAF Radio Serviceman
4. Date & time of observation
(Time given in 24 hour clock
local time)... 0130K, 4th Oct. 1954.
5. Period of observation... 10 to 15 seconds.
6. Nature of observation: (Give details
of own position by map reference if
possible, or by known landmarks, and
describe any equipment used in observation)
Visual. Near H.Q. Building
School Radio. Sighted north
over hangars & travelled in a
North East direction.
7. Where was object first observed, eg. overhead,
coming from behind hill, over horizon etc.
Coming from a Westerly
direction towards N.E.
8. What first attracted observer's attention,
e.g. light or noise... Light.
9. Did object appear as a light or as definite object... As a glowing light
like a halo.
10. If there was more than one object, how many
were there, and what was their formation... One only.
11. What was the colour of the light or object... White with pinkish edges.
12. What was its apparent shape... Elliptical.
13. Was any detail of structure observable... No.
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... No.
15. Was there any sound... No.
16. Height, or angle of elevation... 120° elevation from observer.
17. Speed, or angular velocity... 1500 m/p/h. or faster.
18. Write any experience which enables observer to
be reasonably certain about the answers to 15 & 17
A/C. apprentice at Short
Bros. A/C. Co. Belfast.
Has seen Sabre jet A/C. break sound barrier.
Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed
of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to
determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through
which it moved, and the time taken to do this...
19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points
of the compass... From West to North East above hangars Ballarat.
20. Did the object remain on a straight path,
deviate or manoeuvre at all... No, continued in straight path.
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... Only pinkish halo.
22. Where did object disappear, eg. in mid-air,
behind a hill, over the horizon... Object disappeared behind "Bald Hills"
23. Existence of any physical evidence such as
fragments, photographs or other supporting
evidence... Nil.
24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s)
of observation... Cold, clear, cloudless, starry night. Only sickle
moon.
25. Location of any air traffic in vicinity
at the time of sighting...
26. Location of any meteorological stations in
the general area...
27. Any additional information... Object appeared about size of little
finger nail. Bigger than
star. } Observer has previously sighted
shooting stars and a fireball.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

(signed) Edmund Thomas Calvert.
Ballarat.
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26 October, 1954

Secretary,
Air Board, (D.A.F.1.)
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, 801.

(Copy Department Civil Aviation)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Sec.Off. V.W. Levy,
Flt.Lt. E.V.T. Shields.

- Attached herewith are Reports of the sighting of an unusual aerial object submitted by Section Officer V.W. Levy and Flight Lieutenant E.V.T. Shields, both of School of Radio, Ballarat.
- This report was first made verbally by telephone conversation with Sqn.Ldr. Bain, I(S)O. of School of Radio, Ballarat on the 13th October, 1954.
- Meteorological Sections at Essendon and Laverton were contacted immediately by the Staff Officer (Intell.) at this Headquarters. It was advised that the time of sighting (1707 hours) did not co-incide with the times of release of meteorological balloons on the date of sighting, and because the existing winds were South-West, it is improbable that the object sighted was a met. balloon.
- It was further advised, however, that although improbable, it is remotely possible that the object was a met. balloon.
- It is considered that all possible action has been taken regarding this sighting and the relevant information has been filed for future reference.

John
(C.W. PEARCE)
Group Captain,
For Air Officer Commanding.

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*Done
27/10/54*

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REPORT ON WHITE OBJECT OBSERVATION

1. Name of observer... Flt.Lt. E.V.T. Shields 03291
 2. Address of observer... RAAF BALLARAT VICTORIA
 3. Occupation of observer... Radio Officer
 4. Date & Time of Observation
(Time given in 24 hour clock and time).... 12 October 54 1710
 5. Period of observation... approximately 3 minutes
 6. Location of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in observation... Own position - RAAF Ballarat - no equipment used in observation
 7. Where was object first observed, and overhead, coming from behind hill, over horizon etc... W.S.W. Vertical angle about 50°
 8. What first attracted observer's attention, its light or noise... Jet aircraft noise going from W to E.
 9. Did object appear as a light or as definite object... Definite object.
 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation... -
 11. What was the colour of the light or object... White
 12. What was its apparent shape... Spherical.
 13. Was any detail of structure observable... No
 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... No
 15. Was there any sound... No.
 16. Height, or angle of elevation... Approximately 500
 17. Speed, or angular velocity... Speed doubtful - probably optical illusion of movement to the SSW - relative motion 180° to cloud movement.
 18. Were any experiences which enable observer to be reasonably certain about the answers to 16 & 17... 17 years RAAF service.
- Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this...
19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass... ? to the SSW
 20. Did the object remain on a straight path. Straight path if it was moving.
 21. Were any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... No
 22. Where did object disappear or in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon... About cloud.
 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence...
 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s)... Low bank (Total cover)
 25. Location of any air traffic in vicinity, at the time of sighting... Approaching from southern horizon - scattered broken cumulous. Jet aircraft had just passed overhead, but was not sighted.
 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area... Laverton, Essendon, Mt. Gambier(?) Parafield.
 27. Any additional information... Observer feels reasonably confident it was a white met. balloon

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

(signed) E.V.T. Shields,
Ballarat 15 Oct. 54

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

C O P Y

1. Name of observer... S/O. V.W. LEVY, W51526
 2. Address of Observer... C/O. RAAF School of Radio BALLARAT.
 3. Occupation of Observer... WRAAF Officer.
 4. Date and Time of Observation ... 1707 K. 12th Oct. 1954.
(Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
 5. Period of Observation(s) ... 2 to 3 mins.
 6. Manner of Observation:
(Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation)...
- Visual Corner of entre Road and Drome
Rd. facing West. (RAAF School Radio)
7. Where was the object first observed,
eg. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc. ... Overhead, towards West.
 8. What first attracted observer's attention,
eg. light or noise... Attention drawn to it by another person.
 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object. Definite Object.
 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. One only
 11. What was the colour of the light or object. Silver to white.
 12. What was its apparent shape. Sphere.
 13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.
 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.
 15. Was there any sound. No.
 16. Height, or angle of elevation. 60° to W.N.W.
 17. Speed, or angular velocity. Above second Cloud Bank.
 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 & 17
3½ years WRAAF Service. Has seen jets flying.
- Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this
19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. Appeared to travel in Southerly direction.
 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. No.
 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. No.
 22. Where did object disappear, eg. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon. Behind a cloud bank.
 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence. Nil.
 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s) Low bank. Nim. cloud coming from S.W. Broken clouds at higher level.
 25. Location or any air traffic in vicinity at time of sighting. Heard jet A/C. pass overhead, but did not sight A/C. on account of cloud.
 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area. Laverton, Essendon, Mt. Gambier ?, Parafield.
 27. Any additional information. Observer considers it a large MET. balloon at high altitude travelling in a Southerly direction.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

(signed) V. Levy, Sec. Off.

REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVEDC O P Y

1. Name of observer... S/O. V.W. LEVY, W51526
 2. Address of Observer... C/O. RAAF School of Radio BALLARAT.
 3. Occupation of Observer... WRAAF Officer.
 4. Date and Time of Observation ... 1707 K. 12th Oct. 1954.
(Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
 5. Period of Observation(s) ... 2 to 3 mins.
 6. Manner of Observation:
(Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation)....
Visual Corner of entre Road and Drome Rd. facing West. (RAAF School Radio)
 7. Where was the object first observed,
eg. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc. ... Overhead, towards West.
 8. What first attracted observer's attention,
eg. light or noise... Attention drawn to it by another person.
 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object. Definite Object.
 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation. One only
 11. What was the colour of the light or object. Silver to white.
 12. What was its apparent shape. Sphere.
 13. Was any detail of structure observable. No.
 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious. No.
 15. Was there any sound. No.
 16. Height, or angle of elevation. 60° to W.N.W.
 17. Speed, or angular velocity. Above Second Cloud Bank.
 18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 & 17
3½ years WRAAF Service. Has seen jets flying.
- Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this
19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass. Appeared to travel in Southerly direction.
 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all. No.
 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. No.
 22. Where did object disappear, eg. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon. Behind a cloud bank.
 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence. Nil.
 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation(s) Low bank. Nim. cloud coming from S.W. Broken clouds at higher level.
 25. Location or any air traffic in vicinity at time of sighting. Heard jet A/G. pass overhead, but did not sight A/G. on account of cloud.
 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area. Laverton, Essendon, Mt. Gambier ?, Parafield.
 27. Any additional information. Observer considers it a large MET. balloon at high altitude travelling in a Southerly direction.

Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

(signed) V. Levy, Sec. Off.

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Headquarters
R.A.A.F.
Mallala
South Australia

21st October, 1954

The Secretary
Air Board (Director of Intelligence)
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.1
Victoria

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

1. Attached hereto are reports by Constable J.H. SYKES, Constable B.A. EGEL, and Mrs. E. McHUGHES of Port Pirie, South Australia, of unusual Aerial Objects sighted.
2. Constable B.A. EGEL saw the first unusual object on the night of October 16th from 2120 hours to 2135 hours. Since then many others, residents of Port Pirie, have seen similar objects, always on clear nights at approximately the same time.
3. On the night of the 20th October the planet Venus was observed by myself from 2030 hours to 2125 hours. It appeared in the same portion of sky as indicated by the reports and atmospheric conditions caused it to exhibit many of the apparent colour changes and movements as described, before it disappeared or set at 2123 hours.

R.A. Baddams
(R.A. BADDAMS)
Pilot Officer
for Officer Commanding

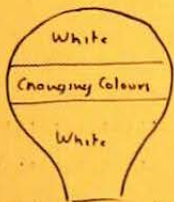
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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

1. Name of Observer..... **BERNARD A. EGEL**
2. Address of Observer..... **Pt. Pirie Police Station**
Police Constable
3. Occupation of Observer.....
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in 24 hour clock zonal time)..... **2120 16th October, 1954**
5. Period of observation/s... **2120 - 2135**
6. Manner of observations: (Give details of own position by map, reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observations.)
Visual
.....
.....
.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g., overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
Hovering over spencer gulf S.W. by W of Pirie
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g., light or noise
Light Attention drawn to it by Eric SARD of Warnertown
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object..... **definite object**
inverted electric bulb. Faded to a light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation:
One
..... **Definite changes**
11. What was the colour of the light or object..... **Red Orange Green white**
12. What was its apparent shape.....
Inverted light bulb see sketch (on back of sheet)
13. Was any detail of structure observable.....
Light bulb with coloured lights around middle
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious..... **None**
15. Was there any sound..... **No**
16. * Height, or angle of elevation..... **3000 ft then 10°**
17. * Speed or angular velocity..... **1000' 2 or 3 miles away**
Directly away very fast
18. State any experience which enables observer to be to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 17 and 16....
None
.....

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



$\frac{1}{4}$ size of Full Moon.

- 19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass
 ... ~~Almost due west slightly north receding into distance~~ ..
- 20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
 .. ~~Straight path hovered in circles disappeared rose from sea and shot off.~~
- 21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.
 ~~No~~
- 22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
 ... ~~Directly away slightly north~~
- 23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence
 ~~No~~
- 24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) of observation(s)
 ~~fine and clear~~
- 25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity of the sighting at the time.

- 26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area

- 27. Any additional information.....
 m ~~Moved away 10 miles then hovered in small circle moving slowly and constantly changing colour for 5 mins. disappeared out of sight. Sawe light or another rose about 100'. 10 miles out disappeared directly away. Appeared to take off and shoot out of sight in a few seconds~~

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

1. Name of Observer..... **JAMES HAROLD SYKES**
2. Address of Observer... **21 John Street, Solemontown**
3. Occupation of Observer... **Police Constable**
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in 24 hour clock zonal time)..... **19th Oct. 2050 local**
5. Period of observation/s... **2050 - 2125**
6. Manner of observations: (Give details of own position by map, reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observations.)
Police Station Port Pirie. Visual sighting with reference to stationary object
7. Where was object first observed, e.g., overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
Low down in western sky
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g., light or noise
Light very bright steady light large star streaks
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.....
Only as light
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation:
only one
11. What was the colour of the light or object **Bright white fading to red pink blue green orange etc**
12. What was its apparent shape... **No apparent shape**
13. Was any detail of structure observable... **No**
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... **No**
15. Was there any sound..... **No**
16. * Height, or angle of elevation... **10° - 15°**
17. * Speed or angular velocity **30 mins to move 5' along line 100 yards away from observer.**
18. State any experience which enables observer to be to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 17 and 16....
No special qualifications

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19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass

20. Did the ~~object~~ ^{east west} search and manoeuvre with, vary or manoeuvre at all.

21. Was any trail or ~~sketch~~ ^{direct observation}, or sound or light seen in south west and lower

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

23. Existence ~~in military radar from sight in distance~~ of other aircraft, photographs or other supporting evidence

24. Weather ~~conditions~~ experienced at time(s) of observation(s)

25. Location ~~and time~~ ^{time and clear} of traffic in the vicinity of the sighting at the time.

26. Location ~~of any~~ meteorological stations in the general area

27. Any additional information.....

- ~~Seen on three separate occasions same time and place by different observers.~~ ^{evenings}

- Seen at same time by Det. O'malley P.C.G. Kennedy

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED.

