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

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File Title: Reports of UFO's

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File Contains: Reports of UFO sightings from members of the public and military personnel. Correspondence from / to UFO research groups in NZ and requests for UFO information from overseas researchers. Press release summary of investigation into the 1975 Kaikoura sightings.

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE

PUBLIC RELEASE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FILES

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

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

ACCESS TO UFO FILES

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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF U.F.O.'S

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Subject REPORTS OF WFO'S

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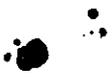
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Signed..... [Signature] Date..... 2/9/2010.....
For Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force

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MINUTE SHEET

Department: D OPS 10

Subject: UFO SIGHTING

File No. _____

Date: 17 Dec 80

To: D OPS
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Place to the UFO
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1. W/O McAllister, Recruiting Officer at Napier, was contacted by a _____ of Se. Piche, on UFO sightings over the last week.

2. Each morning, between 0510 and 0600 has seen a bright object rising in the East and slowly climbing, it was only seen when the sky was clear.

3. Our investigations would indicate that it was probably Venus, as this planet is in that position during the time

To-

stated.

I phoned _____ and passed
on to him the results of our
investigation, and pointed out that the
correct procedure is to pass any
sightings through the Police.

[Signature]
(I. W. COLLINS)
Sqn Ldr
Ops 3.

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749-299

Air 39/3/3 PR

15 December 1980

Mr Peter G. Keane
55 Greville Avenue
Flinders Park 5025
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 5 December.

There is no objection to you publishing the material I passed to you. It was published in the media in this country at the time of its initial release.

The RNZAF study will not be released to the public. However the material I passed to you is a summary of the findings of that study.

The news release paper used to carry the material passed to you is the news release paper used daily by this office to pass information on RNZAF activities to the media. The footnote is only included to prompt news editors.

In this instance there is nothing further that I can add to the information I have already passed to you. However there have been independent reports including a book called "Kaikoura UFO's" by Captain Bill Startup and Neal Illingworth. It is published by Hodder and Stoughton and is priced here at \$12.95.

I thank you for your inquiry.

Yours faithfully,


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



5/12/80

Peter G.Keane
55 Greville Ave
Flinders Park 5025
South Australia.

Squadron Leader Cole,

I am in receipt of your recent letter regarding earlier earlier enquiries of the re-UFO reports from 1979 and I am particularly appreciative of your assistance, however, I must implore your help with the following:

I hope that there is no objection to me reproducing the three page RNZAF News Service release on the recent UFO sightings that you sent me for the publication, "Australian Unidentified Flying Objects", written with Mr D.W. Mitchell, a writer for the "Scientific Australian" magazine.

This bulletin will be reproduced in its entirety as an example of official comments on the NZ UFO events along with the DSIR Report No.659 which deals with the explanations of these sightings and which I have the DSIR's permission to use.

Also I would like to know if the RNZAF's study of the UFO sightings will be released to the public and if so, when ?

In addition is it possible to obtain further detailed information on the RNZAF investigated UFO sightings for DEC/JAN.(1978/79), particularly the proposed explanations for them (a printed caption on the bottom of the News Service release states that, "... further information can be obtained from the Public Relations Officer... Defence Headquarters, Wellington") ?

Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated and is of considerable importance to my investigation.

In hoping that you will assist, I am, sincerely,

Peter G.Keane.

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Air 39/3/3 PR

25 November 1980

Mr Peter G. Keane
55 Greville Ave
Flinders Park 5025
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 13 November seeking a copy of the RNZAF study into Unidentified Flying Objects in the Clarence River/Kaikoura regions.

The report on the RNZAF's investigation has not been made public. However a statement containing the findings of the investigation was released at the time. I have enclosed a copy for you.

This particular study was an isolated investigation. The RNZAF does not normally undertake detailed investigations into sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects. We do however, consult with other Government agencies in an endeavour to eliminate any obvious explanations.

I thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

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

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A. A. B.
[Handwritten signature]

13/11/80

Peter G.Keane
55 Greville Ave
Flinders Park 5025
Sth.Australia

Sir,

Recently it has come to my attention that the New Zealand Air Force has prepared a study of the New Zealand UFO sightings in the Clarence River - Cook Strait regions between December 20th, 1978 and January 10th, 1979 which is available to the general public.

I am at present compiling a publication entitled "Australian Unidentified Flying Objects"(written in collaboration with Mr D.W.Mitchell, a writer for the "Scientific Australian" magazine) which is a skeptical work on this subject and which in part deals with the above dated New Zealand UFO events.

Therefore I request one copy of the NZAF official report on these sightings and any other publication by the Air Force available to the public that provides explanations for these phenomena.

Please notify me as to what costs are required to obtain these.

I have recently obtained a copy of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's Report No.659("Unfamiliar Observations of Lights in the Night Sky", by Mr W.Ireland) which has provided me with an excellent study of these occurrences, however, I also desire the Air Force's report on these matters to, a) establish beyond doubt that perfectly natural explanations exist for these sightings, b) to provide a most detailed analysis of the sightings from both sides, pro or con, for a balanced symposium and c) to verify its conclusions for each particular UFO case with those in the DSIR Report.

Any further information that you may require will be gladly supplied and in hoping that you will assist, I thank you for your time and energy.

Yours sincerely,



Peter G.Keane.



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Air 39/3/3 PR

25 November 1980

Mr H. Nickson
167 Seabank Road
Wallasey
Merseyside L45 7QL
ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 3 November seeking information concerning an RNZAF investigation into unidentified aircraft.

I believe the investigation you are referring to occurred early in 1979 when the RNZAF investigated reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects on the north-east coast of the South Island of New Zealand.

The RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and the investigation carried out at that time was an isolated instance.

The investigation report has not been made public but a statement of the findings of the investigation was released at the time.

A copy of that statement which will provide the information you seek, is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



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



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H. NICKSON, M.Ch.S.
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Tel. 051-639 2410

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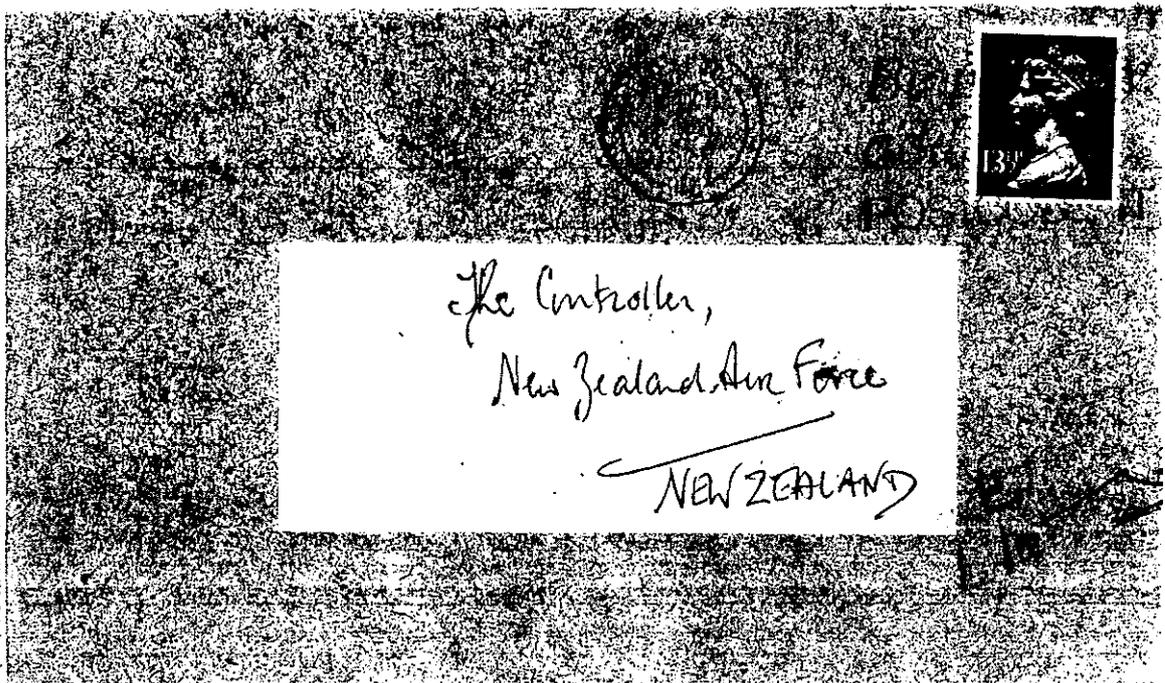
The Controller,
The Air Force, ✓
New Zealand.

I will be most grateful if you can enlighten
me as to the eventual outcome of an incident,
during last year or the early part of 1980, when
reported unidentified aircraft (or similar!) caused
a wide-spread investigation by your Air Force.

Garry Nickson.

3 November '80

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Air 39/3/3 PR

10 July 1980

Mr K. W. Hastings
5 Carkeek Street
Seddon
MARLBOROUGH

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter seeking information on Unidentified Flying Objects for a school project. Please accept my sincere apologies for not replying sooner but I have been overseas.

I am afraid I am unable to help you as the RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into UFO sightings.

There are a number of organisations in New Zealand that undertake research into sightings and I would suggest that you contact the New Zealand UFO Studio Centre, 5 Ngahu Crescent, Elsdon, Wellington.

I thank you for your enquiry.

Yours faithfully,


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

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K.W. Hastings
5 Carkeek St
Seddon
Marlborough

19/6/80

Officer in Charge
Ministry of Defence
Wellington.



Dear Sir,

I am writing to you because of an assignment we are doing at school. This assignment is to research about a peculiar occupation and each student is expected to do a brief talk on the subject they have chosen. I have selected a U.F.O investigator.

I thought you might be able to help me in my task, and would be very much obliged if you could send me some information.

If you are unable to assist me, could you possibly pass this request on to some other appropriate source.

Thank-you for your Co-operation

Yours Faithfully
Keith Hastings

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749-299

Air 39/3/3 PR

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11 June 1980

Mr Darren W Mitchell
434 McGill Road
Kensington Gardens
South Australia 5068
AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter concerning investigations by the RNZAF into recent sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects.

