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PUBLIC RELEASE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) FILES

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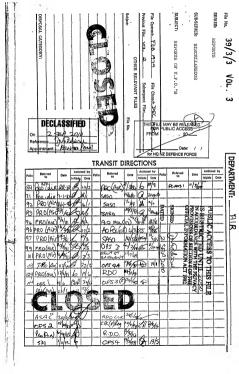
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15 December 1980

Mr Peter G. Keens 55 Greville Avenue Flinders Perk 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. the material I passed to you is a summary of the findings of that study.

The news release paper used to carry the meterial passed to you is the news release paper used delly 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 "Kaikours UFO's" by Captain Bill Status 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 Reletions Officer.

Meter G.Heane 55 Greville Ave Flinders Park 5025 South Australia

Squadron Leader Cole.

I am in receipt of your recent letter reparding earlier

earlier enquiries.of mine re-HFO reports from 1979 and I am particularly appreciative of your assistance, however, I must implore your help with the following:

I home 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" mapazine.

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 explanetions of these sightings and which I have the DSIR's permission to use. Also I would like to know if the RNZAF's atudy of the UFO sightings will be released to the public and if ac.when ?

In addition is it possible to obtain further detailed information on the ANZAF investigated UFO sightings for DEC/JAN.(1978/79).perticularly 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 Headcuarters.Wellinoton*) ?

Your assistance in these matters is orestly sporeciated and is of considerable importance to my investigation.

In hoping that you will essist. I em.sincerely.

Peter G.Kgane.

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Air 39/3/3 PR

25 November 1980

Mr Peter G. Keene 55 Greville Ave Flinders Perk 5025 SOUTH AUSTRALTA

Dear Sir.

Thenk you for your latter of 13 November seeking a copy of the RNZAF atudy into Unidentified Flying Objects in the Clarence River/Kaikoure recions.

The report on the RNZAF's investigation has not been made public. However a statement contesting 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 andsevour 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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Y Sir.

Recently it has come to my attention that the New Zeeland Air Force has prepared a study of the New Zeeland MID sightings in the Clarence River - Gook Streat regions between December 20th, 1976 and January 10th, 1979 which is available to the operate cobile.

I am at present compiling a publication entitled "Australian Unidentified Flying Objects" (written in callaboration with Mr D.W.Mitohell, a writer for the "Scientific Australian" magazine) union is a akeptical work on this subject and which in part deals with the above deted New Zealand UFO powerts.

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 phenomens.

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

I have resemily obtained a copy of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Organization is Report in 0.550 ("infrantize Observations of Lights in the Night Sky", by Mr W.Ireland) which has provided me with an excilent study of these ecourrences, phowers, I also desire the Air Forces report on these matters to,a) establish beyond doubt that perfectly natural explanations exist for these slightings,b)to provide a most detailed analysis of the sightings from both sides,pro or con,for ablanced symposium and c) to verify its conclusions for such particular UFO once 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.Keans.

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25 November 1980

Mr H. Nickson 167 Saebank Road Wallasey Mersoyside L45 7QL ENGLAND

Door Sir.

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

I believe the investigation you are referring to occurred early in 1979 when the RNZAF investigated reported eightings of Unidentified Flying Objects on the north-east coest of the South Italand of New Zeeland.

The RMZAF does not underteks detailed investigations into sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and the investigation cerried 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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10 July 1988

Mr K. W. Hastings 5 Cerkeek Street Seddon MARI BREGUEH

Deer Keith.

Thank you for your latter seeking information on Unidentified Flying Objects for a school project. Please school by sincere spologies for not replying scener but I have been overseas.

I em efraid I em unable to help you as the RNZAF does not underteke 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 UFD Studio Centre, 5 Ngahu Crescent, Eladon, Wellington.

I thank you for your enquiry.

Yours feithfully.

(C. D. COLE) Squedron Laeder RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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Air 39/3/3 PR

11 June 1980

Mr Darren W Mitchell 434 Megill Road Kensington Gerdens South Australia 5068 AUSTRALIA

Dear Str.