1. Name of Observer.....**EVELYN McHUGH**
2. Address of Observer.....**Box 291 Pt. Pirie, aerodrome**
3. Occupation of Observer.....**Housewife**
4. Date and Time of Observation (Time to be given in 24 hour clock zonal time).....**19th October, 1954 2115**
5. Period of observation/s.....**5 minutes**
6. Manner of observations: (Give details of own position by map, reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observations.)
.....**Visual**
.....
.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g., overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
.....**Low down over horizon to S.W.**
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g., light or noise
.....**Attention drawn to it. Light**
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.....
.....**Star**
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation:
.....**One**
11. What was the colour of the light or ~~similar to other stars.~~
.....**changing colour.**
12. What was its apparent shape.....**Just a star**
13. Was any detail of structure observable.....**No**
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious.....**No**
15. Was there any sound.....**No**
16. * Height, or angle of elevation.....**2° - 5° from horizon**
17. * Speed or angular velocity.....**Jumping rapidly**
18. State any experience which enables observer to be to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 17 and 16....
.....**No.**

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

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass
.....
20. **Faded into distance or went out**
Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
.....
21. **Moved erratically**
Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.
.....
22. **No**
Where did object disappear, e.g., in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
.....
23. **Mid air**
Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs or other supporting evidence
.....
24. **No**
Weather conditions experienced at time(s) of observation(s)
.....
25. **Fine & Clear**
Location of any air traffic in the vicinity of the sighting at the time.
.....
26. **Not known (No civilian aircraft)**
Location of any meteorological stations in the general area
.....
27. **None**
Any additional information.....
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19 OCT 1950

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OF AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Enclosed herewith are reports on two unusual aerial sightings from different areas.
2. The sighting reported from Northam has come to hand through the State Police Department. This sighting was made approximately 60 miles East-North-East of Perth and at the time it is unlikely that aircraft would be in the area now is there a meteorological station located thereabouts.
3. The more recent sighting described on the official form occurred on the outskirts of the Perth metropolitan area in an easterly direction from Perth, being originally reported by telephone and later substantiated by completion of the pro-forma.
4. If further information is required on the Northam sighting, pro-formas will be despatched to the local Police.

W. F. Waldo
(W. F. WALDOCK)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of observer... Mr. T. H. DEMETRIOU.....
2. Address of Observer... 464 NEWCASTLE ST PERTH.....
3. Occupation of observer... WHOLESALE GREENGROCER.....
4. Date and time of observation (Time given in 24 hour clock zonal time)
..... 1525 SUNDAY 3 OCT......
5. Period of observation(s)... TEN SECONDS.....
6. Manner of observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation).
..... ADJACENT TO QUEEN'S PARK RAILWAY STATION.....
7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.,
..... OVERHEAD.....
8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise,
..... NAISE.....
9. Did object appear as a light or a definite object.
..... DEFINITE OBJECT.....
10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
..... ONLY ONE.....
11. What was the colour of the light or object... SILVER.....
12. What was its apparent shape... APPEARED ROUND.....
13. Was any detail of structure observable... NA.....
14. Was any method of propulsion obvious... NO.....
15. Was there any sound... YES.....
16. *Height or angle of elevation... VERY HIGH HIGHER THAN ANY A/C PREVIOUSLY SEEN DURING WAR IN EUROPE.....
17. *Speed or angular velocity... FASTER THAN JET.....
18. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
..... NO MILITARY OR NA FLEET EXPERIENCE.....

* Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object it will usually be better to endeavour to

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

..... *W.N.W.*

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

..... *MAINTAINED TRACK*

Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... *NO*

21. Where did object disappear, e.g. in min-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

..... *DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUD*

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

..... *None*

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

..... *F.F.E*

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

..... *None from Peace could have been in the area*

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

..... *Guildford - Airport*

27. Any additional information

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.....

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

Report on aerial object observed (Contd.)

determine the angle or elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this.

Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.

..... W.N.W.

20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manouvre at all.

..... MAINTAINED TRACK

Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... N.P.

22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in min-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.

..... DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUD

23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence.

..... NONE

24. Weather conditions experienced at the time(s) or observation(s)

..... FINE

25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

..... None from Peace could have been in the area

26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.

..... Guildford - Airport

27. Any additional information

Questions 25, 26, and 27 to be answered by interrogator.

(copy only)

Rose Mary Helen ANTONIO States :-

I am a Telephone Office Keeper and reside at Southern Brook.

I am aged 22 years.

At about 2.15pm on the 26th day of August 1954 I was driving Sedan Car number N.1071 towards Northam along the Southern Brook Road.

When travelling over Monument Hill I noticed through the windscreens of the car, an object in the sky.

It was to my left and appeared through the windscreens to be low down and a long way away.

It was grey in colour and an oblong shape, it looked from where I was to be about two feet long and about six inches deep.

The lines were smooth except for one end which appeared slightly blurred. It was a medium grey colour and was dull.

It looked like a cloud when I first saw it, but I noticed that there were no other clouds in the sky and it looked rather too smooth to be a cloud.

The sky around it was quite clear and it did not appear to move while I was watching.

It was a bright sunny day without wind.

I lost sight of the object for about one minute because of trees etc obstructing my view. I was traveling at about 45 M.P.H. in the car at the time.

When I had a clear view I looked for the object again but could see no sign of it. My mother and my sister in-law who were traveling in the car at the time also looked for it but could see no sign of it.

It disappeared far too quickly to be a cloud.

I have never seen an object like it before.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Northam Station.
3.9.54.

Signed. R.M.H.Antonio.

Witness. K. Johnson
Const. 2269.

Rose Victoria ANTONIO States :-

I am a share farmer and reside at Southern Brook.

I am aged 63 years.

At about 2.15pm on the 26th day of August 1954 I was a passenger in a sedan car travelling towards Northam on the Southern Brook Road.

My daughter said "Look at that grey cloud"

We looked in the direction of Northam and saw an oblong shaped object, grey in colour, about one yard long and about one foot deep.

It looked to be a long way away and well up in the sky.

We watched this object for about one half minute.

We were watching it as we travelled in the car. We did not stop.

The object was stationary, or appeared to be so, and looked very much like a cloud, there were no other clouds in the sky at the time.

I took my eyes off the object for about one minute because trees on the road side obstructed my view.

When our view would have been clear again, my daughter said "its gone". We all looked for it all over the sky but could not sight it again.

I could not describe the object ~~xxxxxx~~ any better.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Northam Station.
9.9.54.

Signed. Rose.V.Antonio.

Witness.K.Johnson.
Const.2263.

Veronica Elizabeth ANTONIO

States :-

I am a house wife and reside at Southern Brook. My home is approximately 15 miles east of Northam.

I am aged 23 years.

On the 26th day of August 1954 at about 2.15pm I was a passenger in a sedan car, travelling towards Northam, along the Southern Brook Road.

While travelling over Monument Hill I remarked to my companion that there were no clouds in the sky.

Soon after I saw what appeared to be a small cloud in the sky, in the direction of Northam.

After studying it more closely I noticed that it was grey in colour and oval shape.

The lines of this object appeared to be too smooth, to be a cloud. It was about 2 feet long and about eight inches deep.

The object was stationary.

We travelled around a bend in the road and my view was temporarily obstructed by trees but when my view became clear again, I could not locate the object, anywhere in the sky.

I continued to search for this object but I did not see it again.

I have never seen the object before, nor have I seen it since.

Northam Station.
29/9/1954.

Signed V. E. Antonio

Witness [Signature] P. 2213.

Sergeant ALLAN:

Relative to:- Alleged sighting of foreign object
in sky in vicinity of Northam at about
2.15pm. 26th. August 1954.

I have to report that at 8pm. this date I received a telephone message from a Mrs. ANTONIO of the Southern Brook telephone Exchange, via Northam.

Informant stated that whilst travelling to Northam this date, at about 2.15pm., in a car driven by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Pat ANTONIO also of Southern Brook, she saw a strange object in the sky.

They had just gained the top of Centenary Hill, about 5 miles East of Northam, when the object was first sighted.

In informant's daughter Helen ANTONIO was also in the car at the time and all three women saw the phenomena.

Mrs. Antonio stated that as the car reached the top of the hill they all saw a dim grey oblong object to the West of them, which appeared to be low on the horizon over Northam. It was at a great distance and did not appear very big.

She could not give an estimate of the size but stated that it only appeared to be a few feet long and very narrow.

She stated that the sky was clear at the time and no clouds were visible.

The object was visible only for a very short space of time, and then seemed to disappear into the sky.

All three women can be contacted at the Southern Brook Exchange, should further inquiries be deemed necessary.

Northam Station.
26th. Aug. 1954.

J. B. Barthelmeh
Constable. 2/55.

INSPECTOR O'BRIEN.

Forwarded.

NORTHAM.
27/8/54

J. J. Allan
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18 OCT 1954

SIGHTING OF AERIAL PHENOMENA

1. Attached herewith is a report of an aerial object sighted at the School of Radio, R. A. A. F. Ballarat at 0300 hours on the 4th October, 1954.
2. Apprentice RAHMAT ULLAH KHAN (PAKISTAN 85178) who sighted the object whilst on guard duty was interrogated by the Staff Officer Intelligence.
3. Apprentice KHAN submitted a written report (attached herewith) some five days prior to being interrogated. During the interrogation efforts were made to force him to deviate from some of his earlier statements, but throughout he was consistent in every detail. His report is therefore considered as being sincere.
4. However, when questioned on the delay from when he first sighted the object (0300 hours) until he reported the sighting (0600 hours) Apprentice Khan gave the following explanations:-
 - (a) Being sensitive to ridicule he originally did not intend to report the sighting.
 - (b) When he sighted the object he was so frightened he retreated to the sentry box and remained sitting on the floor until dawn.
 - (c) He did not consider the sighting of aerial phenomena came within the normal course of his duty.
 - (d) It is against his religious beliefs to recognise any such phenomena.

After careful consideration he disregarded the foregoing and decided to report the sighting to his Commanding Officer.

5. The Officer in Charge of Apprentices, F/O. HILL, was interviewed, and his assessment of KHAN was "sincere and conscientious in his work, but has emotional tendencies".
6. It is interesting to note Apprentice KHAN, not having been issued with ammunition, fired his rifle at what he saw. This may tend to indicate some form of panic, and if so may render his statement not wholly reliable and therefore some tolerance of error may be expected. He stated that the duration of sighting was approximately eight to ten seconds only.
7. Some six miles to the North West (the direction where the object was first sighted) of the School of Radio are hills over which pass roads. The cloud base was eight-eights at 1000-1500 feet. The possibility of a car with bright head lamps passing over undulating country, the lights being reflected in the clouds, cannot be discounted.

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8. Apprentice KHAN has assessed the speed of the object as approximately 1000 miles per hour (comparing it's speed with that of attacker aircraft which he has seen in flight at Karachi). Although travelling at this speed, no sound was audible.

9. The probability of an existing 'Fire Ball' cannot be discounted. Dr. Loewe of the School of Meteorology, Melbourne University has been approached on the subject of Fire Balls and he has given the following information :-

"Fire Balls pertain to a rare electrical phenomenon associated with electrical storms or dust in the atmosphere. They normally occur in showery weather, usually at height or near the ground. They are usually observed as a bright red glow and may travel at terrific speeds, hover, change direction rapidly and may disappear through cloud. Although this phenomenon is rare and little is known of them they have been sighted and do exist".

10. Dr. Loewe considers that from the description and circumstances concerning the time, location and climatic conditions the object sighted could have been a Fire Ball.

11. It is suggested that the object sighted at School of Radio, Ballarat, at 0300 hours on the 4th August, 1954 was a Fire Ball.

C.W. Pearce
for (C.W. PEARCE)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT BY PAK/8517 A/APP. RAHMAT U.

On the morning of Monday October 4th, at approximately 0300 hours, while on Tarmac area guard duty I saw a brightly red and yellow lit object approaching at a very high speed just below cloud level, from a northerly direction. The object approached horizontally until it was almost directly above my head. It then descended to a height of approximately 200 feet. I got frightened and my eyes went blurred.

It travelled back across the hangars and descended back somewhere near the runway and almost immediately began travelling on its original course ascending very rapidly as it proceeded, quickly vanishing through the clouds.

I would describe the object as being round with a flat bottom and a curved top, brightly lit by red and yellow lights, which when the object came close prevented me from viewing it very clearly.

When I got scared I pulled my trigger but having no ammunition, nothing happened.

BALLARAT
4th October, 1954.

Rahmat U.
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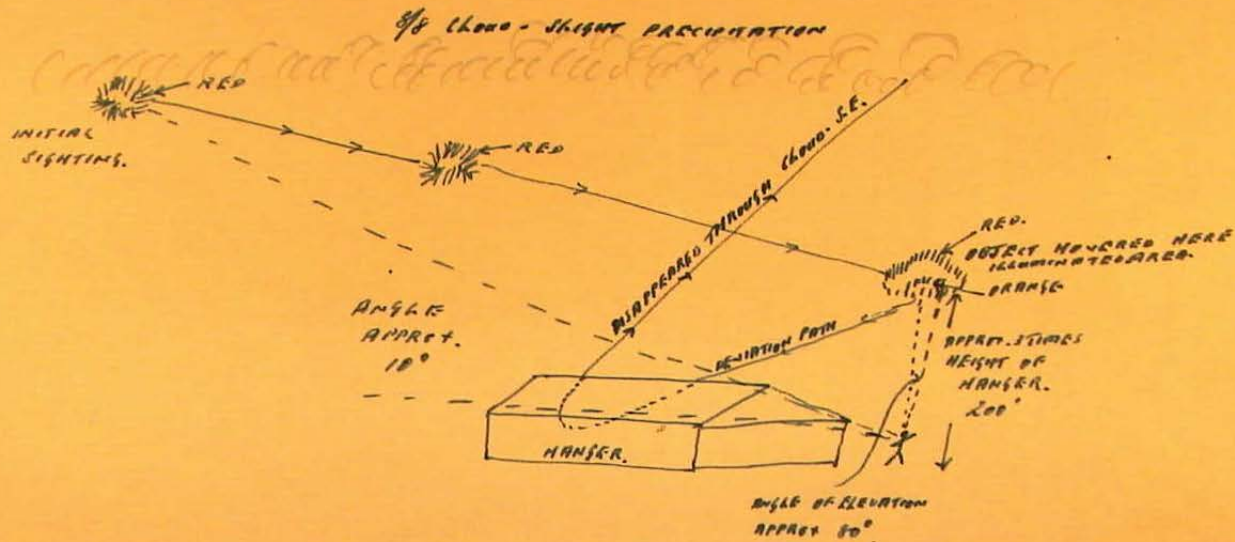
1. Name of Observer: RAHMAT ULLAH KHAN
 2. Address of Observer. School of Radio, Ballarat.
 3. Occupation of Observer. Pakistan Air Apprentice.
 4. Date and Time of Observation (Time given in 24 hours clock zonal time.
4-10-54 0300 hours.
 5. Period of Observation: 8-10 seconds.
 6. Manner of Observation: (Give details of own position by map reference if possible, or by known landmarks, and describe any equipment used in the observation)
Visual
 7. Where was object first observed, e.g. overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon, etc.
Approx. 5° elevation towards Observer from Cloud Base
1000-1500 ft.
 8. What first attracted observer's attention, e.g. light or noise.
Light in Cloud Base.
 9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object.
Bright Red Light.
 10. If there was more than one object, how many were there, and what was their formation.
One
 11. What was the colour of the light or object: Red when first sighted then red with orange centre.
 12. What was its apparent shape. Round at first sighting then humped oval at lowest height angle 80 degrees.
 13. Was any detail of structure observable: No.
 14. Was any method of propulsion obvious: No
 15. Was there any sound: No
 16. * Height, or angle of elevation : See sketch attached.
 17. * Speed, or angular velocity: Extremely rapid - 1000 mph approx.
 18. State any experience which enable observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17.
(16) Cloud Base (17) Para. 8 H.Q.T.C. Report.
- * Since it is normally impossible to estimate the height and speed of a strange object, it will usually be better to endeavour to determine the angle of elevation of the object, the angle through which it moved, and the time taken to do this

19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass.
See attached map.
20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all.
Descended, hovered, deviated, climbed.
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen: No.
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon.
Through cloud - climbing.
23. Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence. NIL.
24. Weather conditions experienced at time(s) or observation.
Eight- Eights cloud - Slight Precipitation at times.
25. Location of any airtraffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting. NIL
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area.
NIL.
27. Any additional information: See Reports attached.