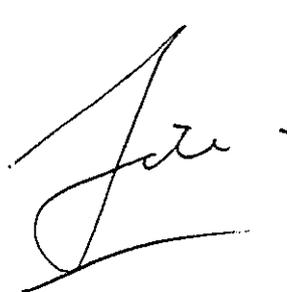
I am afraid you have been misled by AAP reports emphasising radar observations and Air Force investigations into recent UFO sightings.

The RNZAF does not conduct detailed investigations into sightings and I am not aware of any reported radar observations. Nor am I aware of any activity similar to the Kaikoura sightings of last year. Some sightings were reported in the Hutt Valley area near Wellington.

I thank you for your inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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



434 Magill Road, Kensington Gdr
South Aust. Australia 5068



Ministry of Defence
AIR STAFF Headquarters
Wellington, N.Z.

AIR 39/3/3

16/5/80

Dear Mr. C. D. Cole (RNZAF Public Relations Officer),

Would you please be able to supply me with full details of the RNZAF investigation of recent UFO reports. Australian Associated Press information led me to believe that there is renewed 'activity' similar to that reported a little over a year ago. The press material emphasised radar observations and Air force 'aerial' investigation. Any details pertaining to these recent events and possible explanations, whether official or personal would be of great help.

Thanking you in my investigations,

Darren W. Mitchell

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D.W. Mitchell".

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Air 39/3/3 PM

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13 May 1980

Mr Harry Harris
346 Manchester Road
West Timperley
Aitfincham
Cheshire
ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 15 April enclosing a copy of your letter of 12 February to which you had not received a reply. Obviously the mails are slow for your letter of 12 February reached this Headquarters on 7 May.

The decision not to make the report a public document was made by the Air Staff at the time. However a summary of the report including the findings, was released and a copy of this was passed to you on 22 March 1979.

Yours faithfully,


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



HARRY HARRIS

Solicitor

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Telephone: 061-962 8240 & 969 3943

346 Manchester Road

(Washway Road)

West Timperley

Altrincham

Cheshire

ENGLAND

OUR REF: HH/SLT

YOUR REF: AIR 39/3/3PR.

15th April 1980.

For the attention of C.D. Cole Esq.,

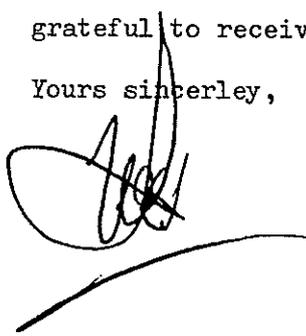
The Ministry of Defence,
The chief of Air Staff,
Defence Headquarters,
Private Bag,
Wellington
New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

re: 'U.F.O. matter.

I enclose a photocopy of my letter to you on 12th February last I would be grateful to receive your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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HH/SH
AIR 39/3/3PR

12th February 1980

For the attention of C.D. Cole Esq.,

The Ministry of Defence
The Chief of Air Staff
Defence Headquarters,
Private Bag,
Wellington
New Zealand

Dear Sir,

re: 'U.F.O.' matter

I thank you for your letter of the 30th ultimo and would be grateful if you would kindly indicate why a report on the matter is being kept as "confidential".

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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HARRY HARRIS
Solicitor

Telephone: 061-862 6240 & 869 3843

OUR REF: HH/SH
YOUR REF: AIR 39/3/3PR

12th February 1980

For the attention of C.D. Cole Esq.,

The Ministry of Defence
The Chief of Air Staff
Defence Headquarters,
Private Bag,
Wellington
New Zealand

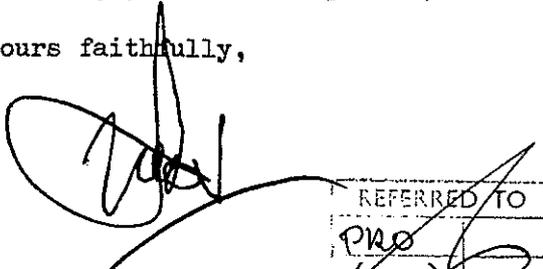
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Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



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346 Manchester Road
(Washway Road)
West Timperley
Altrincham
Cheshire



MUTUAL UFO NETWORK INC.
103 Oldtowne Road, Sequin, Texas 78155, U.S.A.

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UFO Phenomena
Study since 1945

Founder & Dom Pres.
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RNZAF Aircraft
Engineering 1941-65



MUTUAL UFO NETWORK
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February 3rd 1980

Wing Commander G.T. Clarke,
Director of Public Relations,
RNZAF Headquarters,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

A little time has lapsed since you on behalf of the RNZAF released a Press statement in early Jan 1979 which expressed findings on the December 1978 Kaikoura, Cape Campbell, Clarence River Mouth area, radar-visual and photographic record of the unusual phenomena reported in those coastal zones.

Would you still have a copy of that Press Release which you could spare, I would like to add it to my files. Illness and attendant difficulties have precluded my making this request much sooner.

As you and your fellow Officers will be very much aware, the subject of these particular ufo events are still much in the limelight with two books dealing directly with the saga due for publication shortly and a third not far away which will include the ~~whole~~ content of these Kaikoura events.

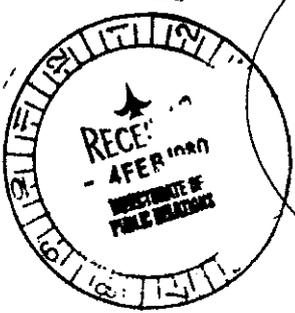
May I have the pleasure of receiving copy of the Press Release as requested and any further public released material on the events in question you or your information department may have offered subsequently.

Yours Faithfully,

Harold H. Fulton
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[Handwritten signature]

Mr Harry Harris
 245 Manchester Road
 West Timperley
 Altrincham
 Cheshire
 ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 17 January seeking a more detailed and scientific explanation of, I assume, the Kaikoura unidentified flying object sightings 12 months ago. Your letter of 9 October, 1979, was not recorded as being received.

I must refer you to my letter of 28 June in which I indicated that the RNZAF report on the sightings would not be released. That policy is unchanged.

However I understand that the New Zealand UFO Studies Centre carried out a study on the sightings and an approach to the Centre through Dr J F deBook of 5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, New Zealand, may provide the information you seek.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]

(C D COLE)
 Squadron Leader
 RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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3 September 1979

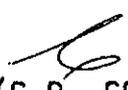
Mr Niall Fanning
12 Winter Road
Geeson Park
Dublin 6
IRELAND

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter seeking information on Unidentified Flying Objects.

It is regretted that I am unable to provide you with this information. The RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into reports on Unidentified Flying Objects. If a report is passed on to us we do, however, consult a number of other Government agencies to eliminate any obvious explanations.

Yours faithfully,


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



Avon School,
Hamlet Street,
STRATFORD.

25 September

Dear Sir,

I would like to know a little about the sightings of U.F.O.s because I am reading about this topic. Here is a little about it. There are these two boys that find a gsmo and then they ask there mother what it is, but she doesn't know so then they ask there father and he doesn't know either. But they don't know that it has fallen off a U.F.O. And that's a bit about the book.

So could you please send me some information on U.F.O.s.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Lehmann

KJL:KAL

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Kerry Lehmann
Avon School
Hamlet Street
STRATFORD

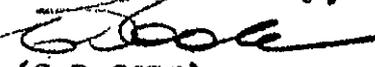
Dear Kerry,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the book you are reading on Unidentified Flying Objects. I am also puzzled as to what the gismo might be.

The RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into reports on UFOs nor do we collect information on them. I therefore regret that I am unable to help you.

Your book certainly sounds interesting.

Yours faithfully,



(C D COLE)
Squadron Leader
RNZAF Public Relations Officer



Mr. J. M. Fanning,
12 Winton Road,
Seeson Park,
Dublin 6,
Ireland.

Dear Sir,

Please could you send me some information on the M.F.O.s.

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12 July 1979

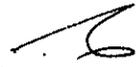
Miss Johanna Perry
6 Brett Avenue
Takapuna
AUCKLAND 9

Dear Johanna,

Thank you for your letter, passed to me by our Auckland office, seeking information and photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects. Unfortunately your letter has been delayed in the post and only reached me this morning.

I regret that I do not hold information or photographs concerning Unidentified Flying Objects, as the RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into reports of UFOs. If a report is passed to us we do however consult a number of Government agencies to eliminate any obvious explanations.

Yours faithfully,


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



Di 29/3/3

6 Brett Ave
Takapuna
Auckland 9

Public Relations officer
Ministry of defence

Dear Sir,

Could you please send me some information about UFOs and sightings of them. Also do you think you might have some pictures for a project. Could I please have it by the 19th of June.

Yours sincerely
Johanna Perry

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28 June 1979

Mr Harry Harris
346 Manchester Road
West Timperley
Altrincham
Cheshire
ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 1 June concerning the RNZAF's report on the investigation into the sightings off the Kaikoura coast.

At the time of the investigation it was decided that a summary of the findings would be made public in the form of a news release. A copy of that summary was passed to you earlier. This policy in respect of releasing the report is still adhered to and is unlikely to change.

Yours faithfully,


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



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28 June 1979

Dr J.F. deBock
5 Ngahue Crescent
ELSDON

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 5 June enclosing Dr Bruce Maccabee's provisional report on the Kaikoura UFO sightings and seeking our participation in an advisory committee.

The RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. The investigation carried out earlier on the Kaikoura sightings was an isolated instance.

The RNZAF does, however, consult a number of Government agencies on receipt of a report, to eliminate any obvious explanations.

I thank you for the opportunity to join the Centre's advisory committee which, for the reasons outlined, must be declined.

Yours faithfully,



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

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MINUTE SHEET

Subject:

Department: 3944

File No.: 34

Date: 18 Jun 79

To -

Daddy

1. The NUSC is a section of ECRA (Earth Colonization Research Arm)

2. Dr de Boek is the investigating officer of NUSC. He is Dutch and his hon is NZ about 2 yrs. His doctorate is in 'stone and cement'. He works of a cement firm at Gracefield

3. The President of ECRA is 'Rocky' Wood 'Vanity' student who works for Armanent Freightways part time. The organization is run from his home in Pataparaman

4. A periodical magazine is on sale at Hayses Bookshop, Cuba Street
M.H.L.

DPR

"I believe the answer to de Boek is 'Thank you but no thank you' on the basis that RZAF does not normally undertake detailed investigations of UFOs."