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 rader observations and Air Force investigations into recent UFO sightings.

The RMZAF dose not conduct detailed investigations into sightings and I am not sears of any reported radar observations. Nor am I sware of any settivity smaller to the Katkoura sightings of last year. Some sightings were reported in the Hutt Valley area mass Wallington.

I thank you for your inquiry.

Yours faithfully.

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

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

AIR 39/3/3

434 Magill Road, Kensington Gdr South Aust.Australia 5068

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

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

Darren W.Mitchell

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13 May 1980

Mr Harry Harria 345 Manchaster Road West Timperlay Altrincham Chashire FNGLAND

Dear Sir.

a copy of your letter of 15 April enclosing a copy of your letter of 12 Fabruary to which you had not received a reply. Obviously the meila ere alow for your letter of 12 Fabruary resched this Headquarters on 7 Mey.

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

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HARRY HARRIS

Solicitor

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YOUR REP. AIR 39/3/3PR.

15th April 1980.

346 Manchester Road (Washway Road) West Timperley Aitrinchem Cheshire ENGLAND

For the attention of C.D. Cole Esc., 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 sincerley,

HH/SH AIR 39/3/3PH

12th February 1980

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

The Ministry of Defence The Chief of Air Staff Defence Headquartors, Private Meg. Wellington New Zealand

Dear Sir,

re: 'U.F.C.'. metter

I thank you for your letter of the Joth ultime and would be grateful if you would kindly indicate why a report on the matter he being kept as "confidential".

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Saithfully.

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HARRY HARRIS

Solicitor

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12th February 1980

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

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 & report on the matter is being kept as "confidential".

Thanking you in anticipation.





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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 Prosso statement in early Jan 1979 which expressed findings on the December 1976 Katkaura, Cape Campbell, Clarence River Wouth 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 attendent difficulties have precluded my making this request much sconer.

As you and your fellow Officers will be very much aware, the subject of these particular uto events are still much in the limelight with two book dealing directly with the sage due for publication shortly and a third not far away which will include the xkelex content of these Kakawara 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.





Pr Herry Harris 1985 Panchester Road West Timperley Altrinoham Cheshire FMGLAND

Dear Sir.

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

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

However I understand that the New Zealand UFO Studies Centre cerried out alletudy on the eightings and an approach to the Centre through Dr J f deSock of S Ngehus Crescent, Eledon, New Zealand, may provide the information you seek.

Yours Poithfully.

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(C D COLE) Squadron Leader RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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17th January 1980 Minietry of Defence Air Staff Defence Headquartere

Wellington New Zealand

Dear Sire. re: U.F.O.'s

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I refer to my letter of the 9th October last and would be grateful to hear from you with a more detailed and scientific explanation of the evente in question by reference to, if poseible, a diagram.

Thanking you in auticipation,

Yours faithfully.

3 September 1979

Mr Niell Fenning 12 Winter Roed Geeson Park Dublin 6 IRELAND

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Deer Sir.

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

It is respected that I am unable to provide you with this information. The RRIAF does not undertake detailed investigations into reports on Unidentified flying Objects. If a report is presed on to us we do, houseur, conceut a number of other Government agencies to aliminate any obvious exclanations.

Yours faithfully,

(C.O. 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 I.F.O.s because I as reading about this topic. Here is a little about it. Thereis these two boys that find a gians and then they sak there onther what it is, but has doesn't know called the sake the sake there about a doesn't know either. But they don't have fallen off a T.F.O. And that's a but about the book.

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

Yours faithfully.

Kerry Lehmann

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3 October 1929

Kerry Lehmann Avon School Hamlet Street CTRATFORD

Deer Kerry.

Thenk you very much for your letter concerning the book you ere reeding on Unidentified Flying Objects. I so also puzzahades to what the gismo might be.

The RNMAF does not undertake detailed threstigations 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) Squedron Leader RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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Tall Fanning; 17 Winton Road, Seeson Rash, Dublinb, Greland. Dear Sir, Please could you send no some information on by to.