DETAILED SKETCH OF AERIAL OBJECT

SIGHTED AT SCHOOL OF RADIO, RAAF

BALLARAT 0300 HRS. 11/15/54.



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162 Bissell St
Bondi Junction
Sydney
16th Oct

Dear Sir,
 About the enclosed certificate from to-day Sydney Morning Herald. The Christian name of the correspondent is June. That month is the sixth. The first atom bomb used against human war on the 6-8-1945. The second on the 9-8-1945. The first 6 and 9 are the same in shape.

Magnificent the receipt of the record bomb has an alphabetic equal the sum of which has a digit of 9

N 14
 A 1
 4 7
 A 1
 8 19
 9 1
 K 11
 1 9

$$\frac{63}{9} = 7$$

the date on which it was bombed.
 The number of people has a digit of six
 of 10 or has a name of a man
 who ordered a bomb being

A 1
 N 16
 A 1

$$\frac{N 14}{4h} = 6$$

120
 18
 12
 10
 14
 87 = 15 = 6

The flight in Korea began during
Jan 1950. The digit of the sum of
1950 is 12 as in the name by the
month.

The digit of the equal of the word
Korea is 5, but the word Korea has
a digit of 6.

$$\begin{array}{r} K 11 \\ O 15 \\ R 18 \\ E 5 \\ A 1 \\ \hline 50 = 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 9 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ \hline 42 = 6 \end{array}$$

Truman was president of U. S. A. at
the time.

The word itself at an end of the
15th August (1945) the sum of the
figure is 6.

The only English word having a
meaning in the surname of the
comforter in the word God.

The equal of the word God has a digit
of 8.

$$\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ O 15 \\ D 4 \\ \hline 16 = 8 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{August, the month of the} \\ \text{bombing of Japan is the} \\ \text{month.} \\ \text{This month, October is} \end{array}$$

8th month is the old calendar, it is
now by the new Octo, meaning 8 in
later, is in it.

This year 1954 has the same figures
as 1945. These figures have not been
possible since ~~19~~ 15-94.

The subtraction of 15-94 from
1945 has a sum of digit of 9
in 9, some comb a ch to kagashi.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1945 \\ 15-94 \\ \hline 35-1 = 9 \end{array}$$

The digit of the sum of the new &
new is six

$$\begin{array}{r} 1414 \\ 19 \\ 1414 \\ E \frac{5-}{42} = 6 \end{array}$$

The number 9 is the only number that
by multiplication and addition
constantly returns to itself

$$\begin{array}{r} 123456789 \\ \hline 1111111101 = 9 \end{array}$$

$$9 \times 9 = 9$$

$$9 \times 2 = 18 = 9$$

$$9 \times 3 = 27 = 9$$

$$9 \times 4 = 36 = 9$$

$$9 \times 5 = 45 = 9$$

$$9 \times 6 = 54 = 9$$

$$9 \times 7 = 63 = 9$$

$$9 \times 8 = 72 = 9$$

$$9 \times 9 = 81 = 9$$

The Koran, the Holy Book of the Muslims
has in it 114 chapters.

Each begins with the words "In the
name of Allah the Beneficent the
Merciful", except the 9th chapter
For your immediate information,
the Koran was recited by an angel
to an Arab named Mahammed,
about 640 A.D., the reciting being
over a period of years.

Yours faithfully
L. B. Conway

France In Grip Of Flying Saucer Fever

FRANCE, the land of logic, is in the full grip of the fever of flying saucers and of little men in space helmets, who make friendly, if unintelligible, advances to startled peasants, or nail them to the spot with a hypnotic "green ray."

For the past 10 days there have been innumerable flying saucer reports from peasants, doctors, milkmen, butchers, farmers, housewives, gendarmes, teachers, from the Channel coast to the Mediterranean, from the Pyrenees to the Ardennes, from Brittany to Alsace.

According to all these witnesses, the sky over France is alight with sparkling yellow "saucers," bluish globes, "flying cigars" (once as dramatically reported from Mulhouse in Alsace, surrounded by "12 little



MICHELE MORGAN . . .

at maternal rebuke.

cheroots"), plain aluminium "saucers," luminous "cigars," 10 "saucers" which seemed to perform a sort of ballet in the sky, and sometimes just plain "mysterious machines."

Unlike earlier flying saucers, those reported hovering over France fly low, sometimes at about 600ft, and do not flash across the sky, but remain in view for as long as 15 minutes, or remain apparently immobile. They variously spit flames, form luminous curtains of light, change colour, land and take off vertically without a sound.

MANY French scientists, hitherto sceptical on the flying saucer question, are reported to be somewhat shaken by the multiplicity of reports, and by the fact that some are group observations, or individual reports which tally with others received from adjacent regions.

On the subject of little men or Martians, they reiterate that astronomers have never made any observations which could indicate a high form of life on Mars.

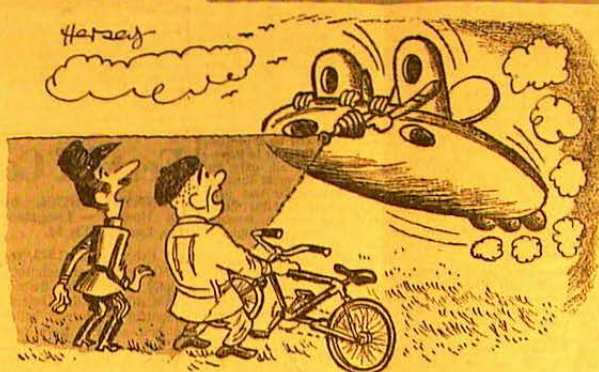
They point out that Mars is a thousand million years older than the earth, and that, if life did once exist there, it probably disappeared in the pink icy deserts which appear now to abound on the planet.

The protagonists of the flying saucers and the little men from Mars have been greatly encouraged by an article in the serious technical journal, "Forces Aeriennes Francaises" (French Air Forces) written by a young aeronautical engineer, Lieut. J. Plantier, and approved by an engineer-in-chief of the Air Ministry.

Lieut. Plantier does not take sides, but merely demonstrates theoretically and by mathematical study that all the phenomenal behaviour attributed to flying saucers is perfectly explicable if such machines were using cosmic ray energy.

Lieut. Plantier shows that the reports that flying saucers remain motionless in the sky, accelerate from immobility to 10,000 m.p.h. in a few seconds, without any noise, and that living beings can fly in them with-

From JUNE
GODDARD
In Paris



out being harmed by the acceleration, are completely logical if it is admitted that energy of cosmic rays has been harnessed and that machines can fly at the speed of light.

IRRESPECTIVE of the views of scientists, however, Frenchmen and women continue to report daily appearances of saucers or cigars and their encounters with the space men.

First reaction of the honest French citizen in the face of an unusual happening or danger—including, it seems, phenomena from outer space—is to inform the gendarmes.

Accordingly, in villages and towns, bold gendarmes have been "alerted" as the French Press has it, and have been kept busy checking reports and examining alleged flying saucer landing areas for "traces."

Two gendarmes at Chateauroux in Central France themselves saw three luminous green flying objects.

Their police training immediately asserted itself, and they

made friends of scrub birds and animals, they were not romantic figures.

Pioneers, maybe, because every little North Coast settlement followed in the wake of the surly cedar-cutters. Their goal was simply red cedar timber, the logs of which provided the finest cabinet wood in the world.

It was plentiful, it was squandered, and to-day the only places in which red cedar (Cedrela toona) can be seen is in the sanctuaries and odd gardens.

afforessts, few grow the tree a grand ornament—now even for decorative work in gardens. Cedar-tip moth grub is an appallingly destructive pest and a deterrent.

Red cedar is distinctive. This specimen in our sketch is growing in a Turramurra garden. It is shapely, umbrageous and full of virtues.

One of the few native deciduous trees, it is a picture in early spring, when fresh red shoots show on every branch tip. That was how the cutters of the past often picked out

adoption of the habit—not even universal on earth, they pointed out—of kissing.

"It is surprising that he did not pin a medal on your chest and kiss you on both cheeks," they scoffed.

In view of this unsympathetic response to M. Mazaud's story, it is not surprising, therefore, that M. Yves David, a farmer of Chateaufort, concealed for some days the fact that he had been touched on the arm by a "space man" before being momentarily hypnotised by the "green ray" like M. Dewilde.

M. David was afraid of being laughed at, he said, but eventually asked a friend if anyone else had seen the space man. The friend spread the news and, of course, told the gendarmes.

Two women in the Yonne department gave independent reports of having seen a strange machine in a clearing with a pilot standing beside it. Neither stayed to investigate, however.

DAILY the stories continue. No Parisians have yet reported an encounter with a

stopped a motor car driver and a cyclist so they could look and bear witness. Then the gendarmes made out a full report.

The only tangible evidence to date of a landing is that produced by M. Maris Dewilde, a 28-year-old metal worker in the north near Valenciennes.

M. Dewilde, a young man with a hairline moustache, a long—and it must be admitted, humorous—face, said he first saw the "Martians" from his garden near the railway line.

"Two little beings not more than three feet high," he reported, "each wearing a sort of diving suit with metal helmet, were standing near a 'flying cigar,' which had landed on the railway sleepers."

M. Dewilde had no chance to shake hands or welcome the visitors in the name of the Fourth Republic for, as soon as they saw him, they hypnotised him with a "green ray" while they leapt into their machine which, of course, took off vertically in

a thick cloud of smoke without making a sound.

NEXT day the gendarmes, "alerted" at once by M. Dewilde and two inspectors of the Air Force police, found a series of strange regular marks on the railway sleepers, which could have been caused by the "saucer" in landing.

MOST intimate contact with the space men was reported by M. Antoine Mazaud, a farmer, aged 58, with a bushy grey moustache, who lives near Limoges in the Massif central plateau of France.

M. Mazaud alleges that a "Martian" about three feet high emerged from a "flying cigar" and began to talk in an unintelligible tongue. When he realised that M. Mazaud could not understand him, he kissed the farmer on the cheek.

M. Mazaud's argumentative fellow-countrymen, questioning this strange story, immediately wanted to know why a creature from another world would

adopt the habit—not even universal on earth, they pointed out—of kissing.

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A cartoon from the French "But it's stupid to say the

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS.

D. A. F. I.

The attached reports, forwarded by the Commanding Officer, R.A.N. Air Station, Nowra, are passed for information.

2. Investigation by this Division has shown that:

(i) Lieutenant O'Farrell is an entirely credible witness.


(ii) Witness saw a mass associated with the lights, but was unable to distinguish any form.

(iii) It was a clear starlit night with no moon.

(iv) Witness was visibly "shaken" by his experience, but remains adamant that he saw these objects.

(v) There was no question of collusion between the two witnesses.

(vi) There were no Naval or Air Force aircraft in the area at the time, but there was a T.A.A. Convair at 14,000 feet on a Northerly course.


D. N. I.
1st October 1954.

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723 Squadron,
R.A.N. Air Station, Nowra 6C.,
N.S.W.,
2nd September 1954.

Sir,

INCIDENT ON NIGHT CROSS COUNTRY AT 1900K.,
31st August 1954.

I have the honour to submit the following report concerning an incident which occurred on 31st August during a night cross country flight from R.A.N. Air Station, Nowra.

2. The route was Nowra - Young - Temora - Yass - Nowra, and the briefed height 13,000 feet.
3. At 1858 I made the following position report to Civil Air Radio Canberra, "Ausnav 921 contact Yass at 13,000 feet estimating Nowra at 1920". This was acknowledged by Canberra, and, when South West of Goulburn, I changed over to 143.64 m/cs, 723 Squadron exercise frequency, and contacted Nowra.
4. After contacting Nowra at approximately 1910, I noticed a very bright light closing fast from "One o'clock". This bright light crossed ahead of me and continued to a position on my port beam where it appeared to orbit. At the same time, I noticed a second and similar light at "Nine o'clock", which made a pass about a mile ahead of me and then turned in the position where the first light was sighted.
5. I contacted Nowra and asked if they had me on radar, hoping they would confirm that other aircraft were in the vicinity. They replied that they had 3 echoes and advised me to turn 180° (Course), to be identified if I required a homing. At this stage, the two bright lights reformed at "Nine o'clock" from me and disappeared on a North Easterly heading.
6. I saw no other lights and was only able to make out a vague shape with the white light situated centrally on top. Their apparent crossing speed was the fastest that I have ever experienced, and at the time I was indicating 220 knots.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. O'FARRELL

Lieutenant, R.A.N.

The Captain,
R.A.N. Air Station,
Nowra 6C., N.S.W.

Enclosure: Statement by Petty Officer (R.P.I) JESSOP.