Daddy
18/6

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14 June 1979

The Director of Civil Defence,
Bowen State Building,
WELLINGTON 1.

I am referring to you the enclosed letter from Mr Colin Amery, "also known as John Citizen," who writes to alert the Civil Defence authorities to the possibility that a large piece of Skylab will fall in Wellington, specifically in the suburb of Kelburn, any time between 13 and 30 June 1979.

As you will see from the attached press clipping Mr Amery claims to have a good track record for premonitions about public events. It seems that what he has to say is more a subject for the Civil Defence rather than the Defence organization. You may feel you will need further information. In the meantime I have replied saying that I was referring the matter to you.

D. B. G. McLEAN

(D.B.G. McLean)
Secretary of Defence

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14 June 1979

Mr C. Amery,
 25 Hilton Road,
 Highcliff,
 DUNEDIN, 2RD.

Dear Mr Amery,

Thank you for your letter of 5 June, passing on information about the likely end of Skylab. I know that the Minister will be interested to receive the details you have provided and I shall refer your letter to him.

The organization which would coordinate services in the event of an emergency of the kind you describe would be the Ministry of Civil Defence and I have accordingly passed your letter to my colleague, the Director of Civil Defence.

Yours faithfully,

D. B. G. McLEAN

(D.B.G. McLean)
 Secretary of Defence

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I notice that
this one is addressed
to you

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JUNE IS
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MONTH

Mr T. Flynn
c/- Mr. McLean
Minister of Police / Defence
Parliament Building,
WELLINGTON.

SEAL-EASY

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

C. L. Army
25 Nelson Rd,
High Cliff, Dunedin 2RD

HARRY HARRIS

Solicitor

Telephone: 061-962 6240 & 969 3943

OUR REF: HH/SL

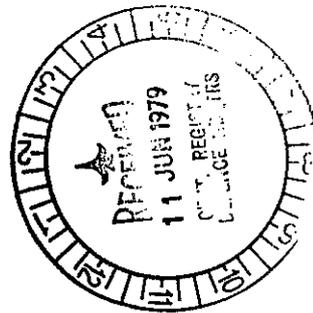
YOUR REF: Air/39/3/3/PR

346 Manchester Road
(Washway Road)
West Timperley
Altrincham
Cheshire

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1st June, 1979

The Ministry of Defence of New Zealand,
Air Staff,
Defence Headquarters,
Wellington,
NEW ZEALAND.



Dear Sirs,

re: "U.F.O.'S"

I thank you for your letter of the 18th April last and, with regard to the actual investigation report, would be grateful if you would kindly indicate why this report is not to be made public if it only relates to "atmospheric conditions"? - The same enquiry is repeated in relation to the names and addresses of the witnesses concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter from Dr. F.J. DeBock, 5 Ngahue Crew., Elsdon dated 5 June 1979 and its attached report by Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee 'What Really Happened in NZ' transferred to file Air 17/4/897 on 29 JUN 81 on instructions from WG CDR WALLINGFORD, D OPS, AIR STAFF.

*E. David I. Taylor
w/ovc ASAC*

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22 May 1979

Commanding Officer
RNZAF Base Ohakea
Private Bag
PALMERSTON NORTH

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

1. The report from Squadron Leader G.R. Allin on the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects on 26 April whilst he was duty operations officer is noted with interest.
2. It is requested that he be advised that the RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations of UFO's but in some instances consults a number of Government agencies in an endeavour to eliminate any obvious explanations.
3. In this instance there is nothing of significance to indicate that the object might have been anything other than natural phenomena.

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

Y JAR

22 May 1979

WANGANUI

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter to the Commanding Officer of RNZAF Base Ohakea and passed to the Air Staff, concerning the objects sighted over Palmerston North.

We were naturally interested in your sighting, however, the RNZAF does not undertake detailed investigations into sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects. The investigation carried out earlier this year in respect of the sightings on the north-east coast of the South Island was an isolated instance.

The RNZAF does, however, consult a number of Government agencies in an endeavour to eliminate any obvious explanations.

An earlier sighting over Palmerston North was found to have the characteristics of a radar balloon carrying a lamp attached to the reflector, and with your sighting, there is nothing to suggest that the objects were anything but natural phenomena.

Yours faithfully,


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


1979

MINUTE SHEET

Department: air 201/30

Subject: U.F.O's.

File No. 39/1/334

Date: 14.5.79

To

*J. [unclear]
16/5*

1. Please see Folio 29:30

2. Any comments.

Pro (P)

[Signature]

1. We should perhaps
advise Osabeen to discourage
- rather than encourage these sorts
of reports.

2. Other than that I suggest the
'standard' answer to a civilian - ie
interested, but nothing to suggest it might have
been anything other than natural phenomena. *16/5*

Item 384

WANGANUI

The Commanding Officer
RNZAF Base Ohakea
Private Bag
PALMERSTON NORTH

Dear Sir,

I am writing, as requested, to inform you of my sightings of the UFO's over Palmerston North on Thursday. I am a member of the band who all saw the UFO's.

At approximately 10.30 pm on Thursday night we left the Lounge Bar of the Albert Motor Lodge to return to our accommodation. While crossing the carpark (cnr Main/Albert) we noticed an "orange ball" in the sky, which we later estimated at roughly 5,000 ft high, and about 45° up from us. The ball moved quite rapidly, considering its size, from a northerly to a SSE direction. At its closest point it gave the appearance that it was burning, as the edges seemed somewhat jagged and constantly changing like fire. It also pulsed from very pale to darker orange.

As the object got further to the south, it "appeared" to send off showers of red sparks at 10 - 15 second intervals. This may have been atmospheric conditions. Also on two or three occasions, as it headed away, it appeared to dip and move from side to side very rapidly, and without the normal turning room a plane would need. It would move and return to its continuous line in a matter of one second or less.

This object was in our view for 5 - 7 minutes at a guess, before becoming too distant to see with the naked eye. We then decided to return home, but as we turned around, we saw three similar objects, in a shallow V formation, in approximately the same position we saw the first. The three moved and looked the same as the first, but tended to move to a slightly more easterly direction. None of the objects made any sound that we could directly relate to them, there was the odd swishing sound, but it wasn't constant, so was probably traffic in the city.

Before the three were out of sight, myself, and a who was staying at the Albert went to the reception and rang Ohakea, who told us to ring Palmerston North Airport, but there was no reply. The Police were no help, so we rang Ohakea again, but didn't get very far. So tried and eventually got through to someone in charge.

If you should require any further information please contact our base address, Wanganui. We'll possibly be there after next week for about a fortnight, otherwise one of the guys in the flat will know where we are. Best ring late at night.

I look forward to being of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Commanding Officer
R.N.Z.A.F.
OHU EA

File No. 3/17/AM
Action 3ADK
Information

WIANQANUI
CENTRAL PT
-7 MAY 1979
RINZAE OHAKA

DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING, AS REQUESTED, TO REPORT MY SIGHTINGS OF THE U.F.O.'S OVER PALMERSTON ON THURSDAY. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BAND ^{WHO ALL SAW THE UFO'S}

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 p.m. ON THURSDAY NIGHT WE LEFT THE LOUNGE BAR OF THE ALBERT MTR LODGE TO RETURN TO OUR ACCOMODATION.

WHILE CROSSING THE CARPARK (COR MAIN/ALBERT) WE NOTICED AN "ORANGE BALL" IN THE SKY, WHICH WE LATER ESTIMATED AT ROUGHLY 5,000 FT HIGH, AND ABOUT 45° UP FROM US. THE BALL MOVED QUITE RAPIDLY, CONSIDERING ITS SIZE FROM A NORTHERLY, TO A SSE. DIRECTION.

AT ITS CLOSEST POINT IT GAVE THE APPEARANCE THAT IT WAS BURNING, AS THE EDGES SEEMED SOMEWHAT JAGGERED AND CONSTIATLY CHANGING LIKE FIRE. IT ALSO PULSATED FROM VERY PALE TO DARKER ORANGE.

AS THE OBJECT GOT FURTHER TO THE SOUTH, IT "APPEARED" TO SEND OFF SHOWERS OF RED SPARKS AT 10-15 SECOND INTERVALS. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS.

ALSO ON 2 OR 3 OCCASSIONS, AS IT HEADED AWAY, IT APPEARED TO DIP AND MOVE FROM SIDE TO SIDE VERY RAPIDLY, ~~AND~~ AND WITHOUT THE NORMAL TURNING ROOM A PLANE WOULD NEED. IT WOULD MOVE AND RETURN TO ITS CONTINUOUS LINE IN A MATTER OF ONE SECOND OR LESS.

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THE THREE MOVED AND LOOKED THE SAME AS THE FIRST, BUT TENDED TO MOVE TO A SLIGHTLY MORE EASTERLY DIRECTION, NONE OF THE OBJECTS MADE ANY SOUND THAT WE COULD DIRECTLY RELATE TO THEM, THERE WAS THE ODD SWISHING SOUND, BUT IT WASN'T CONSTANT, SO WAS PROBABLY TRAFFIC IN THE CITY.

BEFORE THE THREE WERE OUT OF SIGHT, MYSELF, J. WHO WAS STAYING AT THE ALBERT WENT TO THE RECEPTION AND RONG CHAKKA, WHO TOLD US TO RING P.W. AIRPORT, BUT THERE WAS NO REPLY, THE POLICE WERE NO HELP, SO WE RONG CHAKKA AGAIN, BUT DIDN'T GET VERY FAR, SO TRIED, AND EVENTUALLY GOT THROUGH TO SOMEONE IN CHARGE.

IF YOU SHOULD REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR BASE ADDRESS,

WANG ANNU.