12 July 1979

Miss Johanne Perry 6 Brett Avenus Takepuns AUCKLAND 9

Dear Johanna.

Thank you for your letter, pessed to me by our Auckland effice, seaking information and photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects. Unfortunetely your letter has been delayed in the post and only reached me this mornino.

I regret that I do not hold information or photographs concerning Unidentified Tlying Objects, so the RMZAF dises not undartake 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 obvisus synipartions.

Yours feithfully.

(C.D. CDLE)
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Public Relations officer Ministry of defence

Dear Sir,

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

Yours sincerely Johanna Perry

Air 39/3/3 PR

28 June 1979

Mr Herry Herrie 346 Menchester Road West Timperley Altrinchem Cheshire FNCI AND

Deer Sir.

I thenk you for your letter of 1 June concerning the RNZAF's report on the investigation into the sightings off the Keikoure coset.

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 peased to you earliar. This policy in respect of releasing the report is still adhered to and is unlikely to chenge.

Yours faithfully.

(C.D. COLE)

RNZAF Public Relations Officer

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28 June 1979

Dr J.F. deBock 5 Ngehus Crescent

Deer Sir.

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully.

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

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

I am referring to you the enclosed letter from Rr Colin Amery, "alse known as John Citizen," who writes to slart the Civil Defence authorities to the possibility that a lerge piece of Skylab will fall in Mellington, specifically in the suburb of Kelburn, any time between 13 and 30 June 1979,

As you will see from the attached press clipping in Assay class 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 feal you will need further information. The control of th

To. R. G. McLEAN

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

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14 June 1979

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

Door 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 end I shell refer your letter to him.

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

Yours faithfully.

D. B. G. McLEAN

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

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near Mr Mclean,

responsible to Mr. Frank 7111. Minister of Defence.

I wish to alert the civil defence authorities in Wellington to the possibility that a large piece of Wkylab Will fall on the capital and land in the suburb of Kelburn. The dates I have been given are between 13th-30th June,1979.

whis information has been received from 2 quite separate Dayobic sources and I think some oredence should be placed upon it. where to the nameibility of widespread damage to property by fire and the more serious denger of injury to civilian personnel.

I feel that the best way this information can be explained is by personal interview with either your good self or the Minister.

Can you please reply by return mail, as I am shortly to leave Dunedin on a lecture tour.

(Colin Amery also known as John Citizen)

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-952 5240 & 969 3943

1st June, 1979 The Ministry of Defence of New Zealand, Air Staff. Defence Headquarters,

Wellington. NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Sire.

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 js not to be made public if it only relates to "atmospheric conditions"? - The same enquiry is repeated in relation to the names and





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Latter from Dr. F.J. DeBook, 5 Ngahue Gres., Sladen dated 5 June 1979 and its attached report by Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee 'What Really Happened in NZ' transferred to file Air 1774/897 on 29 JUN 61 on instructions from WG CDR WALLINGFORD, D OFE, AIR STAFF.

22 May 1979

Commanding Officer RNZAF Base Ohakea Private Bag DAIMFRSTON NORTH

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

- 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.
- It is requested that he be advised that the RNZAF does not underteke detailed investigations of UFO'e but in some instances consults a number of Government agencies in an andeavour to eliminate any obvious explanations.
- In this instance there is nothing of significance to indicate that the object might have been anything other than natural obenomena.

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

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Air 39/3/3 PR

22 May 1979

WANGANUI

Dear Sir.

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

We were neturally interested in your sighting, however, the RMZAF does not undertake detailed investigations that call things of unidentified Flying Objects. The investigation cabried out earlier this year in respect of the eightings on the north-east coast of the South leiland was an isolated instance.

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

An earlier eighting over Pelmereton North was found to have the characterietics of a radar belloon carrying e lamp attached to the reflactor, and uith your sighting, there is nothing to suggest that the objects were anything but natural obsencemes.

Yours faithfully.

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

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Telephone: Palmerston North

RNZAF Base Ohakea Private Bag PALMERSTON NORTH

In reply quote: OH 3/17/AIR

9th May 1979

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



UFO SIGHTING

Enclosed is a UFO sighting report from Wanganui.