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At 1907, aircraft 921 called up and asked if we had him on radar. After checking G.C.I. remote display, we found that two paints appeared on the display approximately 280 degrees 32 miles. After about 15 seconds, another paint appeared in the same vicinity. One appeared to be tracking towards base, the others in a North Easterly direction.

About two minutes later, we told 921 to fly 180 degrees if he wanted a bearing, so we could identify him. His reply was "Negative" so we did not track the paints any further.

(Sgd.) K. E. JESSEOP,

Petty Officer R.P.I.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
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No. ... 54/1289..

REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
QUEENSLAND REGION,
EAGLE FARM,
C/- PRIVATE MAIL BAG SERVICE,
FORTITUDE VALLEY POST OFFICE,
BRISBANE.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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22 SEP 1954

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE.
VICTORIA.

Reported sighting of Astronomical Phenomena

The attached letter was received from my Head Office with a request that movements of aircraft at Cairns on 27/7/54 at 2200 hours local time be forwarded to you.

2. I have to advise that no civil aircraft movement took place at Cairns after 1108Z on that date, nor were there any movement of service aircraft from Townsville or Amberley.

A.W. Doubleday
(A.W. DOUBLEDAY)
Regional Director.

, Att. ✓

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24/9/54

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CENTRAL OFFICE



Box 121

Wangaratta

29. 8. 54

P.R.O

18/2/54

The Director
Dept. of Civil Aviation
Victoria

Dear Sir

~~PRO~~ I wish to report seeing
unusual phenomena in the sky
whilst on holidays recently. I don't
know what they were, but as I
understand you are interested in
such incidents, I have decided to advise
you of what I saw.

on 27th July at Cairns.
whilst looking out to sea from a seat

2.

on the Esplanade at about 10.30 pm
I saw for a few seconds what appeared
to be a big plane fully illuminated
as if by luminous paint. It was
flying north at a fairly low level.

I saw a red light and heard a plane's
engines before, ^{after} I saw this one and I
think it was flying in the same
direction.

The second occasion was in Sydney on
August 16. I was walking from Beverly
Hills station along Coolangatta Rd.
towards Moorfields Rd. at about 2 minutes
to 7 pm. I saw a patch of green light
low in the sky on the right hand side.
It was in the shape of a fat ellipse
and was descending very slowly in
the opposite direction. After I had

3.

observed it for about a minute it disappeared behind some houses. I am certain of the time because just after the houses obscured my view I heard a time signal for 7pm on a radio in a house as I passed it. I ~~could~~^{did} not hear any noise at all from the direction of the object.

As I do not desire any publicity, I have only told my family & a couple of friends.

Hoping this information may be of use to you,

I remain,

yours sincerely
A. Boysted

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EDGAR R. JARROLD

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September 14, 1954

The Secretary,
Department of Air,

Dear Sir,

Thank
you for your letter of Sept. 8 in
reference to the PORT MORISBY prints.

The prints - despatched here on Aug.
10 - to my surprise were RETURNED
to me on August 31 without explanat-
ion, but with fresh postage affixed,
since when being in doubt as to
whether this was done by your Depart-
ment, they have been held awaiting
word from you.

I am despatching them in the exact condition
in which they were returned, so that you may note that
they WERE returned to your Department in good faith as ment-
ioned.

The five prints from which copies can be made following receipt of
Mr. Drury's permission have been enclosed separately as suggested,
and have also been marked to distinguish them from the remainder.

I must convey great appreciation for the privilege, as well as the
valuable co-operation revealed by your Department concerning the
matter.

The cost of the prints of which we should like permanent records
will be forwarded separately to the Receiver of Public Monies in
your Department as outlined, referring to your missive of Sept. 8.

Thanking you for your assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Edgar R. Jarrold.

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Headquarters,
Home Command,
R.A.A.F.,
Penrith,
New South Wales.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your 5/1/AIR (7A), 31st August, 1954.

1. It is hard to appreciate Mr. Proseck's attitude in refusing to give any information he has to the R.A.A.F., particularly when he is willing to give the same information to A.V. Rowe (Canada) and the Government of the United States of America.
2. The matter is being investigated by this Head-Quarters, and no further action on your part is required at present.


(A.D. CHARLTON)
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff

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Mr. Eric John TRILORAK.

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REPORT ON THE EAST DANDENONG SIGHTINGS.

Based on Interviews of 15/6/54, 19/6/54, 10/7/54, 8/8/54.

- 1. Date: Saturday, June 5th, 1954.
 Time: 1820 hours.
 Place: East Dandenong, Prince's Highway, vicinity, 21 mile post.
 Witnesses: Janette Brown (16), Jeanette Johnson (13).

Description by Miss Brown:-

Whilst waiting for a bus into Dandenong, a humming noise was heard, but the source of this noise could not be located. The noise then changed to one reminiscent of a motor-bike although the road was completely deserted - (the road is visible for more than a mile in either direction). A silhouette was then observed to the south over the partly-built Heinz factory (about 200 yds. from road). From the front of the object a white light was shining. As the object moved forward directly towards the observer, it appeared to be rotating, and the light became more yellow. When over the caretaker's cottage, (about 150 yds. from road) the object became a luminescent silver-grey, whilst two more yellow lights appeared and the motor-bike noise ceased, but a soft resonant clanging noise remained. The width of the object was greater than the width of the cottage but less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the cottage (i.e. about 35-40 feet). The object was above the roof of the cottage by about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the height of the cottage (i.e. about 25-30 ft. above the ground).

The three lights were not symmetrically positioned, as there was a long gap between two of the lights - almost as though a fourth light was not glowing. The period of rotation was about 3-4 seconds. When about 10 yards from the boundary fence, which is about 25 yards from the side of the road and the position of the observer, the object stopped its forward movement but the rotational period of revolution was reduced to about a second. The height above the ground was about twice the height of the fence (i.e. about 15 ft). The clanging noise increased in frequency, seemingly in correspondence with the rotational period. The lights appeared to glow from within; they had indefinite edges and extended into the air for about a foot, but did not illuminate the area. They were a yellow-orange in colour.

In shape, the object appeared to have a circular or elliptical base with a domed canopy on top, in which were square windows symmetrically arranged. Underneath the base were three ellipsoidal "wheels" which appeared to be either spinning or revolving. After a while the object retreated towards the factory and disappeared behind the cottage. At this stage, witness was joined by Miss Johnson who independently confirms the following:-

The object, still lit, rose from behind the cottage and with a humming noise, moved westwards to the International Harvester factory.

After hovering for a minute, it moved northwards, crossed the Highway and disappeared behind some trees.

The witness had various impressions:

1. The object was attracted towards her because she was flashing a torch.
2. When near the fence, it was observing her closely.
3. Her torch appeared to become charged.
4. She had a "ghostly feeling" and was afraid. She crouched close to the ground.

Witness has seen "War of the Worlds" and had seen in the Australasian Post a copy of a photograph taken by Adamski. She claims to have not been unduly impressed by these sightings, and had completely forgotten them.

Possibly relevant phenomena:

1. John Brown (brother of above witness) claimed that neighbours complained of severe radio interference at time of above sighting.
2. Janette Brown complained that her wristlet watch had stopped at 1823 hours. Next day it was started again, but lost about five minutes per hour.

3. On 10th June, John Brown took the watch into his place of employment at the Plaza Theatre, Collins Street. Using a 1 1/4" compass, the projectionist found that the watch was capable of repelling the needle. The watch was then put into the A.C. field of a variac, and an attempt made to demagnetise the watch. This was confirmed in an interview with the projectionist. It was also thought that the torch batteries had been drained of power.

4. On the 12th June, John Brown claimed to detect a magnetic repulsion effect from the clasp of a handbag carried by his sister on the 5th June, together with a belt-buckle and some ear-rings. A similar effect was found with the wire fence near Heinz's gate.

5. On the 15th June, Peter Kenley, geologist in the Victorian Mines Department inspected the area with a sensitive compass.

A subsequent interview revealed the following:

(a) The iron poles supporting the wire fence were found to be magnetised.

(b) The top ends of successive poles usually had alternate magnetic polarity.

(c) In the vicinity of the position indicated by John Brown as having been occupied by the flying object, three consecutive stanchions had north poles at the top ends.

(d) A similar fence some miles away was found to be magnetised.

(e) One section of this fence was found to have three consecutive north poles.

(f) It was not possible to compare relative intensities.

(g) The clasp of the handbag was confirmed as being magnetised, and the north and south poles were located, but with difficulty.

(h) Mr. Kenley considered there was insufficient evidence to justify the belief that an intense magnetic source temporarily existed in the area. Contrary to a newspaper report, he had an open mind on the matter.

2. Date: Tuesday June 9th, 1954.

Time: (A) About 1820 or 1830. (B) 1845 to about 2330.

(C) Possibly 1930.

Place: (B), (C) East Dandenong, Prince's Highway, vicinity of 21 mile post.

Witnesses: (a) Janette Brown plus unnamed travelling companions.

(b) Mr. & Mrs. & Janette Brown.

(c) Mrs. Willis.

Description (a) Janette Brown.

From compartment of train approaching Dandenong, three yellow lights observed in sky. They appeared to be rotating. Other witnesses in compartment cannot now be traced.

(b) Mr. Brown.

Three yellow lights, apparently rotating, were observed to approach from the south, quickly move through 60° at an approximate elevation of 30° , and then remained stationary for several hours to the east of the house. The three lights formed a group almost the size of a full moon. The lights disappeared sometime between 2320 and 2345 hours.

(c) Mrs. Willis. (Lives about 200 yds. west of Mr. Brown.)

Stationary bright light to the east - nearly as big and bright as the full moon.

From 10:15 to 11:00 p.m. on the night of the first sighting, Mrs. Willis was in bed. She was awakened by the light which she observed shining in street and at the head of a dark body about one to two feet long. At the feet end of the body there appeared to be two grasshopper-like legs. Witness was mainly concerned with the behavior of the lights as they moved. She heard no sound and believed to be about 200 yds. away. A subsequent search of the area with search telescope nothing observed.

3. Date: Wednesday June 16th, 1954.

Time: Early evening.

Place: McLennan Street, East Dandenong (some 2-300 yds. N.E. of 21 mile post.)

Witnesses: Mrs. Brown, John Brown.

Description by Mrs. Brown:-

Bright yellow light, larger than Venus, observed for about half an hour.

Light in the east near Mr. Willis's factory; more intense than circular, but about the apparent width of the moon. Witness used telescope. On returning to street later, the light had gone.

(b) Description by Mrs. Brown:-

From the western gateway to Willis's factory, a rotating yellow glow was observed to be lighting up the factory wall. The light was too weak to warrant further investigation.

4. Date: Monday June 21st, 1954.
Time: 1845.
Place: East Dandenong, vicinity 21 mile post.
Witnesses: Janette Brown, John Brown.

Description by John Brown:-

Hundreds of white lights fell from the sky over an area of a small paddock for a period of many minutes - possibly, a half-hour. The lights appeared to be a few inches in length, tear-shaped, falling from about the height of the trees in a swift glide to the ground when they would bounce and vanish. The duration of each light was about one second. A faint small light was seen to be moving overhead in an erratic manner. Witness was concentrating most of the time on the possible source of these lights. It was a very dark and cloudy night.

Description by Janette Brown:-

A large number of cream-coloured, tear-shaped, lights fell in vicinity of witness whilst standing on Prince's Highway with John Brown. The lights fell from a height of 100 feet or more, floating down to the ground where they hesitated before jumping. Some made two or three jumps before vanishing. Each light existed for several seconds. On one occasion one light revealed a silhouette attached to a second light that fell between the first light and the observer. It appeared to the witness that the light which was several inches in extent was at the head of a dark body about one or two feet long. At the rear end of the body there appeared to be two grasshopper-like legs. Witness was mainly concerned with the behaviour of the lights on the ground. The nearest was believed to be some 20-30 yds. away. A subsequent search of the area with torches revealed nothing unusual.

5. Date: Saturday June 26th, 1954.
Time: (a) 1900-1910 hrs. (b) 2330 hours.
Place: (a) West of 21 mile post. (b) Heinz's factory.
Witnesses: (a) Mrs. Hillis and son. (b) Mrs. Johnson, Joan Johnson (9 or 10).

(a) Description by Mrs. Hillis:-

Bright light to the west over Wm. Smith's factory: more oblong than circular, but about the apparent width of the moon. Witness went indoors. On returning 10 minutes later, the light had gone.

(b) Description by Mrs. Johnson:-

From the western gateway to Heinz's factory, a rotating yellow glow was observed to be lighting up the factory wall. The night was too cold to warrant further investigation.

6. Date: Wednesday July 7th, 1954.
Time: 1750 hours.
Place: McLennon Street, East Dandenong.
Witnesses: Mrs. Brown, Bobby Brown.

Description by Mrs. Brown:-

To the N. W. of the house at about an elevation of 45° was observed a light yellow bright star larger than Venus or Mars which were both separately identified. The light disappeared after two minutes.

7. Date: Thursday July 8th, 1954.
Time: 1840 hours.
Place: McLennon Street, East Dandenong.
Witnesses: Mr. Brown, Janette Brown.

Description by Mr. Brown:-

Deep yellow stationary bright light with a halo, circular, size of a full moon. (Moon this night slightly more than first quarter.) Witnesses went inside rather than watch it.

The Brown family is impression^{abc}istic, inclined to dramatise and to associate these events with mysterious strangers seen in the vicinity. However, they appear to be completely genuine. Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Johnson are very reticent about their observations and were particularly anxious to avoid publicity. They played down their observations.

A Mr. McCabe gave an indefinite account of a yellow light moving rapidly through or just above the trees to the east of Heinz factory, one night in about the third week of June.

The caretaker of Heinz's factory, George Frost, has allegedly witnessed some of these phenomena, but he has not been interviewed to date.

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No. 1227/4/P3(28A)

10th September 1954



Secretary
 Air Board
 Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE.

REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS
 (Our 1227/4/P3(27A), 22nd Jul 54)

DAFI 22/7/54

- Forwarded herewith for information is a further letter received from Mr. R.C. Cairns of Brown Street, Lismore, Victoria, concerning his observation of an unusual aerial object on 4th September, 1954.
- Once again Mrs. Cairns has been thanked by this Headquarters for his action in reporting the occurrence.

