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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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5	57	AIR	1	UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS TOWNSVILLE RADAR AREA
UNIT				
Headquarters RAAF Base TOWNSVILLE				
ARCHIVAL ACTION				
OPENED 3 APR 78				

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		UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORT									
		Ax HQ TUL A018/HQ OF 30 MAR 78									
		Bx SUMMARY OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS IN THE TOWNSVILLE AREA ON 30 MAR 78.									
		300201 ± TOWNSVILLE RADAR PAINTED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT BEARING 085°M AT 47 NM. ESTIMATED HEADING 300°M AND SPEED 180-200 KTS.									
		RAAF AND CIVIL OPS HAD NO KNOWN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. TOWNSVILLE CUSTOMS WERE INFORMED									
		300217 ± EDQ A BEACH BARON DEP TOWNSVILLE TO INTERCEPT UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT.									
		300225 ± UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT BEARING 330°M AT 35 NM. EDQ BEARING 340° AT 29 NM.									
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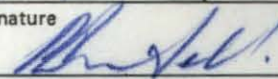
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300235Z PAINT FADED WITH OBJECT BEARING 325°M AT 57NM. EDCR AT THIS TIME WAS AT 5000' AND PAINTING STRONG, SO IT IS ASSUMED THE OBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING LOW LEVEL.												
300725Z A SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS PAINTED ON RADAR BEARING 095°M AT 85NM. HEADING WAS TOWARDS TOWNVILLE AND SPEED WAS ESTIMATED AT 5 MILLS/MIN.												
300726Z EDC DEPARTED TOWNVILLE FOR AN INTERCEPT BUT SIGHTED NOTHING.												
300727Z PAINT FADED AND LOST AT 20NM TOWNVILLE.												
310221Z A FURTHER SIGHTING WAS RECORDED. POSITION 070°M 38 NM TOWNVILLE HEADING 340° SPEED 148 KTS.												
310225Z POSITION 055°M 42 NM TOWNVILLE HEADING 010°												
310230Z LOST CONTACT 045°M / 50NM.												
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<p> CX THE ABC EVENING NEWS ON 30 MAR REPORTED THAT THE SIGHTINGS ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 30 MAR WERE TWO AIRCRAFT ON A FERRY FLIGHT FROM HONIARA TO SYDNEY. BUT THE SOC DOT ADVISED THAT THERE WERE THREE AIRCRAFT NANTI TO SYDNEY BUT THEY WERE ACCOUNTED FOR AT THE TIME </p>												
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