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The Commanding Officer RNZAF Base Chakea Private Bag PAIMERSTON 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 10,50 ps on Thurnday night we left the Lounge Bar of the Albert Motor Logie to return to our accommodation. While crossing the carpark (our Mein/Albert) we noticed an "orange ball" in the day, which we later estimated at roughly 5,000 th high, and about 55° my from us. The ball moved quite rapidly, considering its size, from a northerly to a SSS direction. At its classet point it gave the appearance that it was burning, as the edge second communic value to darker orange.
- As the object got further to the south, it "appeared" to send off shower of red sparks at 10 19 second intervals. This may have been atnospheric conditions. Also on two or three occasions, as it headed saws, it appeared to dip and more from side to eight every rapidly, and without the normal turning room a plane would need. It would nove and return to its continuous line in a matter of one second or less.
- This object was in our risw for 5 7 minutes at a guese, before becoming too distant to see with the maked sys. We then decided to return hose, but as we turned around, we saw three similar objects, in a challow of foreation, in approximately the case position we saw the first. The three moved and looked the same as the first, but tended to move to a slightly soore easterly direction. Home of the objects made writing sound, but it wasn't constant, so was probably traffic in the oity.
- Before the three were out of sight, swelf, and a who was staying at the Albert went to the reception and rang Okakea, who told us to ring Palmerston North Afrport, but there was no reply. The Police were no help, so we rang Chakea again, but did 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, Well 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.

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Air 39/3/3 PR

4 May 1979

Commanding Officer RNZAF Same Ohakee Private Sag PALMERSTON NORTH

FROM SQUADRON LEADER C.R. ALLIN

 Aquedron Leader Allin's reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object on the night of 21 April has been passed to me in accordance with etendard action procedure.

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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, use an isolated case and that the RNZAF does not normally undertake detailed investigations of Unidentified Tying Object sightings.

 However, as with this sighting, the RNZAF consults a number of Government agencies in an endeavour to eliminate any obvious explenetions.

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

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AERIAL PHENOMENON

- 1. On Seth April 1979, I was the Duty Operations Officer for RNAAF OMARGA. Whilst at home, no call, I was contacted by the Ohakea Etclerphone operator, Who, at 2355 hours, informed me that she had been contacted by several residents of PALMERSTON MORTH, who were enquiring about the foramce lights' that were traversing the city. One such callers, a chart of the Company of the Several to subside a written report to the Sase Commanding Officer.
- 2. Shortly afterwards, whilst I was usercising my dog in Feather-ton Street, I observed a single erange light, appraaching 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 wither watershed of the northern RARGHW Range. The weather was cals, cleer and cold but it is unlikely if any noise would have been heard at that range.
 - As my family and I had observed an aerial phenomenan in the evening of 20th April; I was anxious to find witnesses of this sighting. Across the road, two youths were operating a C.B. readio. I asked tham to confirm the sighting, and for their names and addresses. These are included in the Accendix.
- 4. At 2305 hours, I arrived back at my house. In trensit, the lighted disc and been observed against a mortip beckground, but the impression was gained that its treek curved meight from south south west to south east. For two or three minutes, my family and I observed the mov stationary disc, still at an elevation of about fifteen degrees and at a range of about fifteen tilemetres. With the aid of 830 binculars it was possible to make out that disc shape of yellow light, surrounded by thin occome of red light.
 - At 2307 hours, the size of the distant disc grew smaller, giving the impression of a rapid climb, directly away from thase four obsetvers on a heading of 130 degrees True, and with an angle of climb of 25 degrrees, until it disappeared into the background of stars.
 - 5. I then rang the WELLINGTOW AIR Treffic Central Centre, and spoke with the duty rearn operator. He was informed of the sighting and informed me that he had neither known treffic nor unidentified blip in the area to the south east of Palmeraton North. The Defence Duty_Eden's Officer was next informed of the sighting, with the coincidence of, leat noint of observation being identical to that sighting of the 20th April.
- 7. At 2335 hours, range mogain, stating that the initial sighting had been of a lingiff Tight source at 2200 hours, seen initially at ancievation of 45 degrees, to the north. The disc had passed overhead of the observer and his two companions, who were staying in the last of the control of

8. At 2235 hours, the three observers saw a shallow vic formstion of three orange discs of light. These flew on a course of approximately sign overlying 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.