(J.R. FLEMING)
 Group Captain
 Officer Commanding
R.A.A.F. LAVERTON.

(Enc.) ✓

DAFI 22/7/54

Forwarded to Mr. Cairns

JKM/Int/SD

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

NORTHERN COMMAND

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In Reply Please Quote:
HQ Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.....Q.

Director Air Force Intelligence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

ALLEGED GUIDED MISSILE

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1. The attached letter is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

2. The writer has been informed that his letter has been passed to RAAF, and he is free to write what he wishes about the incident.

J. Anderson
Lt Col.
GSO 2 (Int) HQ N Comd.

8 Sep 54.

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passed to RAAF
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TELEPHONE:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 5/1/AIR(7A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters, Home Command
R.A.A.F.
Penrith 1.W
New South Wales

31st August, 1954

Air Force Headquarters
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne S.C.1
Victoria

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your 114/1/197(61A) 13 July 54 and our
5/1/Air(4A) 15 August 1954

1. Three attempts were made to interview Mr. PROSEK at his place of residence, and there is reason to believe that on the third occasion he deliberately avoided meeting the officer concerned. That belief is strengthened by the contents of Mr. Prosek's letter dated 25th August 1954.
2. Copies of the correspondence which has passed between this Headquarters and Mr. Prosek are attached.
3. Kindly advise what further action should be taken by this Headquarters.

H. Campbell
H. CAMPBELL
Air Commodore
for Air Officer Commanding

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COPY

(2A)

5/1/Air (2A)

Headquarters, Home Command
R.A.A.F.
Penrith 1.W
New South Wales

30th July, 1954

Mr. G.J. Prosek,
12 Merton Street
Stanmore
New South Wales

Dear Mr. Prosek,

I have received advice of a letter which you wrote to a Mr. T.C.M. Frost of A.V. Roe, Canada, Limited on 30th May, 1954 last dealing with the design of Flying Saucers.

I understand that you wish to make available to appropriate authorities some information that you have on this matter.

The Royal Australian Air Force would be interested in any information of this sort and I would be glad therefore, to arrange an interview with you at your convenience.

You could see me at the above address between 8-30 A.M. and 5 P.M. Mondays to Fridays if you could give me a few days notice of your intention. However, this Headquarters is a considerable distance from the City of Sydney so that it would probably not be very convenient for you to come here. In that case I could arrange for you to meet me or an officer of my staff at the R.A.A.F. Offices in Sydney at Dymocks Building, 424 George Street, Sydney.

Would you please write to me saying which of the two places is the most convenient for you to come to and the date and time when you could be there.

Yours faithfully,

(J.W. BLACK)
Group Captain
For Air Officer Commanding

5/1/Air

12 Merton Street,
Petersham, Sydney

9th August, 1954

Dear Captain Black,

Thank you for your letter in which you suggesting that I should meet you regarding the information of Luftwaffe plans of an aircraft (Flying Saucer) which I had in possession for an brief time, and which I had to hand over to the Soviet Forces.

However to my sorrow I which to advise you that our meeting wont be necessary for the reason that my original intention was to hand this information to the U.S. or Canada in which case both countries are already working on this project. In my letter to Mr. T.M. Frost I never mentioned the R.A.A.F. once and therefore I can't understand how you obtained the advice of my letter.

Another reason is that if I should give this information the question of personal safety of my wife and myself and my relations which are still living behind the Iron Curtain, would come into the picture.

I am sure you know the proceedings yourself such as change of name, address and employment would have to take place.

Unless the R.A.A.F. gives me a written guarantee that it will sponsor this plus minor request I shall not give this information to any government nor any other body.

I hope you understand why I am taking all this precaution but I was living under the Soviet Regime and fortunately I know how they work.

If you desire to contact me again please do so at the same address by letter.

faithfully yours

SGD. (O.J. PROSEK)

COPY

(6A)

5/1/AIR(2A)

12 Merton Street
Petersham

25th August 1954

Dear Sir,

On the 18th August and on the 25th August a gentleman called at my residence, who wouldn't reveal his name nor the reason for his visit. As I can't think of any person who would have a reason to call on me I am under the impression that the gentleman called in relation to the matter of my information.

If this is the case, I would like to ask you to pay attention to my last letter in which I pointed out clearly that if you desire to contact me do so my letter.

I do not wish to interview anybody at my home. If I am mistaken which might be the possibility, I am asking you to forgive me.

Thanking you

(O.J. PROSEK)

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 5/1/AIR(SA)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
Maintenance Command
Albert Park Barracks
MELBOURNE

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The Secretary
Air Board
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE

27 AUG 1954

REPORT OF UNUSUAL PHENOMENON - TOOWOOMBA QLD.

Forwarded herewith, for consideration in conjunction with any other "flying saucer" reports which may have been received, are copies of two reports received from No. 7 Stores Depot.

M. J. Moore
(M. J. MOORE)
Wing Commander
for AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

ENCLS.

DAFI
30/8/54

10 August 1954.

Deputy Director
Dept. of Civil Aviation
BRISBANE.COPY TO: Headquarters
Maintenance Command.

REPORT OF UNUSUAL LIGHT SIGHTED BY MR. HAY
OF NO. 1 NEW STREET TOOWOOMBA.

1. At 0945 hours, 9th August 1954, Mr. Hay of No. 1 New Street, Toowoomba rang to report having seen an unexplained phenomenon on the evening of Sunday 8th August.
2. Mr. Hay lives near Mount Kynock and at 2040 hours he observed a strange light which appeared to be hovering at a height of 2000 to 3000 feet in a direction south of west of his point of observation. As far as he could judge the light would be in the vicinity of Oakey.
3. He first observed the light when looking from a window and went outside to observe it. His wife also saw the light. He examined the phenomenon through binoculars but apart from intensifying the light no further detail was revealed by such examinations.
4. The light appeared to be hovering and tilting to reveal an upper surface and a lower surface. The upper surface appeared to be a bright flowing red whilst the lower surface was a bright yellowish-white. Mr. Hays would venture no opinion on the shape of the object.
5. At 2045 hours the light receded in a direction south of west until it disappeared.
6. Mr. Hay is prepared to give any further information required.

(Sgd.) M.L. MACINNIS
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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No. 7 Stores Depot
TOOWOOMBA QLD.

18 August 1954.

Deputy Director
Dept. of Civil Aviation
BRISBANE.

COPYTO: Headquarters
Maintenance Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL LIGHT

Further to our letter 3295 (6/Air) dated 10th August 1954, a further report has been received from Mr. Hay.

2. The phenomenon was again seen at 2045 hours on Monday 16th August. On this occasion, when seen it was receding in a direction S.W. by W. until it disappeared over the horizon. The description of the object tallies with that of the previous sighting except that it was possibly lower and the line of sight was slightly more to the south.

3. The object was seen by Mrs. Hay and by a next door neighbour, Mr. Sturgess.

(Sgd.) M.L. MACINNIS
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer.

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(see 83A)

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18 SEP 1954

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Dear Sir,

Your letter of 16th August, addressed to the Minister for Air requesting retention of five of the ninety-four prints previously forwarded to you for perusal, has been received in this Department. However, although you mention returning eighty-nine prints with your letter, these have not been received.

It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would return all ninety-four prints addressed to the Secretary, Department of Air, referring to this letter and suitably marking those prints which you would like copied.

As you have been previously informed, it will be necessary to obtain the consent of Mr. Drury, the owner of the copyright, to the printing of those prints before we can forward you copies for your retention.

The cost of printing five prints is £1.3.9 and if you forward this sum to the Receiver of Public Monies, in this Department, again referring to this letter, action will be taken to have the necessary copies forwarded to you as soon as possible, subject, of course, to Mr. Drury's approval.

Yours faithfully,

EWH

(E. W. Hicks) *831*
SECRETARY

Mr. E.R. Jarrold,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

114/1/197 (73A)

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

redrafted

I refer to your letter of the 16th August, 1954, requesting retention of five of the 94 prints sent to you on the 6th July, 1954.

Though you mention returning 89 prints, no prints were actually received. Therefore, it is requested that you return all of the photographs without further delay.

As I informed you, it will be necessary to obtain the consent of Mr. Drury, the owner of the copyright, for you to retain the prints.

Therefore, you should return all the prints you are holding, having suitably marked the photographs you wish to have returned. The cost of printing will be £1.3.9. and on receipt of this amount and subject to Mr. Drury's approval, identical copies will be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mr. E.R. Jarrold,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
Fairfield,
N.S.W.

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an interesting discussion ensued. For this privilege, I am deeply grateful, and must convey sincere appreciation.

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The prints temporarily retained will be returned immediately arrangements are concluded regarding the copies we should very much like to have, or, as previously suggested, their cost will be reimbursed if it is simpler for everyone.

Thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation, and looking forward to hearing something soon, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Edgar R. Jarrold.

[Handwritten signature]

Refer to Director _____

[Handwritten signature]

19 8 1954

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*Mr Jones EV693 will arrange for check with Bureau Sec. as to reimbursement of 89 cents
W.J.D.H.
27/8/54*

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19 AUG 1954
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SECRETARIAT

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Capetown.

August 10, 1954

The Minister for Air,

Dear Mr. Mc Mahon,

Many thanks

indeed for your welcome communication
of July 6, and prints enclosed of the
Port Moresby object.

The latter

have been studied closely, upon which
it has been found that, as you stated,
but little actual details can be
learnt of the object's composition.

However, despite the acute difficulties encountered in
photographing these and other unexplained aerial objects, it is
the view of the A.F.S.B. that so long as their presence continues
in Australian skies the various aspects associated with their
existence should continue to be studied, particularly from a scien-
tific point of view, but also in case of possible future need,
when every ascertainable fact concerning them might prove of con-
siderable importance.

For these reasons, we should very much like to retain in our files
for future reference certain of the prints forwarded which are
considered to contain the most detail. With the consent of your
Dept. therefore, we have selected five particular prints, which are
being kept separate from the others pending hearing from you
whether we may retain them for this purpose. (This appears the only
method possible of ensuring that the ones selected are not confused
with the remainder of the prints, since none are numbered, or possess
distinguishing features capable of description per letter.)

The remaining 89 prints are herewith returned, with gratitude for
your courtesy in permitting a thorough examination to be made of
them.

May we request your attention regarding the five which we should
appreciate retaining? Should these later be returned with a formal
request for identical copies, or may their cost be despatched direct
upon hearing from you in that regard?

The suggestion contained in the last paragraph of your July 6 comm-
unication was carried out to, I think, mutual benefit when on July
19 I visited Victoria Barracks in Melbourne, being received and exte-
nded every courtesy by Squadron Leader A.H. Birch, R.A.F. with whom

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
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R.A.A.F. Form

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File No. 5/1/Air(4A) **72A**

Date: 15th August 1954

FROM: HOME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS (D.A.F.I)

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The delay in replying to your 114/1/197 (61A) is regretted.

2. A letter was written to Mr. Prosek requesting an appointment for an interview with a Technical Officer. In reply, Mr. Prosek expressed surprise that his letter to Mr. Frost should have become available to the R.A.A.F. and stated that he would refuse to give information to any government unless he is provided with certain written guarantees related to the safety of his relations still living in satellite countries.

3. It is considered that no good purpose can be served by further attempts to arrange an interview with a Technical Officer, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Prosek was aged no more than 15 years at the time of the reported incident and retained no documents.

4. Mr. Prosek will be interviewed by an Intelligence Officer not later than 15th August 1954.

L. J. Hale
CONFIDENTIAL

(F. HEADLAM)
Air Commodore

S.A.S.O.
Signature of Originator, Rank and Appointment

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Strike out those classifications
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114/1/197 (70A)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 6th August, 1954.

Your report will be filed and used in the analysis of unusual flying phenomena.

Yours faithfully,

E.W. Hicks
(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mr. L. O'Connell,
11, Leanington Street,
Reservoir N.19,
Victoria.

DL Cp. Capt.
D.A.F.I. 23 Aug

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MINUTE PAPER.

(This side only to be written on.)

D. 10 2, 7, 45. 25.

Subject:

D.A.F.I.

The enclosed "flying saucer" story is a little beyond our ken.

2. I think the ball may be passed to your court.

12.8.54

H. Ross Rayner
(H. ROSS RAYNER)
A/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS.

1144 Leamington St,
Reservoir N.19.
6/8/54.

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Mr H. Kayser,
Dear Sir,

I wish to report the following:

approximately seven weeks ago, and again last night - 5/8/54 - I observed a light in the sky, on the first occasion approx. 12:0 pm to 12:35, on the second occasion approx. 9:5 pm to 9:30 p.m. I append the details herewith.

1. First appearance - appeared to be a brightly flashing star, and attracted my attention because it was the only visible star. Size appeared to be that of a very bright star, and color changed constantly from green to red.
2. Conditions cloudy.
3. Position approx. due south of Edwards Park (in Reservoir) and appeared to be south of City proper. My impression was that it was perhaps above St Hilda.
4. Behaviour was of a slow, methodical sweeping movement. To observe this better, I stood on my front porch, and fixed a position with trees approx. one third of a mile distant. In thirty five minutes the light descended slowly towards the

trees, moving to the left about fifty yards through the markers. It disappeared behind the trees, then rose again slowly, moving to the right. In the thirty five minutes, it again repeated this movement, taking all of the time to complete two circuits. It's northernmost peak of movement brought it approx. fifteen feet above the markers. In the second of these movements, it disappeared south on a continuous course, behind the trees, & did not reappear.

5. During the first sweep, a plane approached for a landing, crossing Reservoir east to west. As the plane crossed towards the northern front of the light, for a distance of approx. three miles, the light faded right out, and then reappeared, in about the same position. This occurred as their positions were, relatively, with the light 45° angle to the plane's port bow, until about 45° angle to the plane's port stern.

6. On this first occasion, my wife was also a witness for part of the time.

7. On The second occasion, The light appeared in the same area, approximately fifteen feet above the same marker trees. Mr Paul McDevitt, of 138 Leamington St., Reservoir, and I, observed it when going out onto the front porch of my house, about 9:05 PM. My wife also observed it part of the time.

