

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 5 Jan 54	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Tooma, N.S.W., Australia	<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local 1200 GMT 05/0200Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 10-15 minutes	three	<b>9. COURSE</b> Manuvered
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Observation of 3 objs sat 12 deg elev in East. Height intensity lights, each weaving about in flight toward the West. Oval or circular. No details. In climb to 35 deg elevation. Straight flight except for manuevers in formation. Light maintained it's intensity, just grew smaller with distance. 10-15 minute observation. Used polaroid glasses. Two witnesses.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Probable a/c observation. Flight duration and general description consistant with this analysis.

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9. Definite object. Similar to star Venus
10. 3 objects varying formation, orbiting and changing positions
11. Similar to a bright star
12. Circular or oval shape
13. No
14. No
15. No
16. Between 12 to 40 degrees
17. No estimate, very fast
18. Army training aircraft recognition
19. Heading West thence in a southerly direction
20. Moved in straight path orbiting thence Southerly, 1 headed South followed by 2 & 3rd after an interval, line astern formation.
21. No
22. Kept going until out of sight in midair
23. Two other observers
24. CANBERRA C.I. Trace at 4,000 Vis. unlimited. W/V Light and variable upper wind SW/20 up to 2,000 feet.
25. Nil aircraft en route at time stated
26. CANBERRA. No balloons released till 1400 hours
27. The position of the observers was on the Melbourne-Canberra air route and checks were made by the three observers of aircraft passing overhead but there was no similarity to objects originally sighted.

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19 Jan 1954

The Secretary  
Air Board  
Victoria Barracks  
Melbourne S.C.1  
Victoria

(Attention D.A.F.I.)

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL AERIAL OBJECT

Mr. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

TOOMA N.S.W. 5th January 1954

1. Herewith report of a sighting by the two above mentioned persons of unusual aerial objects near Tooma, N.S.W. 1200 hours 5th January 1954.
2. These gentlemen in company with a third were on a flight holiday at the time of sighting and claim to have had no papers or radio news of previous sightings.
3. The reports were obtained by telephone in the case of Mr. [REDACTED] and by [REDACTED] of this Headquarters in an interview in the case of Mr. [REDACTED]. In no case has the writer the benefit of a personal interview with either gentleman, but Mr. [REDACTED] was quite impressive over the telephone. Mr. [REDACTED] specifically requested that his report should not be passed on to the press.
4. The third member of the party is alleged to have seen the objects but there has been

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no opportunity of interviewing him as yet.

5. To the best of the writer's knowledge no sightings were reported in the Victorian area on this date.

(Sgd.) (L.L. JOHNSTON)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(The numbers and questions follow same pattern as those in report beginning on page 2. Only answers are given below.)

1. Mr. R. A. Green
2. 15 Grieve Street, Macleod, Melbourne
3. Taxation Dept
4. 5-1-1954 1200 to 1215 hrs K
5. 15 minutes
6. Near Tooma, N.S.W. 35°59'S 148°04'E. Ground to Air. Polaroid sunglasses only.
7. At angle of 12° elevation above horizon to East.
8. Nothing particularly
9. Definite object giving high intensity steady light
10. 3 objects weaving about seen travelling West
11. White
12. Oval or circular objects very high above 30,000 ft.
13. No details
14. No
15. No
16. 12° rising to 35° and disappearing at 19° (all approximate)
17. Supersonic
18. Considerable experience of aircraft spotting in Navy. Used extended arm and thumb to judge angles (Navy method). No true horizon available.
19. Appeared in East, manoeuvred and disappeared in southerly direction.
20. Flight path was smooth but objects were manoeuvring continually
21. No
22. In mid-air 18° above horizon. Light maintained high intensity with size growing smaller.
23. No physical evidence. Two other observers.
24. CANBERRA C.I. Trace at 4,000 visibility unlimited. Wind velocity light and variable upper wind SW/20 up to 2,000 feet.
25. Observer's position was near Sydney-Melbourne airway. Nil aircraft en route at time stated.
26. CANBERRA (No balloons until 1400 hrs.)
27. Polaroid glasses were much more effective than the naked eye. When the same glasses were used on passing aircraft later this difference was not so marked. There was no similarity between objects observed and aircraft.

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1. Mr. F. A. Arblaster
  2. Walker Ave., Mitcham
  3. Oil Company Representative
  4. 5-1-54 1215K
  5. 10 to 15 minutes
  6. Mannus Creek - 1/4 mile west of Tooma Township. Polaroid glasses only.
  7. Approximately 30° over Maragal Range
  8. Another observer