 In the absence of the Base Orderly Officer, the Ohakea telephone operator was asked to request the Orderly Officer to inform the Base Commender 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.

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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.

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PALMERSTON NORTH Attn: Squadron Leader M.J.D. Fuller

Reference your 3/6/AIR of 24 April 1979, Subj: Satellita Transits Visible in New Weslend

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27 April 1979

Officer Commending No 5 Squadron RNZAF Bass Auckland Private Bag 2 auckland

For Information:

Hasdquarters Operations Group

UFO INVESTIGATION

 The information provided by Flying Officer B.J. Godwin concerning the reder content made during a patrol on 9 April has been retained by Air Staff for future reference.

 Flying Officer Godwin is to be complimented on the effort he put into this report.

> (C.D. COLE) Squadron Leader RN78F Public Relations Officer

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Subject: Reports on UFOS.

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- (a) Whether the file is required to action the attached correspondence. Yes/No.
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Copy to: 0x0 A7C Supervisor

18 April 1979

Mr Harry Harrie 346 Manchester Roed West Timperley Altinchem Cheehire ARTIAIN

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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's copy of the investigation report.

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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

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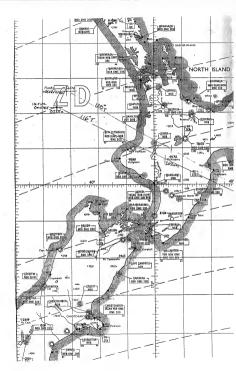
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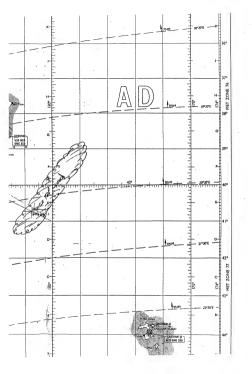
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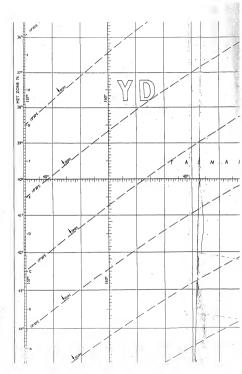
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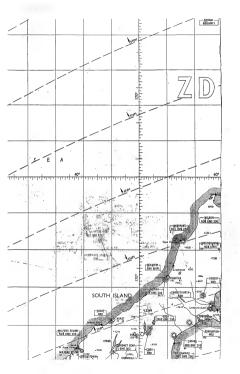
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No 5 Squadron RNZAF Base Auckland Private Bag 2 AUCKLAND

IN REPLY QUOTE

12th April 1979

The Chief of Air Staff Royal New Zealand Air Force

nd Air Force

Attention: Public Relations Officer

For Information:

Operations Group



UFO'S ?

 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 116/20am from the aircraft appeared to be knewing formattion with the strongt.

2. We turned on to inventigate, and, whilst homing on, the target was continued to the tilt control world. The target was not identicated to the control world of the target was not identicated to a light-mediant cloud, Jan Long, along track (175) about man wide. Throughout the homing to "Un Top" there was no target and to the tracking to the target with the target was regarded to the target and the target was a control to the target with the target was regarded outlines to 'On Top" nothing that could explain the target was seen atther 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 405mm on a bearing of 116 true from its apparent position.

4. The PSB radar has a PSF of NO. PSB giring a PSE of 2500 microscounds, this limits the max, theoretical range of the radar, (but to time variable to Historie from each to home. Morelly at that range the power cutput would be instructive, with a times perfect relating that the mass power cutput would be instructive, with a timespheric dusting this range could be considered in the country of t

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



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6. After extensive exquiries about cloud formations around New Zealand at that time, the Wellington Net Office informed me that the Called and the Called Conference of the Called Conference of

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

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

Enclosures: 1. Chart

ENCLOSURE RECEIVED 46 2. Weather Reports

12 April 1979

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

Dear Timothy,

Thenk 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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2nd April 1979

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

Dear Sire.