WE'LL POSSIBLY BE THERE AFTER NEXT WEEK FOR ABOUT A FORTNIGHT, OTHERWISE ONE OF THE GUYS IN THE FLAT WILL KNOW WHERE WE ARE, BEST RING LATE AT NIGHT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING OF ASSISTANCE,
YOURS FAITHFULLY

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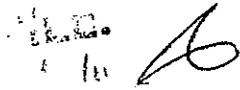
4 May 1979

Commanding Officer
RNZAF Base Ohakea
Private Bag
PALMERSTON NORTH

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
FROM SQUADRON LEADER G.R. ALLIN

1. Squadron Leader Allin's reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object on the night of 21 April has been passed to me in accordance with standard action procedure.
2. From the description and behaviour of the light, it appeared to have the characteristics of a radar balloon carrying a lamp attached to the radar reflector. This is supported by the Superintendent of Physical Meteorology in the Ministry of Transport and although a balloon had not been launched from Ohakea at the time approximate to the sighting, it is not uncommon for these balloons to be found in the hands of others outside the Meteorological Service.
3. It should be explained to Squadron Leader Allin that the investigation carried out by the RNZAF earlier this year on the sightings off the Kaikoura coast, was an isolated case and that the RNZAF does not normally undertake detailed investigations of Unidentified Flying Object sightings.
4. However, as with this sighting, the RNZAF consults a number of Government agencies in an endeavour to eliminate any obvious explanations.


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



AERIAL PHENOMENON

ALLIN
6 DROYLSDEN PLACE
PALMERSTON NORTH
NEW ZEALAND
telephone 71 383

1. On 26th April 1979, I was the Duty Operations Officer for RNZAF OHAKEA. Whilst at home, on call, I was contacted by the Ohakea telephone operator, who, at 2255 hours, informed me that she had been contacted by several residents of PALMERSTON NORTH, who were enquiring about the 'orange lights' that were traversing the city. One such caller, a _____ was put through to me. He stated that he, and several others, had observed coloured lights travelling from north to south above the city. I asked him to submit a written report to the Base Commanding Officer.

2. Shortly afterwards, whilst I was exercising my dog in Featherston Street, I observed a single orange light, approaching from the north north east, and at about fifteen degrees above the horizon. Being a single light source, it was difficult to estimate range, but I assessed it to be about eight kilometres away and tracking along the watershed of the northern TARARUA Range. The weather was calm, clear and cold but it is unlikely if any noise would have been heard at that range.

3. As my family and I had observed an aerial phenomenon on the evening of 20th April, I was anxious to find witnesses of this sighting. Across the road, two youths were operating a C.B. radio. I asked them to confirm the sighting, and for their names and addresses. These are included in the Appendix.

4. At 2305 hours, I arrived back at my house. In transit, the lighted disc had been observed against a moving background, but the impression was gained that its track curved ~~right~~ from south south west to south east. For two or three minutes, my family and I observed the now stationary disc, still at an elevation of about fifteen degrees and at a range of about fifteen kilometres. With the aid of 8x30 binoculars it was possible to make out the disc shape of yellow light, surrounded by thin corona of red light.

5. At 2307 hours, the size of the distant disc grew smaller, giving the impression of a rapid climb, directly away from these four observers on a heading of 130 degrees True, and with an angle of climb of 25 degrees, until it disappeared into the background of stars.

6. I then rang the WELLINGTON Air Traffic Control Centre, and spoke with the duty radar operator. He was informed of the sighting and informed me that he had neither known traffic nor unidentified blip in the area to the south east of Palmerston North. The Defence Duty Staff Officer was next informed of the sighting, with the coincidence of ^{the} last point of observation being identical to that sighting of the 20th April.

7. At 2335 hours, _____ rang me again, stating that the initial sighting had been of a single light source at 2230 hours, seen initially at an elevation of 45 degrees, to the north. The disc had passed over the head of the observer and his two companions, who were standing in the forecourt of the ALBERT Motor Lodge, Albert Street, Palmerston North. As it did so, at an estimated five to eight thousand feet, a pulsating swishing noise was heard. It was not thought that this could be mistaken for traffic noise. As the disc passed to the south, it was observed to emit sparks, which remained incandescent until they fell from sight behind the immediate horizon. The disc disappeared from sight in a like manner. The course of this first disc appeared to be erratic about south south east.

8. At 2235 hours, the three observers saw a shallow vic formation of three orange discs of light. These flew on a course of approximately S55E, overflying from the north. These too, disappeared from sight behind the local horizon. Again, was asked to submit a report in writing to the Base Commander.

9. In the absence of the Base Orderly Officer, the Ohakea telephone operator was asked to request the Orderly Officer to inform the Base Commander of these sightings and to anticipate the receipt of report(s).

10. I have no objection to this report being made available to the media.


(G.R.Allin)

APPENDIX

WITNESSES OF AERIAL PHENOMENA 26th APRIL 1979

Initial Report received from:

TAWA, Wellington.

His associates:

ASHHURST.
Palmerston North.

Witnesses of sighting at 2300 hours:
Self, wife, son and mother.

ASHHURST. Telephone
Palmerston North. Tel.

Copies to :
Commanding Officer
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SATCO

Air 39/3/79
BAKER-NUNN SPACETRACK
P.O. Box 73
Lake Tekapo, N.Z. 93



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30 April 79

RNZAF Base Ohakea
Private Bag
PALMERSTON NORTH
Attn: Squadron Leader M.J.D. Fuller

Reference your 3/16/AIR of 24 April 1979, Subj: Satellite Transits
Visible in New Zealand

Dear Sir,

I regret that I cannot be of much assistance to you in this matter. There are currently over 4600 objects catalogued in orbit about the earth. The orbits of a great number of these satellites take them over New Zealand from time to time. When and how often is a function of the actual orbit of the satellite. We ourselves concentrate on only a small amount of this total, about 200, called Deep Space satellites. It is only on these that we maintain any information, and their nature is such that they normally wouldn't be visible to the naked eye anyway. We ourselves frequently get a satellite on the film that we cannot identify - not because it's a "UFO", but simply because we don't have any data on that particular satellite. All of the information necessary to attempt to correlate a sighting with a particular satellite is maintained by computers in the Space Computational Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, but I hope you can appreciate the scope of the task involved in accomplishing this, and in this case it is just not feasible. Again, I am sorry that I can't be of any more help to you.

PRO/F

Sincerely,

Richard C. Prucha
Richard C. Prucha
Station Manager
Mt John

1. This passed down by Ohakea.
2. Did you respond to previous letter with net balloon suggestion?
3. Have we pointed out to Base off that S/C A should be briefed on the RNZAF position regarding these things?
4. Suggest an acknowledgment to OH and appropriate reminder that they might consider turning them off at source in view of our 'policy'. Please discuss further if you wish.

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Infile

✓ Sc JMS (17/4)

Subject:

UFO SIGHTING REPORT

Department:

DASO

File No.:

Av 39/3/3.

Date:

27 APR 79

To -

Dpps

WBC

30/4

PRO (F)

1. Would you be kind enough to answer them please.

2. For S/L Allin, whose two reports are more readable I suggest we give the 'Air Staff' view, i.e. we are interested in all such reports but except in the most unusual circumstances do not intend to launch an investigation.

3. I will talk with the W/Airfield Supt about our views.

4. Please discuss further if you wish.

WBC
30/4.

1. At 2320 hours last night I received a telephone report from S/L G. Allin, Oshana Operations Flight Commander and the Duty Operations Officer, concerning a UFO sighted over Palmerston North.

2. The following is the contents of his verbal report which he intends to follow up with a written report:

" At 262245 H the Oshana Teleop contacted the Duty Officer regarding UFO's over Palmerston North. At 262300 H the Duty Officer sighted the UFO similar in appearance, course and pattern to the sighting on 21 April 79. to which there were also 3 family witnesses plus 2 nearby civilians.

The UFO was on a SSW course, height approx 4-5000 ft, about 8 miles away (approx) over the mountain range along the watershed. UFO motion ceased at 2302 deviation +20° at approx position 130° T Palmerston North Township. at a distance approx 10 miles. It then receded gradually on 130° T to approx 20 miles range, remained steady until 2305 then gradually receded into the star background.

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Date:

To -

" At 2306 Allin contacted the Radar Controller at WNI ACC who reported no radar or traffic movement in the area at that time

A civilian observer will be forwarding a separate written report to CO, RIZAF Shabea. This observer is a _____ who was staying at the Albert Motor Lodge, Albert St, Palmerston North, last night. His residential address is:

WGNM (No telephone)"

End of Report.

3. A few minutes after Allin had finished his report I received a further call - this time from Mr Moyes, Duty Supervisor, WNI ACC. He rang to confirm that he had spoken with Allin. He advised that he had been radar operator prior to and during Allin's observations and that he had not observed any unusual sightings at that time or any other time during the evening. (other than normal traffic) He ~~was~~ did observe, though, that WNI

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NRP
Have spoken with DAVE CROFT. No further action needed on this report.

Job
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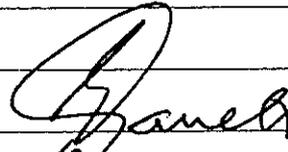
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Radar was not renowned for its reliability and that it would not be capable of picking up an object at 4000' over Palmerston North. The report in the ACC log confirms Allins verbal report. I advised Moyes that a written report was not required. Note: Moyes in conversation made the comment that he considered UFO phenomena do exist and that a scientific survey should be set up!


(P. J. GREENFIELD)
SRM CDR
DASS

27 April 1979

Officer Commanding
No 5 Squadron
RNZAF Base Auckland
Private Bag 2
AUCKLAND

For Information:

Headquarters Operations Group

UFO INVESTIGATION

1. The information provided by Flying Officer B.J. Godwin concerning the radar contact made during a patrol on 9 April has been retained by Air Staff for future reference.
2. Flying Officer Godwin is to be complimented on the effort he put into this report.

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

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D. Op.

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to me, comment please

6 Dec 42

26/4/79

To: ~

Pro Air

FILE NO: 39.3.3

SUBJECT: Reports on UFO's

1. The above file was marked out to Pro Air on 20.4.79

2. Please advise :

(a) Whether the file is required to action the attached correspondence. Yes/No.

(b) If the file is not required immediately, whether it will be required at a later date for follow-up action. Yes(Date) / No.

for Registrar (Signature)

MINUTE SHEET

Subject: RADAR ducting.

Department: air staff ~~23A~~

File No. 39/3/3 ~~19~~

Date: 23.4.79

To-

1. Please see Julio to below.

D. Sp.
JSC
23/4

2. all this '92 talk' is too much for me to handle!

PRO (a) sup!