8. Conditions ³ clear, bright starry night.

9. Position as previously.

10. Mr. Devitt + I made these points:

(a) Colour predominately red + green, constantly changing, but not flickering quickly, like a star.

(b) About the size and amount of light as of a D.C. 3 at about 7 or 8 miles

(c) movement slowly south, and left of us, i.e. course about ~~west-southwest~~ East-South East.

(d) we fixed a star on a tree top, for comparison of movement, and, using the markers previously indicated, agreed that it moved approx. fifty yards through the markers, getting lower towards the tree tops.

(e) None of the characteristics of any aircraft known to us, with the possible exception of a helicopter, and that only for comparison of manoeuvrability.

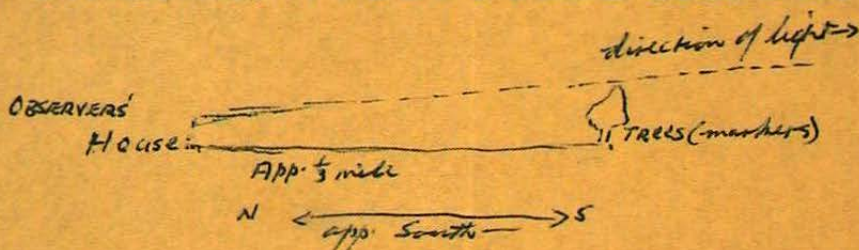
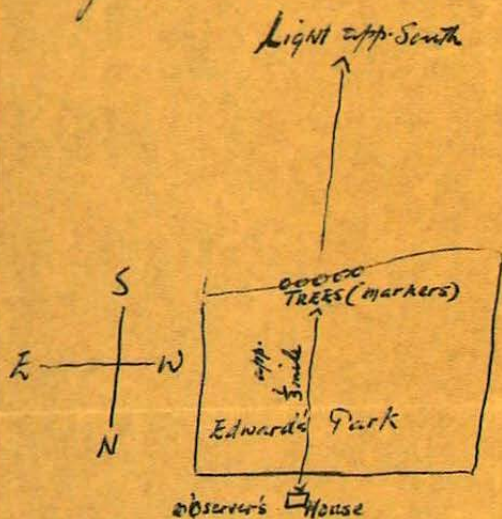
(f) Taking the height as, no more than five thousand feet, (pure guesswork) its movement was of a very unhurried hovering nature, and speed could not have been in excess of fifty miles per hour, and probably very considerably less.

11. Mr. Devitt observed it for approx. fifteen minutes, and I followed it

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Progress for twenty-five minutes, when it again disappeared on the same course.

12 The following illustrations may be of some assistance.



Trusting that the foregoing may be of interest to you,

Signed *H. O'Connell*

H. O'CONNELL.

Phone (business hours)
JB 3511

114/1/197 (68A)

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26 AUG 1954

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the
8th August, 1954.

Your report will be filed and used
in the analysis of unusual flying phenomena.

Yours faithfully,

EWA
(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mrs. L.M. Hall,
Pheasant Creek,
via Whittlesea.

DL 23 Aug
D.A.F.I.

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26 AUG 1954

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114/1/197 (66A)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the
3rd August, 1954.

Your report will be filed and used
in the analysis of unusual flying phenomena.

Should it prove necessary to amplify
your report, you will be contacted by a representative
of this Department.

Yours faithfully,



(E.W. Hicks)

Secretary

Mr. G.R. Scott,
11 William Street,
North Brighton,
Victoria.

EB 23 Aug.

..... G.R. Scott
D.A.N.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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No. B6/11/AIR(39A)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters
Western Area
R.A.A.F.
Pearce, W.A.

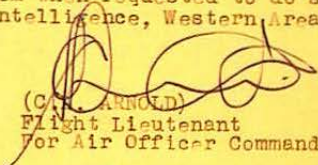
Air Force Head-Quarters
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne, S.C.1.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Enclosed herewith is a report on an unusual aerial sighting from Denmark in the extreme South West of Western Australia.
2. This sighting was also witnessed by the Local Postmaster, but, the Constable did not obtain a report from him when requested to do so by the Staff Officer Intelligence, Western Area.

Enc.

*Forward to
Mr. Jones*


(C. ARNOLD)
Flight Lieutenant
For Air Officer Commanding.

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TELEPHONE:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 1227/4/P3(27A)

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Headquarters
Leverton

22nd July, 1954. H1754

Secretary,
Air Board
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE.

REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Forwarded herewith for information is a letter received from Mr. R.C. Cairns of Brown Street, Lismore, Victoria, concerning his observation of an unusual aerial object on 12th July, 1954.
2. Mr. Cairns has been thanked by this Headquarters for his action in reporting the occurrence.

Da Fog 2/7/54
✓
(Enc.)

J.R. Fleming
(J.R. FLEMING)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding
R.A.A.F. LAVERTON.

letter forwarded to Mr. Cairns

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5 AUG 1954

114/1/197 (63A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 30th July, 1954, in which you offer to undertake a statistical analysis of unidentified flying objects, and to establish a liaison with this Department.

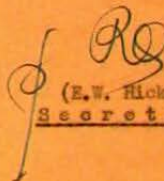
It is considered that a liaison along the lines mentioned in your letter would be of mutual advantage, and it is desired to effect this as soon as possible. The available reports will be forwarded to you for study and eventual return to this Department.

It is requested that when interviewing observers, you do not mention your connection with the Department of Air, unless it is necessary. Such a disclosure could possibly prove embarrassing to you and the Department.

There is some slight concern about the security aspect which could, I think, be settled most easily by a conversation between you and an officer of Air Force Head-Quarters. The officer concerned will telephone you shortly to discuss arrangements in this matter.

In replying to your letter, it is desired to thank you for your help, and your findings will be received with interest.

Yours faithfully,


(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mr. O.H. Turner,
University of Melbourne,
Physics Department,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

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University of Melbourne,
Physics Department,
Melbourne, Victoria.

30th July, 1954.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

As the Air Force authorities appear to have a current interest in the phenomenon commonly referred to as "flying saucers", I wonder if it would be possible for me to offer my services in an attempt to evaluate some of the associated aspects. At present I am a nuclear physicist employed by the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and working in the Physics Department, University of Melbourne. For a while I was employed by the Department of Supply at Salisbury and Woomera on the development of doppler for rocket tracking. There followed three years on nuclear physics at the University of Oxford and a short period at A.E.R.E. Harwell, working on curium. My earlier academic post-graduate research was at the University of Western Australia on cosmic radiation. With this background, it may be possible to apply a more unusual mode of attack to the problem.

If it were agreeable that some form of liaison be established, I would propose to follow this procedure.

1. Form a University group of nuclear physicists to analyse aspects of a report that are suggestive of scientific analysis. (The origin of such reports would not be divulged.)
2. Act in liaison with the Victorian Saucer Investigation Committee (a private organisation consisting principally of engineers and amateur astronomers.)
3. Interview observers whose reports are indicative of providing some evidence capable of scientific analysis. It is appreciated that all information is of a confidential nature, and I would endeavour to be discreet at all times.
4. Collate reports in terms of a common denomination and undertake a statistical analysis.

My interest is purely academic. If these suggestions are of any interest to you, I would be only too pleased to co-operate in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

O. H. Turner

(O.H. Turner.)

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13 JUL 1954

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Headquarters,
Home Command,
R.A.A.F.,
Penrith,
New South Wales.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. O.J. PROSEK of STAMMORE, Sydney, to a Mr. T.C.M. FROST of A.V. Roe, Canada, Limited.
2. It is requested that Mr. Prosek be interviewed and a report submitted on this matter.

R.A.G. Ellen

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(R.A.G. ELLEN)
Wing Commander,
Director of Air Force Intelligence.

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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply quote No. 5/1/Air(2a)

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22 June, 1954

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Secretary
Air Board
Victoria Barracks
St.Kilda Rd.
Melbourne S.C.1
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FLYING SAUCER REPORTS

Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr.O.J.Prosek of Stanmore, Sydney, to a Mr.J.C.M.Frost of A.V.Roe Canada Limited.

2. R.C.A.F. Headquarters forwarded the above-mentioned letter to this office, stating that A.V.Roe are interested from a technical standpoint and that Director of Air Intelligence, RCAF is interested from the point of view of intelligence.
3. R.C.A.F. Headquarters would appreciate it if Mr.Prosek could be interrogated in this matter.

J.C. Jordan
(J.C. Jordan)

Squadron Leader
for Air Attache
Royal Australian Air Force

JCJ:ac ✓
Encl.1 ✓

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Da 22
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12 Merton St.
Stanmore, Sydney, Australia

30 May 1954
12 Merton St. Stanmore
Sydney

Dear Mr Frost

Recently I have read in the daily paper that you are the most advanced designer of Flying Saucers.

At the end of the comment there was written that you and the U.S. Air Force have the strong believe that the Soviet is ahead of you in this field.

Unfortunately I know that your believe is true, as I myself have seen plans of a mashine which today called the Flying Saucer.

Right after the War when I tried to remove some parts of an abandoned Luftwaffe car I came across an large size envelope which contained several plans of aircraft. Among them there were three plans describing the aircraft itself which was shaped circular and one plan described a launching platform. Furthermore there was a written report which I went through with interest. It described the material and the advantages (This word could be "disadvantages" but writing illegible) of the aircraft and it included an recommendation to some office in Berlin.

I sat there in that car studying those plans for about an hour. As I was and still am interested in aircraft, I was trying to figure out how an aircraft like that could be made airborne. When I was about ready to go and deliver the papers to the police, two Russian officers have seen me and took the plans and myself to their C.O. After a lot of questioning they released me to go home.

After I have escaped from Czechoslovakia I have tried to give my information but I was afraid that I might be ridiculed so I kept the secret to myself.

As I read the report on your research, I thought that you could use some of the data and details which I have seen and still remember clearly today.

Anyway I will be waiting for an answer from you and if needed I shall do my best to help you out.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) O.J. Prosek

(Original letter air-mailed
Stamp O.K. (Australian))

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25 JUL 1954

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 7th July, 1954,
in which you report an unusual sighting.

In thanking you for your report, you are
informed that this report will be filed and used in
the analysis of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mr. T. De Arango,
132 Mille Street,
Frankston,
Victoria.

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File. 11./1/97.

Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

[REDACTED] 1054

Further to my letter of the 17th June, 1954, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith 94 prints taken from the film of the unidentified flying object observed over Port Moresby during August, 1953.

As we informed you at an earlier date, the prints are of very little value in establishing any details of the object and as the cost per print is 1/9, I think that you may like to retain the prints to us after you have studied them. This Department will be quite happy if you decide to accept this arrangement. Should you wish to retain the prints, it will be necessary for me to obtain the consent of Mr. Bruy, the owner of the copyright, and I will communicate with him upon hearing further from you.

Concerning the suggestion in paragraph 5 of your letter of 18th June, such a liaison, although in many ways desirable is likely to lead to some embarrassing requests, which, once the precedent had been established, it would be difficult to refuse. I regret therefore that my Department is unable to establish official liaison with you.

I think however it might well be of mutual advantage if unofficial liaison could be established, and I suggest that perhaps when next you are in Melbourne, you would like to call at Air Force Head-Quarters to discuss the subject with the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) WILLIAM McMAHON

(William McMahon)

Mr. E.S. Jarrold,
Director,
The Australian Flying Officer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
Fairfield,
New South Wales.

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10/6/54

Federal Members' Rooms,
Sydney
17th June 1954

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

In the absence of the Minister
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your further
letter of 12th June 1954.

I will bring your letter to the
Minister's attention as soon as he returns to
Sydney and he will, no doubt, write to you
himself on this matter in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

(R.J. Findlay)
Private Secretary.

Mr. E.R. Jarrold,
Director,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD. N.S.W.

RM
SECRETARY - AIR.

For preparation of reply please.

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R.J. Findlay
(Private Secretary)
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The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau

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(PUBLISHERS OF "THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER MAGAZINE")

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12 Dikera St., Balmoral,
Brisbane, Qld.

Sydney:
Mr. ANDREW P. TOMAS,
227 Bay St., Brighton le Sands,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Melbourne:
Mr. JOHN M. ANDERSON
(Address withheld on request)

Adelaide:
Mr. FRED STONE (President,
South Australian Branch of
the A.F.S.B.), 22 Northcote
St., Kilburn, S.A.

Hobart:
Mr. YVES DUPONT,
465 Macquarie St., Hobart,
Tasmania.

Director:
EDGAR R. JARROLD
National H.Q.:
3 Ferguson Avenue, Fairfield N.S.W., Australia

June 12-1954

The Minister for Air,

Dear Mr. Mc Mahon,

In ref -

erence to your last communication,
dated December 2, concerning prints
of Mr. T. G. Drury's Port Moresby
motion - picture film of an unident
-ified flying object, observed and
photographed over the town, on August
23, 1953.

International Observers:
Mr. GORDON DELLER
S/L HECTOR ROSS (R.A.P.)

United States Observers:
Mr. ELLIOT ROCKMORE,
Director, Flying Saucer
Researchers,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. CORAL E. LORENZEN,
National Director, Aerial
Phenomena Research
Organisation,
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Mr. MAX B. MILLER, President,
Flying Saucers International,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Factor A. H. BALLER,
Greenfield, Mass.

Mr. FREDERIC H. MAYNARD,
Central Village, Conn.

New Zealand Observer:
Mr. HAROLD H. FULTON,
President, Civilian Saucer
Investigation (N.Z.), Auckland

African Observer:
Miss CLODAH ANDERSON,
Capetown.

It was conveyed that the return of the film
from America was expected early in the New Year, since which advice
we have received no further communication from you.

In view of the considerable period which has elapsed beyond that mention
-ed, may we enquire concerning the film's present location and stage of
investigation, plus any free hindication of when it's return to Australia
is anticipated?

It has been suggested that 'because of what the film records', despite
your personal promise of prints being made available to me for objective
examination, a decision has been made by your Dept. NOT to fulfill that
promise after all, a point on which we should appreciate further reassur
-ance.