ATRMATT.

Re: "U.F.O. Sightings"

I thank you for your letter of the 22nd ultimo with ite enclosure and trust that you would not consider me presumptious if I ventured to raise the following questions arising out of my perusal of the report which you sent to me, namelv:-

According to reports in the British Press, a Squadron of planes was placed on special"alert standby" to chase any further "mystery" objects? Are these Prese reports correct?

Would it be possible to have the names and addresses of the witnesses concerned

According to reports in the British press, the pilot of the plane which took the television pictures disagreed with your official explanation - have you any comment to make? I refer to the fourth paragraph of your "news release" document - is there

any record of the rather "unusual" atmospheric conditions occurring before at this time of the year with similar resulte? If not perhaps you could kindly specify exactly what these atmospheric conditions were that were so peculiar to this year and which, apparently, have not occurred before. Are you suggesting that that which was photographed by the television cameras

was the planet Venue or the light from the Japanese Squid Ships or lights from trains or vehicles travelling in the vininity of the Clarence River Mouth?

I refer to the fifth paragraph on page 2 of your "news release" and an somewhat surprised when you state that the large "light" which was filmed by the television team was not seen on radar screen since it is my recollection from a filmed intervie Y on British Television of one pf your Radar operators to the effect that this gentleman etated that he had never seen so many "unidentified" objects on his screen before - it is also my recollection that this gentleman stated that he had been a Radar operator for some 20 - 30 years (I forget which) - have you any comment?



Essex County Council **keley County Primary School

Takeley Bishop's Stortford Herts Headmaster W-5-1400men telephone Bishop's Stortford 870541

date 16/1/79



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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Mrs Eileen McCallum.

AFTER MAPA

Dear Mrs McCallum.

Thank you for your letter of 4 April about the requests you have been receiving for Peleses of your information about ifform. I as happy to know your wise on the matter. You may rest results of the enquiry conducted by Air Force without your parmission. I have made this point in response to enquiries I have recoived from a press and tailevision journalist. The soils your confidences and privacy existing out of your association with Defence at the time the incident took pleas.

Yours sincerely,

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

3 April 1979

Mrs Elsie Reaston 140 Common Roed Low Moor Bradford FNGLAND

Deer Mrs Resaton.

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

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

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

The NMIAN investigation into the sightings concluded that they were the result of netural but unseed: a taxospheric phenomena. It was highly likely that the object photographed sea the planet Yeans, which at the time of the sightings was rising early in the morning and at that time of the year was unusually pright in appearance.

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

Yours faithfully,

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

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U.F.O. SIGHTINGS BEARL

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE NEW ZEALAND.







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 obenoment

This is the conclusion arrived at in the Air Force's just completed yestigation into the eightings.

Before arriving at his conclusions, the investigating officer interviewed all the principle witnesses involved in the sightings on the nights of 20 and 30 Docember. 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 leve Pealand were conducive to freak effects on radar and light waves. Also, the planet Venus was rising in the mastern sky early in the morning, and at this time of the year is vnusually 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 rackr 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 unbsual atmospheric reflections and vertications.

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 "itsfied 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.

Rafar sats 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 Christohurch or Wellington redars 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 ever 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 throat 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.