3. Any comments.

1. Thanks. It's certainly worth retaining for future reference - should we get any more of the see/sam type 'sightings'. I did include a comment on this theory in my original report.

JSC

S/C

PRO (a)

2. Would you be kind enough to reply to Fgoff Goodwin, thanking him for his effort and advising him we will retain for future reference. I do not think there is any power in making a 'press release'.

JSC sup
(23/4)

MINUTE SHEET

Subject: UFO SIGHTING REPORT

Department: OXO OHAIKEA

AIR 39/3/313
File No. 13

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Date: 23 APR 79

To—



ENCLOSURE

Sir,

Herewith the report 'subject' of our conversation today. The Carter Observatory informed that at this time of year UFO reports are generated by sightings of satellites. The altitude of the satellite puts it in sunlight while the ground observer is in the dark and then the satellite may disappear in the Earth's shadow. I will write to the US satellite tracking station at Tekepo and ask for a schedule of satellite passages; if it looks useful I will send you a copy.

Sincerely,
Shing

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(G.R.ALLIN)
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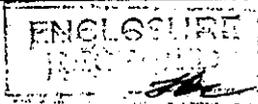
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AIR 39/3/3/PR

18 April 1979

Mr Harry Harris
346 Manchester Road
West Timperley
Altoncham
Cheshire
BRITAIN

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April in which you posed a number of questions relating to the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and sought a copy of the investigation report.

The news reports concerning a squadron of aircraft on special alert was in fact an exaggeration by the media. One Skyhawk was placed on standby to investigate further sightings and an Orion aircraft in fact carried out a patrol of the area in which the sightings were being made.

Yes, the pilot of the aircraft carrying the television crew disagreed. However, the pilot also did not believe that the film taken from the aircraft was a good representation of what they actually saw.

Unusual atmospheric conditions on the east coast of the South Island have been well documented since 1948, with many mirage-type effects being witnessed over the years. The specific conditions which prevailed recently were a very clear atmosphere for this time of the year; marked inversion layers and a strong north-west wind aloft causing a föhn effect.

It was suggested that the most likely objects photographed were possibly refracted images of Venus or a squid fleet. The suggestion that the lights from trains and cars could have been responsible for some of the inshore sightings could have been true.

The radar was, at the time, giving so many spurious returns that there was at best only a slight chance of whether or not the lights sighted and the various radar returns were coincident. Bearing in mind that the radar has no height finding facility and that visual observations are not very accurate in term of range, height or bearing, there was very little, if any, correlation between the various sightings.

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The RNZAF investigation report has not been made public and it is unlikely that it will be released. The news release is a summary of the findings of the report which was not as categoric as reported by the media. Its findings were confined to the most likely causes.

Because of the report not being released the RNZAF is not in a position to release the names and addresses of the witnesses concerned.

Yours faithfully,


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

O.H.M.S.

17-1879

~~The Chief of Air Staff,
Royal New Zealand Air Force,
Defence Headquarters (Air),
Private Bag,
WELLINGTON.~~

Attention.

~~Sgt. Air Staff~~

FTT WELLINGTON

1) REFRACTION & RUMblings

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YOUR 092332 AND 2345Z

2) TANGAROA 39.8S / 179.8E

EXAMINATION OF CLOUD PICTURES FOR ABOUT 090300Z
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YOU MENTION. THERE WAS A BELT OF HIGH TOP CLOUD RUNNING
NORTHEAST/SOUTHWEST THROUGH 4CSOUTH 18C WHICH IS MUCH CLOSER
TO COAST THAN 200MILES AND EVEN THIS CONSIDERING VISIBLE
AND INFRA READ TOGETHER DOES NOT LOOK THE SORT OF THING
THAT WOULD PRODUCE STRONG ECHOES.

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BRIEFING STATEMENT VALID TO 1500HR

NORTH ISLAND

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IMPROVEMENT ISOL TCU CB TOPS TO 25000 SUBSIDING
IN GISBORNE HAWKES BAY AND WAIRARAPA CLOUD OFTEN SCT AND SH
INFREQUENT AWAY FROM RANGES
FZ 10-11000

SOUTH ISLAND

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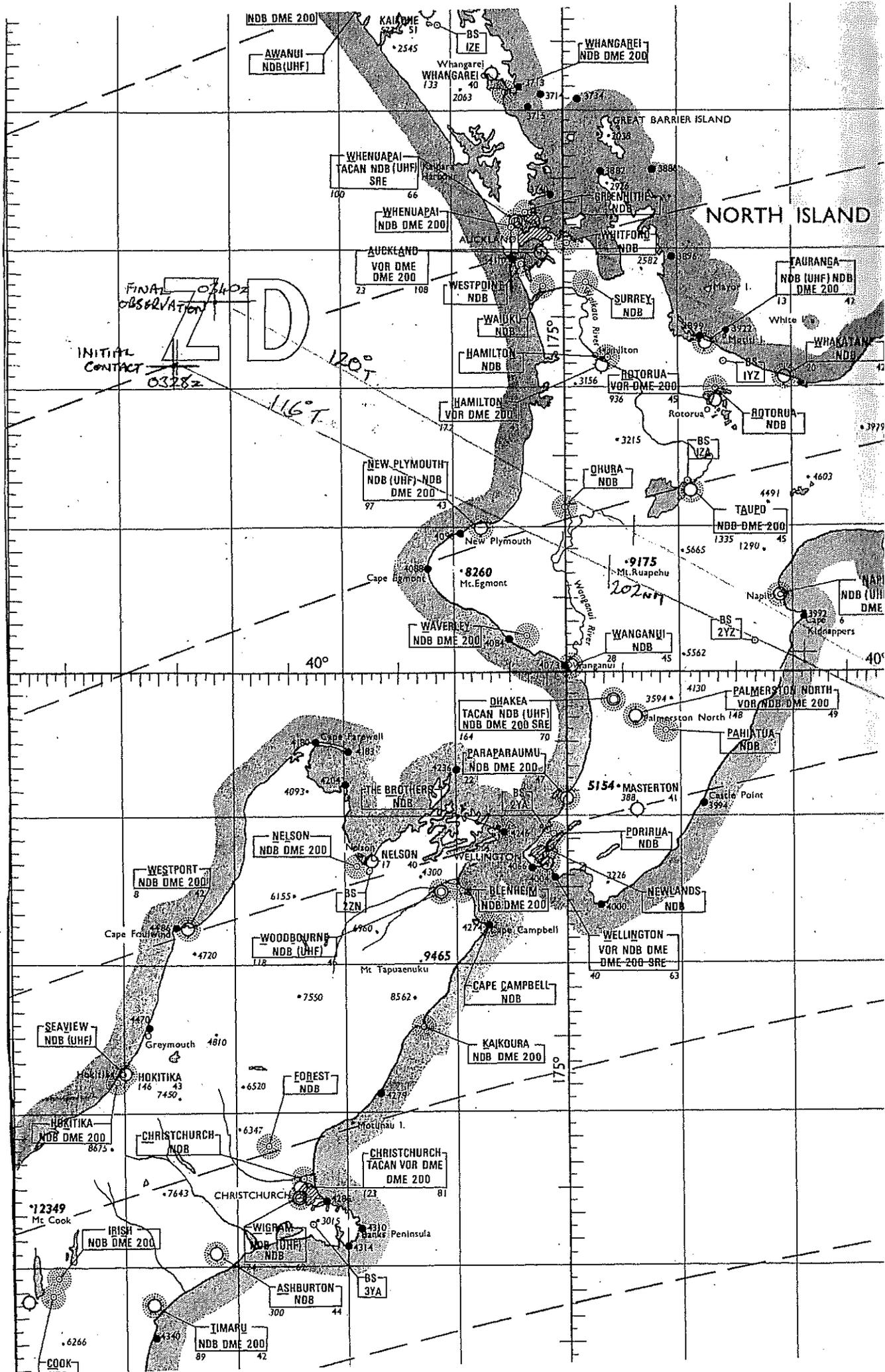
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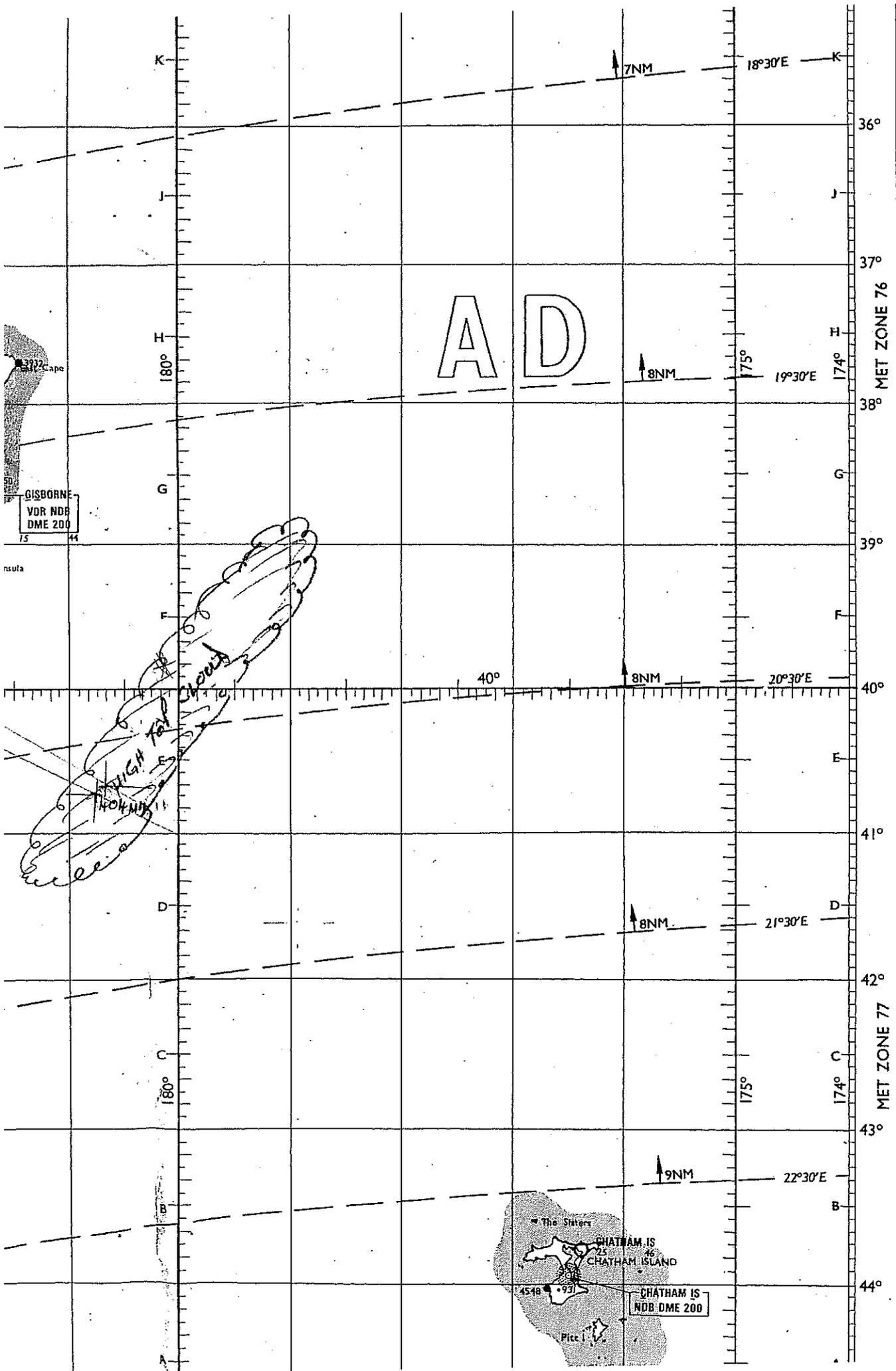
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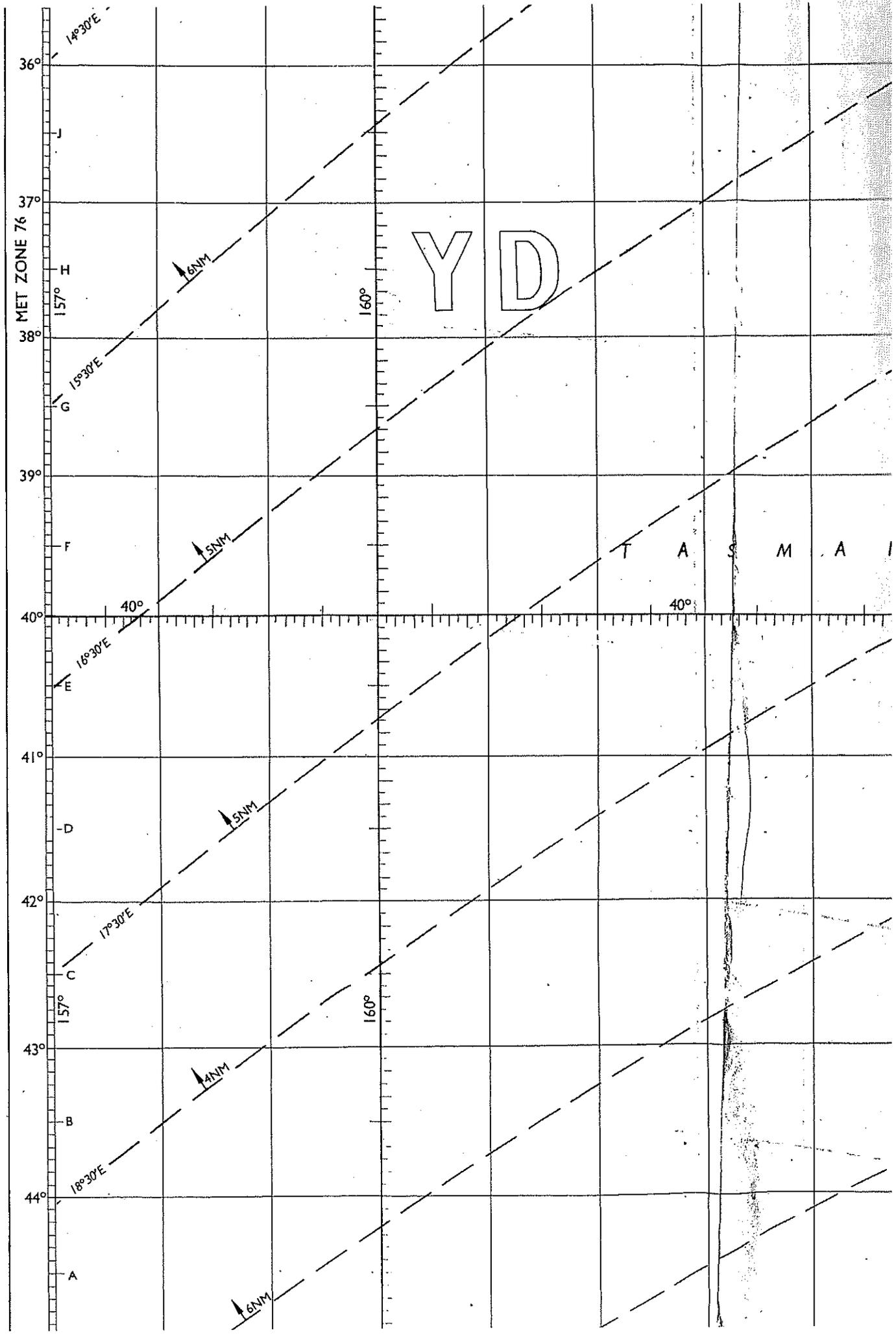
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Private Bag 2
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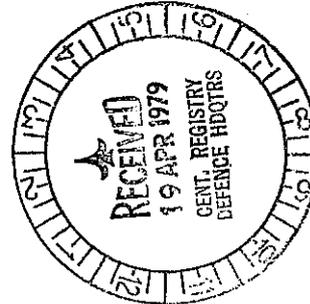
12th April 1979