Because of certain aspects of specific UFO sighting* in some localities,
I desire to advise that scrupulous care is maintained by the A.F.S.B. to
avoid it's investigation* extending into any realm which could prejudice
Australian security. We deal ONLY with UFO research, and do not seek to
embarrass any Gov't Dept., rather we hope that our sincere investigations
prove to be beneficial both to the Australian Gov't and public.

I mention these points since recent developments have shown that some
kind of official or unofficial liaison between our organisation and certain
Gov't Depts. appears eminently desirable, at least in instances where
Gov't projects become inadvertently involved, - with such a liaison effect
-ed, we could then continue investigations, completely relieved of any
mutual concern that confidential matters relating to Gov't Depts. would
overlap into our sphere of research by mistake.

May I enquire whether a confidential discussion regarding this possibility
could be effected with someone of authority in your Dept?

We also have an official report from Melbourne of June 2, conveying that the RAAF requires a further two years to compile a comprehensive file on which a thorough analysis of the entire subject of UFO's could be based.

Since our organisation has been investigating already for this long time, it is quite reasonable to infer that the considerable amount of data we have compiled could be of great assistance to RAAF investigators, and with sincere desire to help Australian research we are happy to advise that our files and accumulated information are freely available to any Gov't investigators who care to avail themselves of the offer. It is felt that free exchange of all relevant material may be of substantial assistance to ALL investigators of the phenomena, hence our desire to both give and receive maximum co-operation.

Thanking you for past such co-operation, and looking forward to word from you re outstanding matters and aspects, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Edgar R. Jarrold.

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12 JUL 1954

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Dear Mr. Wiggins,

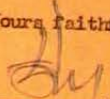
The "flying saucer" film taken by Mr. T.C. Drury at Port Moresby in August, 1953, and forwarded by you on the 22nd September, is returned herewith.

We have subjected the film to detailed study and processing, but have been unable to establish anything more than the fact that a blur of light appears to move across the film. In spite of this disappointment, we would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr. E.R. Jarrold, the President of the Flying Saucer Bureau has requested copies of the black and white enlargements which we have been able to make from the film, and we propose to forward to him a number of copies for return after study. We have explained to him that should he desire to copy these enlargements it will be necessary for us to obtain permission from you or from Mr. Drury. In view of the cost of the enlargements and the absence of useful information on them, we expect that he will be happy to return them to us.

Once again, many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,


(E.V. Hicks)
Secretary

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Mr. C.S. Wiggins, C.B.E.,
Department of Civil Aviation,
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.I.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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Royal Australian Air Force,
04979 Flg.Off.K.J.Duffy,
R.A.A.F. Field Security,
A.R.D.U. Trials Flight,
Woomera. Sth. Aust.


23rd. June 1954.

Sqd.Ldr.H.H.Birch,
Air Force Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.I.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

(Your II4/1/197 (33a) dated 1st. June 1954)

1. Enclosed herewith completed Pro Formas from Mr. S.J. Baker and Staff Sergeant Trotter G.A.
2. The delay in forwarding these forms is regretted. One of the persons concerned was unavailable for interview and it was necessary to await his return.
3. There has been another reported sighting in this area on the 25th. May, 1954. Copies of the Pro Forma have been completed by this unit and will be forwarded, as soon as all the persons concerned have been interviewed.


..... Flg.Off.
(K.J.Duffy)

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Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE

27 JUL 1954

Dear Mr. Dawes,

I refer to your letter dated 6th July 1954, in which you made representations to my predecessor on behalf of the Editor of the Australasian Post concerning a film of an unidentified aerial object taken by a Mr. Drury, an official of the Department of Civil Aviation, at Port Moresby last year.

It is true that Mr. Drury took a motion picture film of an unidentified moving object over Port Moresby in 1953.

The film was only loaned to my Department for a period and has now been returned to the Department of Civil Aviation. However, I feel that any specific replies to the questions raised by the Editor of the Australasian Post could possibly infringe on Mr. Drury's rights of ownership of the film.

In view of the foregoing, you will appreciate that it would be most desirable for Mr. Drury himself to answer any questions concerning his film.

Yours sincerely,

ATHOL TOWNLEY

(Athol Townley)

Ian A. Dawes Esq.,
Argus Representative,
Box 244B, P.O.,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

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AUSTRALASIAN POST
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YOUR GARDEN

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21/7/1954
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Mr. McMahon, Minister for Air.

The Editor of the Australasian Post has asked me to obtain from you the following information:

- of a "flying saucer"*
- Was a film taken by a Mr. Drury, at Port Moresby, about Christmas time, submitted to your department for examination?
 - What did this examination show?
 - Was the film then sent to the United States of America for further processing and examination?
 - If so, what did this show?
 - What has happened to the film?
 - Has there been any official report?
 - Is it possible to obtain a copy of the official report, if any, or to learn the contents?

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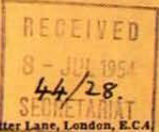
Secretary

For attention please
R.P.P.



I am advised.

(Ian A. James, Argus Representative).



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Dear Madam,

I refer to your letter dated 7th July, 1954, in which you report an unusual sighting.

In returning your book it is desired to thank you for your report.

Should you be interested in research of this nature, you may wish to contact the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, J Ferguson Avenue, Fairfield, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

EWH
(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Miss D.A.J. Stevens,
465 St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 7th July, 1954, in which you report an unusual sighting.

In thanking you for your report, you are informed that this report will be filed and used in the analysis of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,

EWH
(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

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A/DAP
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Mr. T. De Arango,
132 Yuille Street,
Frankston,
Victoria.



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PERTH, W.A.

3 - JUN 1954

Handwritten notes:
JAFI
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MEMORANDUM for:

Director-General.

Subject: UNUSUAL PHENOMENA - INVESTIGATION OF REPORTS.

.... Herewith is a copy of a report of unusual phenomena observed by Mr. E. Cooper of Ward 2, Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, W.A.

Referred for necessary action.

J. Laidie

for Regional Director.

Attach. 1/1

Headquarters
R.A.A.F.
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

Handwritten:
BAG 9/6/54

Passed for information.

Preston

for Public Relations Officer

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10 JUN 1954

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 31st May, 1954, offering a report of an unusual sighting on 1st May, 1954.

Reports received by this Department concerning unidentified objects are investigated in an endeavour to match reports against some normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena. No planned research has been undertaken in this field.

In view of the foregoing, it is not desired to take advantage of your offer which is, nevertheless, most appreciated.

As you are interested in research of this nature, it is suggested that you may wish to contact the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, 3 Ferguson Avenue, Fairfield, New South Wales.

Yours faithfully,



(E. W. Hicks)

Secretary

Mr. G.N. Hocking,
114 Wilson Street,
Ballarat East, Vic.

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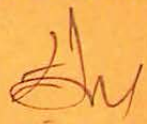
Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent letter addressed to the Department of Civil Aviation offering a theory and the explanation thereof.

Under a reciprocal agreement for the exchange of information on unusual aerial phenomena, your thesis was forwarded to this Department.

In returning your paper, it is desired to thank you for your suggestions which may assist in the analysis of such phenomena.

Yours faithfully,



(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

*A. Beeching to Mr. Hicks
A.I.
11/6/37.*

Mr. C.W. Beeching,
206 Alma Road,
St. Kilda,
Victoria.

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3 JUN 1954

114/1/197 (34A)

Regional Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
Victoria-Tasmania Region,
522 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA

1. A thesis written by Mr. C.W. Beeching, and submitted to your Department has been forwarded to Air Force Head-Quarters.
2. The paper has been considered, and returned to Mr. Beeching.

(E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

E.W. Hicks
Fl. 1.
1/6/54.

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114/1/197 (33A)

15 JUN 1954

Flying Officer E.J. Duffy (04979),
R.A.A.F. Field Security,
A.R.D.U. Trials Flight,
Woomera,
South Australia.

15 JUN 1954

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

Your letter dated 21st May, 1954.

1. With reference to the report on "Flying Saucers" contained in your abovequoted letter, it would be appreciated if you could interview Mr. Sydney BAKER and Staff Sergeant TROTTER G.A.
2. Attached are two pro forms for completion and return to this Head-Quarters.

15 JUN 1954

(A.D. CHARLTON)
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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TELEPHONE MXY 130

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 5/6/AIR(28A)

14/1/1947
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCEHeadquarters Training Command
R.A.A.F.
Albert Park Barracks
Melbourne S.C.3.

1725

17 MAY 1954

The Secretary,
Air Board,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne S.C.1.,
Victoria.

(D.A.F.I. Attention Squadron Leader BIRCH)

UNUSUAL ABRRIAL PHENOMENA

1. Under a reciprocal agreement for the exchange of information on the above subject, the attached paper, purporting to explain inter alia Biblical miracles, flying saucers and why airmen's families are mainly daughters, has been forwarded to this office by the Regional Director, Victorian Tasmanian Region, Department of Civil Aviation. The author of this thesis is Mr. C.W. BEECHING, 206 Alma Rd., St. Kilda.
2. The paper was considered by the Air Staff of this Headquarters but it was unanimously agreed that the thesis went beyond the comprehension of the normal G.D. officer.
3. The Command Education Officer who is well qualified as a physicist, but whose knowledge of the latest developments in the popular science fiction field is limited, considered the theory novel and unsupported by any evidence of pure or applied science known to him. He considers that the writer has a certain amount of scientific knowledge and appears to have read extensively of those scientific publications available to the general public.
4. The "theo-scientific" nature of the paper has been noted but no approach has been made to the Chaplain's Branch of this Headquarters for their comments.
5. Unless proper consideration can be given to such papers, the R.A.A.F. is laying itself open to charges of cavalier treatment of persons who genuinely believe that their contributions will materially assist in the advancement of aviation science. The extreme view could be taken that this Headquarters is as qualified to consider the validity of this theory as were the 16th century monks in the case of Galileo.
6. Therefore, in view of the limited resources of this Headquarters, the attached paper is forwarded for your information and action. It is understood from Department of Civil Aviation that this is the only copy in existence and that Mr. Beeching would like it returned eventually.

DAFI
17/5/54

Encl.

L.L. Johnston
(L.L. JOHNSTON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Command

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22 MAY 1954

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent letter addressed to the Minister for Air offering a possible explanation of reports of unidentified aerial objects in the Adelaide area.

Such reports which come to hand are examined by this Department in conjunction with other Departments which may be concerned, such as the Department of Civil Aviation, the Meteorological Services or the Commonwealth Observatory, in an endeavour to match the occurrence with some normal flying activity or meteorological or astronomical phenomena.

It is desired to thank you for the account of your observations and to state that the information which you have provided has been filed as evidence which may assist analysis of any reports received in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Re
f (E.W. Hicks)
Secretary

Mr. P. Culbert,
48 Kingston Road,
CAMPERDOWN, N.S.W.

29A

Northampton

This should make
an original addition to the
Hyman Sanger file.
He solves the
whole illusion!

This came
addressed to the transmitter
but no reply for the
transmission is required


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5 MAY 1954

114/1/197

Dear Sir,


Your letter dated 16th February, 1954, offering your services for Flying Saucer research has been referred to this Department for reply.

Neither this Department nor other Commonwealth Departments concerned have any knowledge of the formation of an official Committee or Panel of Experts to study flying saucers. Furthermore, the same Departments have not undertaken any planned research in this field.

Any reports received by this Department concerning unidentified objects are investigated individually, at times in conjunction with other Government authorities, e.g. Meteorological Services and Civil Aviation, in an endeavour to match the report against some normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena.

In view of the foregoing, it is not desired to take advantage of your offer, which is nevertheless most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,


(E. W. Hicks)
SECRETARY

Mr. J.N. Stein Jr.
109 So San Marine Avenue,
PASADENA 10, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

22 APR 1954

Dear Mr. Jenkins,

I refer to your letters of the 27th March and the 6th April concerning unidentified aerial objects in New South Wales.

A check of the information provided by you against R.A.A.F. flight records reveals that on both the 27th March and the 6th April, Canberra jet bomber aircraft were engaged on operational cross-country and meteorological exercises respectively, at high altitudes over routes which would have taken them over or in close proximity to the areas which you mention, at the times stated.

Your description of the vapour trails and noise of flight are also consistent with those produced by jet aircraft travelling at high speed and at high altitude. However, it is very difficult to estimate both speed and altitude of aircraft in flight, particularly jet aircraft.

In view of the foregoing, it would appear that the objects sighted by you were Canberra jet aircraft in flight.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) WILLIAM McMAHON

(William McMahon)

Mr. A. Jenkins,
MOAMA, N.S.W.

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21.4.54

Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

22/4/54?

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

I refer to your letter dated 29th March concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object between Heathcote and Waterfall, N.S.W., at approximately 3 p.m. on the 24th March, 1954.

The information reported by your observer would appear to coincide with a flight of a Canberra jet bomber aircraft which was engaged on a cross country operational exercise over that general area at approximately the time stated.

As your observer indicates, it is most difficult to judge from the ground the height and speed of a high speed, high altitude jet aircraft. Although the flight on this occasion was not heralded by the customary noise of jet engines, atmospheric conditions may have been responsible for this fact.

There seems little doubt that the aerial object to which your observer refers in his report was a Canberra jet aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) *William McMahon*
(William McMahon)

Alun Jones
CAACAS
21. 4. 54

Mr. E.R. Jarrold,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

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Federal Members' Rooms,
SYDNEY.
1st April, 1954.

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

In the absence of the Minister in Melbourne, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th March, 1954, concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 24th March, 1954.

I will bring your letter to the Minister's attention as soon as he returns to Sydney and he will, no doubt, write to you himself on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(R.J. Findlay)
Private Secretary.

Mr. E.R. Jarrold,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

SECRETARY - AIR.

For preparation of reply please.

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R.J. Findlay
(Private Secretary)
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BOX 1839 G. P.O.,
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MELBOURNE, C.1

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION,

"HENTY HOUSE,"

499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1

25th March, 1954.

Dear Stan,

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory
up to a point. The chap doesn't even seem
literate. Nevertheless, it's in your court!

Personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

*D/D/DF: (copy)
This is of no interest
to security -*

Doug.

(Douglas N. Gillison)
Public Relations Officer

Stanley Brogden [copy]
Mr. Stanley Brogden,
Director of Public Relations,
Department of Air,
MELBOURNE.