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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 trebulf of the Minister of Defence was under a great deal of presine to day He existence of U.F.o and that the government had every intention in the future to dany any accessations from every quarter of a cover-up. The public interest in this matter subject has never been higher and the public gallery during the UFO Debate was jam packed. Mar than expected interest the day after when Very many more Peus than usual caked the Printed Paper Office in the House of Lords for copies of Housand containing the UFO Debute. They ran out of copies, so to Printed Popa Office contacted H.M stationary office to ask for more cofies. No luck! That has not hapfened before The General Rublic had bought Hem 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

insepitable proof of it, and it is high time the people should be told to truth about U.FO and Heir capability to disarm all He Defence systems of the major powers, which has already been put to the test when Jovernment up centil quite recently get trigger happy. Since the sightings of UFO over the western front in 1943 and the first release of atomic energy information has been pouring in from all corners of the glass and continues to do so every 24 hours. tridence of people being maltreated, a lot of well documented evidence of people being Kalled by U.F.O, who have suffered natiation burns some badly by centroom from of rays. People carried off and certainly never returned a whole neighbourhood next to an american airfore Trave being tenoused by beings 3 ft tall will large ease, and silves. The airfore were quickly on the scene to artness these beings as people were shooting at point blank range at these Gestures to no effect. airface on the scene later described what they had seen to USAF artists and the press were allowed to print the impression. Then Here are the countless cases of blood being taken from people, semen, and oran from woman, and many cases of sexual intercourse that would stand at & scruting. 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 Teeberg and this hardly lookes like the behaviour of Emerclant beings - One we in fact not the first humanity there has been on this planet because others have been wifed out or come unstuck. man is not fust the product of chame of the ordinary workings of evolution. He is that plus something else, the result of some very superior genetic engineering by sometonly somewhal and I think that officed to those forces the creative powers of the cosmos there are others you could describe us the officialion 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 prenetrate some of the most secret cin files say they now have inefutable proof there are four different lots who are fighting for control of Homers, and they are cutainly not all Emerolent was the would explain as to why there beings are never seen in their different shapes and sizes in prenounts with each other now it reported in its daily nowspolars, radio and television It is no longer the popular excepted throng that UFO come from other worlds and are trying to make contact with us, because if this were the case, Hoy have been around for for too long just worting time in the attempt. Information has turned up from top secret Cis files that Define Chiefs have had meetings with the Benerolent type creatures described as most pumanlike in offerme except for pink eyes without any jufile. The height of these beings averaged out at around b', and the clother they were waring were described so as looking nother like ski smite. Then 48 hours after the meeting the Raferee chiefe suffered skin spok and racker and to medial reports indicated they were all suffering from nadiation sichness. It looks like HO CIA are giving out more information to requests from very strong pressure groups around the wold and this will we hope to the start of a CIA education programme to prepare the stople of the real truth about U.FO and of the real threat that they mean to our whole world defences. The British forcument will always be the last to tell its people!

22 March 1979

Mr Harry Harris 346 Manchester Road West Timperley Altrinches Cheshire ENGLAND

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter of 13 March making 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 atatasent 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 Office

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OUR MEF: HH/CH

YOUR REF

13th March, 1979 Ministry of Defence,

Private Bag. Wellington. New Zealand.

Dear Sirs.



Re: "New Years Eve U.F.O Sightings etc"

I would be grateful to receive details of your Government's official explanation for the above incident as the whole topic interests me immensely.

Thanking you in anticipation.

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Yours faithfully,





MINUTE SAFET Department An Straff Pile No. A 39/3/3 UFO INVESTIGATION JAN 79 - 15 mar 79 1. Repenence E8. 2. 9 am rather empired at the 'tone' of W/o Uppendelle letter and equally surprised at the many in which to weadfourn has about to handle the maker! 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 An Straff wants to of les found. 3. Co Wasderene has keen a capy of my report since he wrote the lovering letter to W/o Uppindelli subrission, thus it might be appropriate to ank to wood tower to de-brief Request your advice please. attitude that there are would explanations, which do not endude (2754) mians, or Chather Islanden. Ref BERT insonuction 4. CO WB should be informe it was with his power to deal with the matter a will the matter a willest for boxs to verhally apprese deal and has marked a shealt are fit to a facility are fit to anomal about the someward about the someward about the someward to be appeared to be appeared to be appeared to be an investigation to be appeared to be appeared to be appeared to be a facility to a facility to be a eo woodbourne of bear views (opposive). Co WB so advised 20/3.

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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:

 Letter from Warrant Officer Uffindell, dated 30th January 1979.