The Chief of Air Staff
Royal New Zealand Air Force

Attention: Public Relations Officer

For Information:

Operations Group



UFO'S ?

1. At 0330 on 9th April 1979 we were on the north bound leg of a patrol at 9,000 feet when a radar contact was obtained in position 3710S 17130W. This contact, bearing 116/20nm from the aircraft appeared to be keeping formation with the aircraft.

2. We turned on to investigate, and, whilst homing on, the target was sectored upon and the tilt control varied. The target was most distinct at -1.3° of tilt, indicating a target below us, and had the appearance of a light-medium cloud, 3nm long, along track (116°) about 1nm wide. Throughout the homing to "On Top" there was no target movement. After the "On Top" the contact was lost (i.e. aircraft to the east of target) but was regained when the aircraft was again to the west of the target. Despite two homings to "On Top" nothing that could explain the target was seen either above or below us.

3. As the AEO and Radar Operator I believe this contact to have been a cloud contact at a true distance of 404nm on a bearing of 116° true from its apparent position.

4. The P3B radar has a PRF of 400 PPS giving a PRT of 2500 micro-seconds, this limits the max. theoretical range of the radar, (due to time available to "listen" for an echo) to 202nm. Normally at that range the power output would be insufficient to allow detection of anything but the most perfect reflector. However, with atmospheric ducting this range could be increased significantly, allowing the echo to come back not in the listening time for its own pulse, but in time for the next, or even one after that. This would mean that targets would be displayed at a range of X-202 or 404 or 606 etc where X = the actual range of the target from the radar.

5. If this phenomena were to happen in an aircraft travelling at say 300 kts and the real target were say 424nm away, then the target would appear to be at a distance of only 20nm. Furthermore the target would appear to keep formation with the aircraft because the true relative

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bearing would only alter very slowly. The radar would only be able to pick up the contact outside of 404nm because as the range closed to say 403nm the echo would arrive back in time, not for zero range on the third pulse, but in time to appear as 202nm on the second pulse's "listening time". Although the contact was not observed coming in at extreme range after the "On Top" due to display limitations, I believe the above to be an explanation of the contact we gained.

6. After extensive enquiries about cloud formations around New Zealand at that time, the Wellington Met Office informed me that the only significant cloud at that time was a belt of high top cloud running north east/south west through 40S 180E/W which coincides with the position of our contact in position 4045S 17915W. This position is calculated by taking 404nm from the apparent targets initial position on the initial bearing of 116°T, and 404nm from the last seen position of the apparent target on the final bearing of 120°T.

7. Had this contact been picked up by a less flexible and well equipped platform the result would almost certainly have been another UFO sighting report. Perhaps this incident, as a proveable example of radar ducting is of public relations value.



(B.J. GODWIN)
Flying Officer
for Officer Commanding

- Enclosures:
1. Chart
 2. Weather Reports

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12 April 1979

Master Timothy Bourne
Takeley County Primary School
Takeley Bishop's Stortford
Herts
BRITAIN

Dear Timothy,

Thank you for your letter of 16 January asking for information on Unidentified Flying Objects.

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

I regret that I cannot provide the information you require.

Yours faithfully,



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



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Essex County Council

Takeley County Primary School

Takeley Bishop's Stortford Herts

Headmaster ~~W. J. Thompson~~



telephone Bishop's Stortford 870541

date 16/1/79

Dear Sir,

Two friends and I have decided to do a project on ufo's, and we were wondering if you could send us some information on ufo's, where they were sighted and when. If you could we would be much obliged.

yours faithfully

Timothy Bourne.

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9 April 1979

Mrs Eileen McCallum,

Dear Mrs McCallum,

Thank you for your letter of 4 April about the requests you have been receiving for release of your information about UFO's. I am happy to know your view on the matter. You may rest assured that this Ministry will do nothing to release the results of the enquiry conducted by Air Force without your permission. I have made this point in response to enquiries I have received from a press and television journalist. The sole interest of the Ministry of Defence in this matter is to protect your confidences and privacy arising out of your association with Defence at the time the incident took place.

Yours sincerely,

(D.B.G. McLean)
Secretary of Defence

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3 April 1979

Mrs Elsie Reaston
140 Common Road
Low Moor
Bradford
ENGLAND

Dear Mrs Reaston,

Thank you for your letter concerning the photograph that appeared in your daily paper in relation to the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Christmas/New Year period.

Although I am not aware of the photograph that appeared in your paper, it was most likely the photograph taken from the television film that was made at the time. Photographs were not taken by the RNZAF.