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CENTRAL OFFICE

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314 ALBERT STREET,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2.

22nd. March, 1954.

Director-General
Department of Civil Aviation
499 Little Collins St.,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

P. R. O.
18/2/54

Dear Sir:

"FLYING SAUCERS!"

We are enclosing a letter dated 16th. February, 1954.
H'th/ received from J.N. Stein, 109 So San Marino Av. Pasadena 10 Calif.
since we feel that the information required would be more
appropriately supplied by you than by this Organization.

It would be appreciated if you would reply to the
enquirer direct. The letter has been acknowledged.

Guy B. Gresford.

Guy B. Gresford,
Secretary,
(Industrial & Physical Sciences.)

PRO

John W. Stein
109 So San Marino Ave
Pasadena 10 California



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24 FEB 1954

Air Attache,
Office of the Air Attache,
American Embassy,
414 Collins Street,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

REQUEST FOR COPY OF 8MM FILM OWNED BY MR. DEURY

Your AA-70-54 dated 5th March, 1954.

1. Extensive enquiries in Melbourne reveal that possibly the only country in the world which is capable of making a copy of this film is the United Kingdom, and therefore some difficulty would be experienced in getting a copy made for your Headquarters. This would explain the apparent oversight by your own people in not making a copy when they had the film available.

2. It is possible to make any number of stills that is desired and this Directorate hopes to have some made for the President of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. If your Headquarters would like some stills, please advise this Directorate and every effort will be made to procure these stills.

D.A. Charlton
(D.A. CHARLTON)
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff



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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHE
AMERICAN EMBASSY

AA-70-54

414 Collins St.
Melbourne, Australia
5 Mar 54

Director of Intelligence
RAAF Headquarters
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith is the 8 mm film belonging to Mr. Drury which you were so kind to lend this office.

It would be very much appreciated by my Headquarters if you could obtain for this office a copy of this film for permanent retention in Washington. This office will be happy to reimburse you for any expense in connection with obtaining a copy.

Sincerely,

John L. Sullivan
JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Colonel, USAF
Air Attache

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a/s

114/1/197

5th March 1954

Dear Mr. Hall,

I refer to your letter of the 18th February, 1954, in which you ask if it is intended to allow Newsreel Editors to see the narrowgauge film of the alleged flying saucer with a view to publication.

The film, by the way, was exposed over Port Moresby, New Guinea, and not in the vicinity of Darwin.

This film has now been returned to the R.A.A.F., and after a copy has been taken for record purposes, it will be passed to Mr. C.S. Wiggins of the Department of Civil Aviation Melbourne in the near future, to return to the owner, Mr. T.C. Drury, who is a member of the Department of Civil Aviation at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

From the security aspect, there is no objection to the public release of this film.

As the film was made available to my Department only on loan, I regret that it is not within my province to make it available direct to you; it would therefore be necessary to obtain any such loan from the Department of Civil Aviation or Mr. Drury.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) WILLIAM McMAHON

(William McMahon)

Ken. G. Hall Esq.,
Managing Editor,
Cinesound Review Newsreel,
Cinesound Productions Pty.Ltd.,
541 Darling Street,
Rozelle,
SYDNEY.

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February 18, 1954.

The Hon. William McMahon,
Minister of State for Air,
Parliament House,
Canberra, A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Minister:

Press reports that a narrow gauge film, covering an alleged flying saucer in the vicinity of Darwin, has been sent to America for special treatment and returned to Australia, have attracted the keen interest of American Newsreels and Television stations.

As their Australian representative, they have asked us to enquire if this film is going to be made available to Newsreels and Television providing always, of course, that the material is suitable.

We have heard that the film is in the hands of R.A.A.F. Security and I would be glad to know if it is intended to allow Newsreel Editors to see this material with a view to publication if it is suitable.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Ken G. Hall
KEN G. HALL,
Managing Editor.

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SECRETARY - AIR.

For preparation of reply please.

CAA (CAS)
24/2/54

Rob Maxwell
(Private Secretary)
23/2/54.

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Dear Dallas,

9 FEB 1954

In connection with records and reports you may already have on the subject I am forwarding direct the attached letter 492/1/411 of 13th January, 1954, from Department of Civil Aviation and with it a report of Mr. A.S. Prout regarding an "unidentified object".

Yours sincerely,

A. Fleming

Controller,
Joint Service Organisations.

Group Captain A.D. Charlton, O.B.E.,
Director of Air Force Intelligence.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

"Henty House",
499 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

492/1/411.

13th January, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

The attached copy of a letter from Mr. A.S. Prout,
18 Louisville Avenue, Pascoe Vale South, concerning an unidentified
object over Sorrento is referred for your attention.

(Sgd.) W.L. BURDUS
for Director-General of Civil Aviation

U. S. A.

7 February, 1954
(1954)



Office of Public Information
Royal Australian Air Force
Melbourne, Australia

Sirs:

We would deeply appreciate it if you could supply us with any information on your investigation of unidentified flying objects commonly called the "Flying Saucers." We would also appreciate it if you will answer the following questions, as we may quote you in the American Press:

(1) Does the RAAF or the Australian Government believe in the possibility of the existence of "Flying Saucers"?

(2) Does the RAAF or any government agencies have any indication, proof, or physical or conclusive evidence of the existence of "Flying Saucers"?

(3) Considering the possibility of the existence of "Flying Saucers," does the RAAF have any indication of the source or place of origin of these craft? Does the RAAF place any credence in the "inter-planetary theory of their origin?"

(4) Was the following statement attributed to an RAAF spokesman on January 29th, 1954 correct: "I believe, from the information we have received, that the objects could have an interplanetary source. People on earth should be able to find the outer space within about 40 years. Why shouldn't people on other planets have already reached this stage?"

(5) Is it correct that the RAAF started its investigation of "Flying Saucers" in 1947?

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter. We would also very much appreciate any information you can give us on the sightings and photographs taken by Mr. T. C. Drury, Deputy Regional Director of the C. A. D. in Port Moresby, New Guinea on August 30th, 1953—including, if possible, a report of the RAAF's investigation and a print of one of the photographs.

Thank you,

Max E. Miller
President.

DAFI
11-2-54

Flying Saucers International
P. O. Box 34, Preuss Station
Los Angeles 35, California
U. S. A.



AIR LETTER

VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION,
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE (RAAF),
MELBOURNE,
AUSTRALIA.

NO TAPE OR STICKER MAY BE ATTACHED

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR
MINUTE PAPER

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SUBJECT:

FLYING SAUCERS

C.A.A. (S.A.S.)

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agree!

1. I am not convinced of the wisdom of encouraging requests of this sort by people of the A.A.P. Reuters Service type, as I feel that it could lead to difficulties involving security regulations.

2. However, in this case, if the Minister is keen to answer the request, I can see no objection to telling Reuters that :-

(a) The film was sent to Headquarters, U.S.A.F.

(b) It left Australia in the last week in November.

(c) It went by normal Service channels. (USAF)

This info not published to Reuters.

agree!

3. It seems to me that the questions posed by A.A.P. Reuters exceed reasonable news interest. The question which should be of interest to them and which they have not asked is the likely date of the film's availability for publication in this country.

4. Latest enquiries from the U.S. Air Attache indicate that the film will be back at Air Force Headquarters on 17th February, and my impressions at this stage, are that shortly after that we shall be handing the film back to Mr. Drury. I anticipate that there will be no security restrictions placed on the use he makes of it. Equally, it seems unlikely that the news service will be interested in publishing any of the prints once they have seen them.

Reuben told that film was not returned probably by way of Embassy February

Wm 8/2/sv.

H. Blalock
Group Captain
D. A. F. I.

2/28 8/2/sv.

3 Feb 1954.

- ① DCAF
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Private Secretary

CMA (CAS)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.
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SUBJECT:

Flying Saucers

CAA (CAS)

The Private Secretary advises that the Minister has been asked ^{this afternoon} by A.A.P. Reuters Service representative regarding the film sent to USA for investigation recently:-

- (a) to what authority in USA was the film sent
- (b) when did it leave Australia
- (c) by what channels and route

Request advice for the Minister please.

29/1/64 (150)

[Signature]
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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 14 Nov. 53 concerning the supply of contact prints reproduced from a motion picture film, purporting to show an optical phenomena in the sky over Port Moresby, taken by Mr. T.C. Drury, Department of Civil Aviation. SA

The film has been sent to the United States for technical processing, and it is therefore not possible to accede to your request until its return, which, it is anticipated will be early in the New Year. p. 2

SA In the meantime I am forwarding herewith an extract of the report of the sighting submitted by Mr. Drury.

The cost of the prints will depend on the number of frames reproduced. You will be advised in this regard upon further re-examination of the film when returned from the United States.

Yours faithfully,

RS
f (E.W. HICKS)
Secretary

Mr. E. R. Jerrold,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD N.S.W.

Encl.

DEC - 2 1953
copy 5.1.2 Johnson
1-12-53

.....The report of the incident is as follows:-

"At 1200 hours on Sunday, 23 August, 1953, I was in the vicinity of the Marine Base Workshops, Port Moresby, when I noticed a cloud building up as though being formed by vapour trails, in roughly a South-Westerly direction from Port Moresby, at a very great height.

I watched this cloud, which grew in intensity for several minutes, when suddenly an object appeared from one side of it and climbed very fast in roughly a North-Westerly direction. I could give no accurate information as to the shape or possible size of this object, as it appeared slightly bigger than a pin head, but whatever it was, it left a very clearly defined vapour trail behind it until it finally disappeared with a rapid gain of altitude.

I had my movie camera with me and photographed the whole thing on the telephoto lens. I am waiting the result of the photograph in an endeavour to ascertain what the object might have been. It appeared to me to be some type of very high speed aircraft.

As far as I know, Air Traffic Control knew of no aircraft movements in that area, and in any case, from the extreme altitude of the object, it certainly could not have been a civil aircraft.

Weather conditions at the time were cloudless".

Extract from report from C.S. Wiggins,
Department of Civil Aviation, 499 Little
Collins Street, Melbourne - 22nd September,
1953. File No. 99/1/478 S.534.

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The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau 11/1/197

President:
E. R. JARROLD

3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

November 14, 1955

The Secretary,
The Department for Air,

Dear Sir,

Recently we contacted the Department for Air requesting copies of photographs of an unexplained aerial object taken by a member of the Civil Aviation Department, (Mr. T. O'Druty), in the air over Port Moresby, New Guinea, on August 31 last.

A reply received from Mr. McMahon (the Australian Minister for Air), dated November 12, advised us to apply to you for prints, which it is stated will be supplied for the purpose of examination, etc.

Mr. McMahon has conveyed that the prints will be made from the original motion picture film recently forwarded to your Department from the C.A.D. for official Department for Air investigation. He has mentioned also, that the film when projected, shows a very small, light colored object moving across the sky.

Since we will presumably be unable to view the film in motion, we should be very grateful for any details or description available concerning the precise actual shape, or apparent nature of the object, i.e., we are interested in learning whether it appears to have been cigar-shaped, disc-shaped, or in the form of a moving light. Such information may prove invaluable in assisting us to correctly classify the nature of the flying object through comparison of its visible characteristics with other reports and photographs we have on file.

We thank you for your friendly co-operation in the matter, and hope that you will advise us of the cost involved in supplying the prints, which we shall be happy to forward.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar R. Jarrold.

114/1/197

Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1

12 NOV 1953

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

I refer again to your letter of 21st October, 1953, concerning your request for copies of photographs, taken by a member of the Department of Civil Aviation, of an aerial object over Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Examination of the film, when projected, shows a very small light-coloured object moving across the sky. Still photographs show absolutely nothing detectable by the naked eye, and I feel sure that the production of a print or prints could be of no real value to you.

However, should you wish to obtain copies, I suggest that you contact the Secretary of my Department, who will arrange to have prints made for you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) WILLIAM McMAHON

(William McMahon)

E.R. Jarrold Esq.,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

William McMahon

CAAC/CSA

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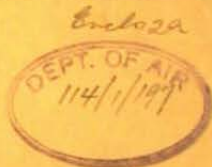
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Would you please let me have your comments, verbal
will do, on the Ministerial enquiry at Encl. 1A.

30 Oct. 53

Rumford

C.A.A. (C.A.S.)



Federal Members' Rooms,
SYDNEY.
26th October, 1953.

Dear Mr. Jarrold,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 21st October, 1953, requesting copies of photographs of an unexplained aerial object taken on August 31st by Mr. T.C. Drury (a member of the Civil Aviation Department) over Port Moresby, New Guinea.

I will make enquiries to see whether it is practicable to supply you with the material you have asked for and I will write to you again as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) WILLIAM McMAHON

Mr. E.E. Jarrold,
The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau,
3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD. N.S.W.

(William McMahon)

Wm
SECRETARY - AIR.

For preparation of reply please.

R.M. Dudley
(Private Secretary)
26/10/53.

CAN (AS)



Envelope

The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau

President:
E. R. JARROLD

3 Ferguson Avenue,
FAIRFIELD, N.S.W.

Oct. 21. 1953

Dear Sir,

On September 24. 1953 we contacted the Civil Aviation Dept. in Melbourne, requesting copies of the photographs of an unexplained aerial object taken on August 31 by Mr. T.C. Drury (a member of the C.A. Dept.) OVER PORT MORSBY, NEW GUINEA.

Their reply of Oct. 12 stated that the photographs and the incident in question had been referred to the Dept. of Air for investigation.

May we respectfully request copies for examination?

The photographs were taken with a movie camera equipped with telephoto lens. We should be very grateful for the opportunity of studying them and comparing the object depicted with other photographs of unidentified aerial objects we have on file.

The Bureau does not possess a movie camera, so that actual prints or negatives from which these may be made (at our expense), will be greatly appreciated. We shall be glad to send the cost of the prints immediately we learn it.

Regarding the subject of general investigation of this and similar cases, whilst writing I should like to convey that material accumulated by this Bureau is at all times available upon request, and that our policy is to cooperate with other investigators seeking the solution of identical problems.

Thanking you, and hoping that we shall hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar B. Jarrold

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