 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

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RNZAF/DSIR INVESTIGATION INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached is a letter from Warrant Officer I.B. Uffindell
in which he expresses his reservations about the results of the interdepartmental inquiry into the South Island east coast UFO eightings in
December 1978.

 Varrant Officer Ufrindell observed objects from this Base the night of 22/23 December while these were simultaneously plotted by Hellington Radar. The duty Flight Service Officer, Nr Bill Frame, corroborates the Warrant Officer's observations. Thus Uffindell had a jersomal 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 "whitevash" the affair. The DSIR chape lad the answere before they heard the evidence, and when the evidence did not fit the preconceived theory, then it was souringly put action.

i. I hold no particular viewe on the matter, but do agree with Wurvant Officer Uffindell's opinion that the REAM 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 REAM!





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> (W.S. MONALDSON) Wing Communior Communing Officer



30th January 1979

The Commanding Officer RNZAF Base Woodbourne

UFO INVESTIGATION

 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.

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 meteorlogical service. He had rubbished the idea of anything but atmospheric conditions being the cause, on numerous occasions on the TV news.

7. Furthermore, Wg Cdr Clements, the committee chairman, stated that he had no doubts whatever that they would find the cause to be astronomatoal or meteorlogical phonomens, and the other three members are asserted. This was on Friday 5th January, the inquiry was then still in its first day!

Wg Cdr Clements further stated that CDS had ordered the ** goar clements rurner stated that DUS 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.

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 he had time to send them to the committee, yet they had requested that we take them.

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 (I.B. DEFINDRLL) least some people who hold an open mind on such matters.

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.

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The bubbles could leck bieger than 'they 'heven, and when the wind get too strong they burst, deciding people into thirting they find seen a UFO disappear at high

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Air 39/3/3PR

16 February 1979

MATTARA

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.

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

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ment times in the some place through out the day and moves about the walty as fast as one can walk & Hove been on the oute eady of this stursting air which, I believe that had it been much stronger I would have been suched into it. Where I was stording a has took off and did a circle out and around and broked out at the back of me. 9 estamated that the distance was 60 feet across the center from where I was stonding. now in the cone of this wirl wind is terrible strong and could such things out of the shy I have such then, and of the safe of no doubt that it is captle of diction a flow, or the only docts for off 15-20 seconds. I had no way of timen it. Now it is the whend from this that is strong enough that everything including froth left. I have watched this action on a number of times and have
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SOURCE OF FOOD AS 173 NEAR FUTURE TRAVELS A SLOW SOO CKUISE DOWN THE SLOW USA CAPARICE OF SHOPING 2000 MILES PER HOUR AT SPEEDS Brick THESE CRAFT HRAVER WILHS SEES AUSTRALIA 2 AS HOUR. WISSILE WHICH EXCES OVER POPULATED "WEAPONS . READY AT & TAMED BASES AUSTRALIAN CAPABLE OF CAPERYING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS THIS MOMENT TO BIG AS BATTLESHIPS A 20 DECEMO AND OBLITERATE AND TACTICAL NUCLEARS D T REC JTLY UFOS A AND OLSO AIR FORCE OFOS CHINAS NEW DEAC 4 PP AUSTRACIA UFOS ALL ママ マン PARTS = ETABLAND

THIS IS TO AVOID. UPO WAS SEEN 45 MISSILES SURFACE TO AIR MILES FROM PUCKURINAL FROM A CHINESE UFO THESE CRAPT DIGNAG ARMY BASE. COUNTERS ON THE BOTTON OF AUSTRACIAS CARREST RECENTUY A LARGE PLACE TROOPS AND SPLIT UP ARMY BASES TO THE UPOS . オシスタ THE 100'S OF MILLIONS AS ONE SMALL MISSILE OSECESS BATTLES HIPS OF DOCLARY HAAT STRIKET . REDIRECT TACTICAL NUCLERA UNI- TO AUDIO MOULD PUT THEN WOULD BE SPENT ON THIS MONEY TO THE OCEAN . REDIRECT BOILDING HEAVY . M. ACHINE IN GOBILLA