Your identification of three faces in the object of the photograph is certainly an interesting discovery.

The RNZAF investigation into the sightings concluded that they were the result of natural but unusual atmospheric phenomena. It was highly likely that the object photographed was the planet Venus, which at the time of the sightings was rising early in the morning and at that time of the year was unusually bright in appearance.

I regret I cannot satisfy your request for a photograph of the object.

Yours faithfully,

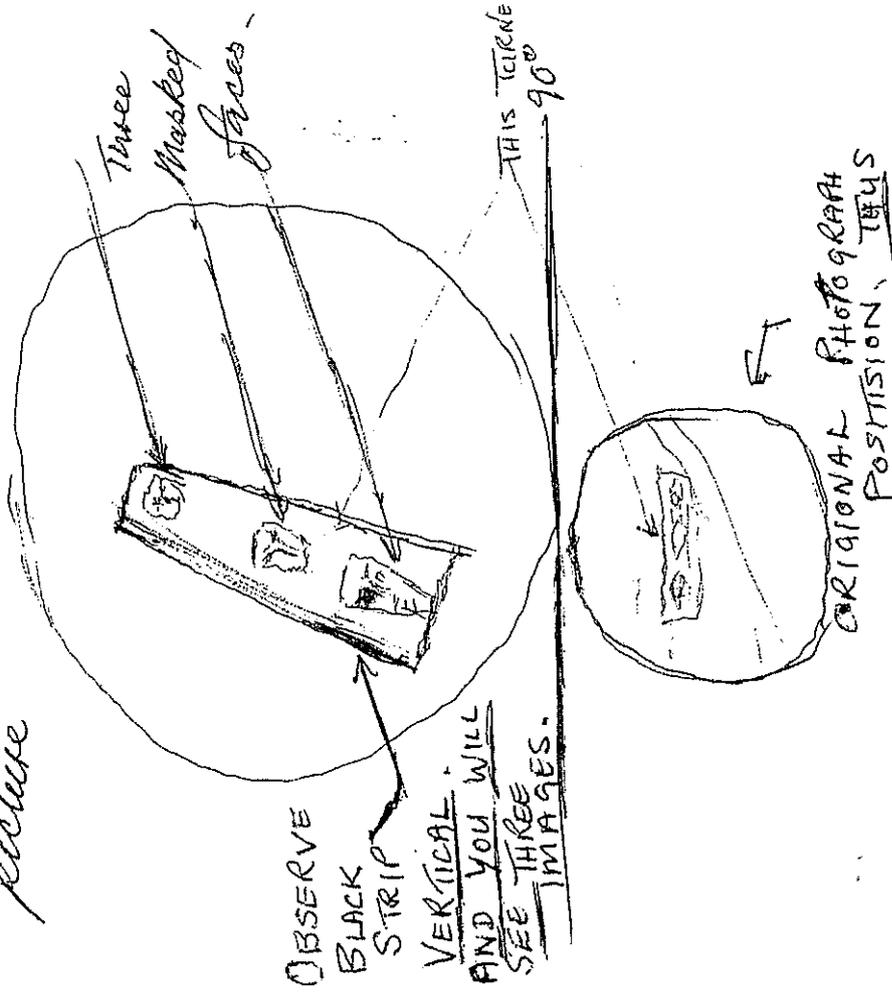

(C.D. COLE)
Squadron Leader
RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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Mr Elsie Keastory
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Ministry of Defence
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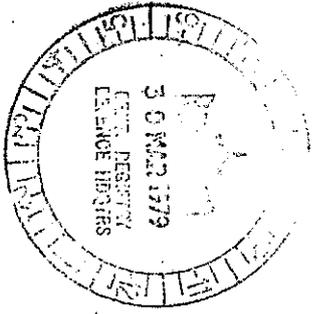
Dear Sir, I am writing to
you concerning the U.F.O.
photograph that was published
in your daily newspaper.
I closely inspected the
picture with and also
using a magnifying glass. I also
turned the photograph 90°
from how it was in the
paper and found I could
identify three masked
faces in the black strip

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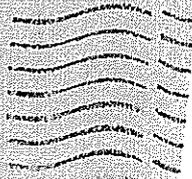
Will you please send me
a reply and if possible
a large gloss photograph
I would be very grateful
and would send you the
cost - please inspect the
picture as this may be
the first photograph of
our space visitors.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Elsie Reaston.



U.F.O. SIGHTINGS BEARU.

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RNZAF UFO SIGHTING REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the recent debate in the House of Lords that the government is operating a cover-up on U.F.O. Lord Strabolgi who spoke on behalf of the Minister of Defence was under a great deal of pressure to deny the existence of U.F.O and that the government had every intention in the future to deny any accusations from every quarter of a cover-up. The public interest in this matter subject has never been higher and the public gallery during the U.F.O Debate was jam packed. More than expected interest the day after when very many more Peers than usual asked the Printed Paper Office in the House of Lords for copies of Hansard containing the U.F.O Debate. They ran out of copies, so the Printed Paper Office contacted H.M. Stationary Office to ask for more copies. No luck! That has not happened before. The General Public had bought them all up. It was a very good debate with 14 speakers but despite the denials of a cover-up by Lord Strabolgi, we have had all along

irrefutable proof of it, and it is high time
the people should be told the truth about
U.F.O and their capability to disarm all
the Defence systems of the major powers, which
has already been put to the test when governments
up until quite recently get trigger happy.
Since the sightings of U.F.O over the western front
in 1943 and the first release of atomic energy
information has been pouring in from all corners
of the globe and continues to do so every 24 hours.
Evidence of people being maltreated, a lot of
well documented evidence of people being killed
by U.F.O, who have suffered radiation burns, some
badly by unknown forms of rays. People carried
off and certainly never returned. A whole
neighbourhood next to an American airforce base
being terrorised by beings 3 ft tall with large
ears, and silver. The airforce were quickly on the
scene to witness these beings as people were
shooting at point blank range at these creatures
to no effect. Airforce on the scene later described
what they had seen to USAF artists and the
press were allowed to print the impressions. Then
here are the countless cases of blood being taken
from people, semen, and ovar from women, and

many cases of sexual intercourse that would stand up to scrutiny. The many cases of cattle being taken away. It's nice to know some like beef, but there are other cases where their interest in other forms of protein are very alarming, because we do not know the implications. This is only the tip of the iceberg and this hardly looks like the behaviour of benevolent beings. — Are we in fact not the first humanity there has been on this planet because others have been wiped out or come unstuck. Man is not just the product of chance of the ordinary workings of evolution. He is that plus something else, the result of some very superior genetic engineering by somebody somewhere, and I think that opposed to those forces the creative powers of the cosmos there are others you could describe as the opposition or the people who are throwing the spanners in the works. We suspect there is a very great struggle going on for control of us. Very recently a group of serious responsible people in America who have managed to penetrate some of the most secret CIA files say they now have irrefutable proof there are four different lots who are fighting for control of Homo Sapiens, and they are certainly not all benevolent. Now this would explain as to why these beings are never seen in their different shapes and sizes in accounts.

with each other, nor is it reported in its daily newspapers, radio and television. It is no longer the popular accepted theory that UFO come from other worlds and are trying to make contact with us, because if this were the case, they have been around for far too long just wasting time in the attempt. Information has turned up from top secret CIA files that Defense Chiefs have had meetings with the benevolent type creatures described as most humanlike in appearance except for pink eyes without any pupils. The height of these beings averaged out at around 6', and the clothes they were wearing were described as as looking rather like ski suits. Then 48 hours after the meeting the Defense Chiefs suffered skin spots and rashes, and the medical reports indicated they were all suffering from radiation sickness. It looks like the CIA are giving out more information to requests from very strong pressure groups around the world and this will we hope be the start of a CIA education programme to prepare the people of the real truth about UFO and of the real threat that they mean to our whole world defences. The British Government will always be the best to tell its people!

22 March 1979

Mr Harry Harris
346 Manchester Road
West Timperley
Altrincham
Cheshire
ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 13 March asking for details of the report on the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects during the Christmas/New Year period.

The Air Force's investigation report was not made public. However, I have enclosed a copy of the statement containing the findings of the investigation that was released to the media.

I believe this statement will provide you with the information you seek.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enclosure

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UFO INVESTIGATION

File No.: Ai 39/3/3

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Date: 15 Jan 79

To -

DCAS

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DOPS JBC

1. Although critics invariably say the various investigations are inadequate what is really happening is that they are angry at the statements made by the investigators.

2. Since the USAF (with its resources) could reach no terrestrial conclusion in over 200 sightings it is unlikely that the old person in NZ is going to solve what is a mystery - in other words do the Uffindell's of this world believe that if you had done your job properly you would have got the answer! No - he is annoyed your solution doesn't tie in with his.

3. Propose you let CO WB know we have seen Uffindell's letter, believe his story that he saw light, and that we know as much as he does about what caused him to see light. When we, or any other agency discover the answer, everyone will be informed & until then the Air Force will take the attitude that there are valid explanations, which do not include beings from outer space, or covert activities by the Vietnamese or Albanians, or Icelandic Islanders.

4. CO WB should be informed it was within his power to deal with this matter, and that Air Staff is concerned he should see fit to pass it up the command chain. He is aware of the Defence position and is to support it unless he can throw incontrovertible evidence to the contrary.

1. Reference E8.

2. I am rather surprised at the 'tone' of W/O Uffindell's letter and equally surprised at the manner in which CO Woodbourne has chosen to handle the matter! Nevertheless, since the papers have wended their way through the command chain, and because my integrity is being questioned, I consider it appropriate that you decide whether Air Staff wants to respond.

3. CO Woodbourne has seen a copy of my report since he wrote the covering letter to W/O Uffindell's submission, thus it might be appropriate to ask CO Woodbourne to debrief W/O Uffindell.

Request your advice please.

JBC DOPS (2754)

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Ref DCAS instruction for DOPS to verbally apprise CO Woodbourne of DCAS views (opposite). CO WB so advised 70/3.

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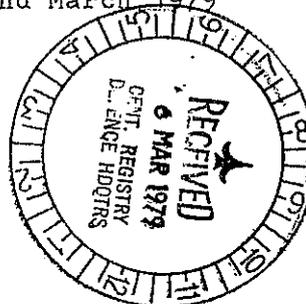
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RNZAF Support Group
RNZAF Base Wigram
Private Bag
CHRISTCHURCH

In reply quote: SG 2/13/AIR

2nd March 1979

The Chief of Air Staff
Royal New Zealand Air Force
Defence Headquarters
Private Bag
WELLINGTON



RNZAF/DSIR INVESTIGATION INTO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Forwarded for your action is a letter from Warrant Officer Uffindell regarding the recent interdepartmental investigation into unidentified flying objects. Commanding Officer Woodbourne's covering letter is attached.

(H.S.R. SAUNDERS)
Squadron Leader
for Commander

- Enclosure:
1. Letter from Warrant Officer Uffindell, dated 30th January 1979.
 2. Covering letter from Commanding Officer RNZAF Base Woodbourne, 4/AIR, dated 31st January 1979.

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IN REPLY QUOTE 4/AIR

31 January 1979

The Commander
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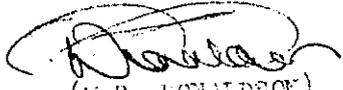
RNZAF/DSIR INVESTIGATION INTO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Attached is a letter from Warrant Officer I.B. Uffindell in which he expresses his reservations about the results of the inter-departmental inquiry into the South Island east coast UFO sightings in December 1978.
2. Warrant Officer Uffindell observed objects from this Base the night of 22/23 December while these were simultaneously plotted by Wellington Radar. The duty Flight Service Officer, Mr Bill Frame, corroborates the Warrant Officer's observations. Thus Uffindell had a personal and professional interest in the outcome of the inquiry.
3. The inter-departmental team visited Woodbourne on Friday, 5 January 1979, and during my time with them I gained the firm impression that they were here to "whitewash" the affair. The DSIR chaps had the answers before they heard the evidence, and when the evidence did not fit the preconceived theory, then it was seemingly put aside.
4. I hold no particular views on the matter, but do agree with Warrant Officer Uffindell's opinion that the RNZAF has gained no benefit from the affair. The Safe Air captains involved have both been quite critical of the outcome of the inquiry, and therefore, indirectly, of the RNZAF.

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5. The Warrant Officer's submission is forwarded with the recommendation that Air Staff be advised of the dissatisfaction of one of the prime witnesses.


(W.R. DONALDSON)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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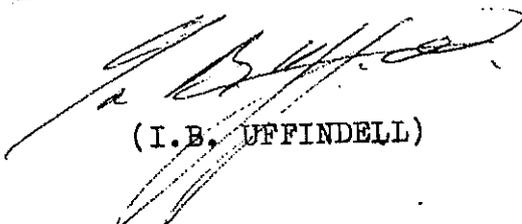
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30th January 1979

The Commanding Officer
RNZAF Base Woodbourne

UFO INVESTIGATION

1. I feel that the findings of the Defence Investigation Committee on UFO's off the Marlborough coast Dec 78/Jan 79 are an insult to all those involved in the sightings and subsequent investigation.
2. Whilst the committee was comprised of men with a high degree of intelligence, and scientific background, I believe they were all biased towards the type of finding they arrived at, before they even commenced their inquiry. This was particularly true of Mr Thompson from the meteorological service. He had rubbished the idea of anything but atmospheric conditions being the cause, on numerous occasions on the TV news.
3. Furthermore, Wg Cdr Clements, the committee chairman, stated that he had no doubts whatever that they would find the cause to be astronomical or meteorological phenomena, and the other three members agreed. This was on Friday 5th January, the inquiry was then still in its first day!
4. Wg Cdr Clements further stated that CDS had ordered the inquiry, that they were dragging all the old files out of the archives, and that they were going to try and find the cause or source of the sightings, no matter how long it took. Yet exactly three weeks later on Thursday 25th January the findings are out, case is closed and we don't want to hear anything more about it.
5. On Monday 22nd January Mr Bill Frame and I took bearings and elevations from the Woodbourne control tower to where we had witnessed three UFO's for an hour. I don't think he even had time to send them to the committee, yet they had requested that we take them.
6. Sir, it is my opinion that this inquiry was a farce from beginning to end and has done much to tarnish the RNZAF's image in the public's eye. I request you draw CDS's attention to the points I have raised and urge him to re-open the inquiry, this time with at least some people who hold an open mind on such matters.


(I.B. UFFINDELL)

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UFO file

Thinks UFOs could be foam bubbles

NEW PLYMOUTH, Today (PA).—A Waitara man came up yesterday with a bubbling new theory on UFOs — foam wafted from the sea into the air.

Recent UFO sightings over Kaikoura could be explained by the bubble theory, Mr I.L. Wood said.

He said UFOs were transparent light-reflecting bubbles that rose off the sea from patches of foam produced by pollution. The wind carried the bubbles great distances, and at high speed the oil or other pollutants in them gave them bright colours.

"I have studied these for years, and have watched them lift off the sea around Waitara. They are about the size of a basketball."

The bubbles could look bigger than they were, and when the wind got too strong they burst, deceiving people into thinking they had seen a UFO disappear at high speed, he said.

He said steep hills in the Kaikoura region produced strong updraughts which could carry the bubbles to great heights.

Mr Wood has written to the Ministry of Defence about his theory.

"This has opened the whole thing up for me. The things science has been looking at for years are produced in the sea," he said.

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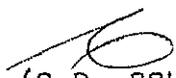
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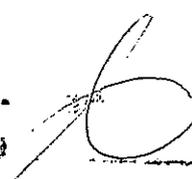
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February, in which you promoted further theories in respect of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Your comments and observations have been noted.

Yours faithfully,


(C.D. COLE)
Squadron Leader
RNZAF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Defence Headquarters



Wairara

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter quote no 39/3/3
I would like to make a few other
comments about the UFOs.

I stated that they are made of frost
plus Pollution and I remain very
firm on this question. As however
I seen this take place at odd
times in summer.

If you are in any doubt as to
whether or not this is right I
would like you to refer to
the book (Bermuda Triangle)
where you will have to admit
that we have exactly the same
mystery in this case. Since this
UFO mystery I also have discovered
conditions that tie in with the
Triangle, and can describe in
detail exactly what takes place
at the time. It dose appear that

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with what I now know that I am the only person that has the answer.

You will recall that the airforce reported the terrible turbulence down that coast. the following night this is the (Important factor)

This is what takes place hovering seen and been on the edge of it. Out of a very still air along our coast line there are some places that appear to be the trouble spots. First time on the beach the air was still and all at once there was a terrible stormy wind coming from up above at a 40 deg angle which forced the sea down ~~into~~ making a hole 12 to 18 inches in the water and then blasted out the side in a fantail pattern which flattened all the over of water and cut under froth and leaving wind patten on the sea. It appears that it can strike

ment times in the same place through out the day and moves along the water as fast as one can walk & I have been on the outer edge of this swirling air which I believe that had it been much stronger I would have been sucked into it. When I was standing a leaf took off and did a circle out and around and dropped out at the back of me. I estimated that the distance was 60 feet across the center from where I was standing.

Now in the core of this wild wind is terrible strong and could suck things out of the sky. I have no doubt that it is capable of dictating a plane, as it only lasts for app 15-20 seconds. I had no way of timing it. Now it is the ^{only} wind from this that is strong enough left everything including froth ect. I have watched this action on

a number of times and have
 seen the bubbles in the machinery.
 There are many ^{other} things
 I can explain as to the shapes
 of the so called U-tors.

If you are still interested.
 I am still available at the
 above address or any other
 person wishing to know all the
 details.

Yours faithfully

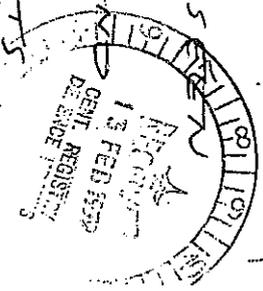
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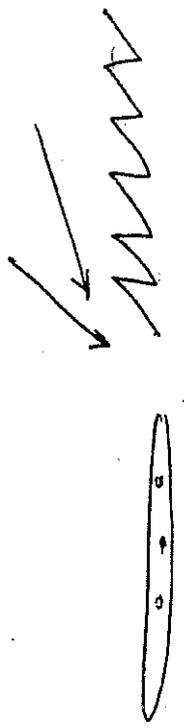
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UFO WAS SEEN 45
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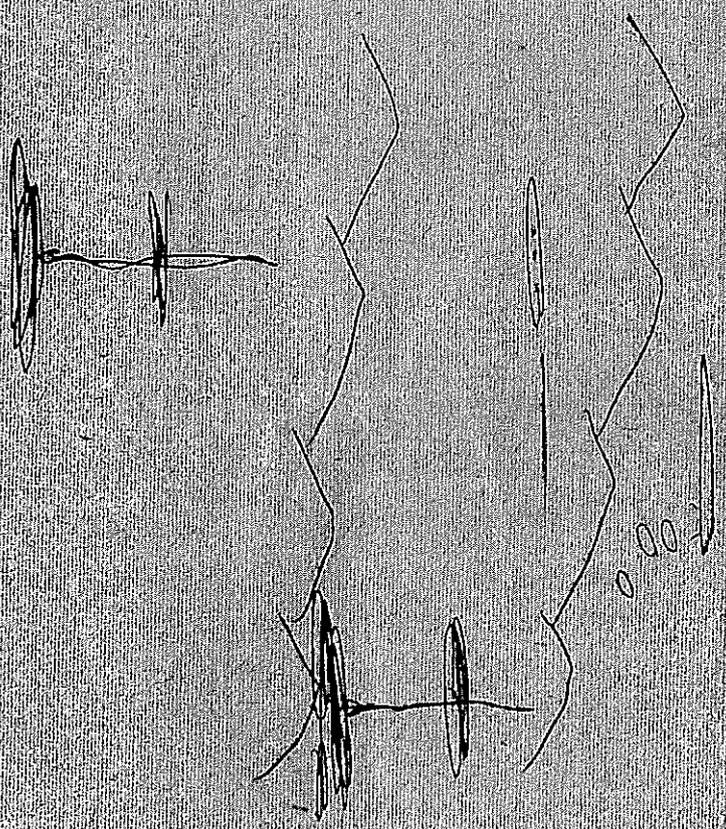
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