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1 3	BOX HILL SOUTH VIC 9 JUL 73	MISS B. SMITH	6 AUG 73		FURTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED
2 7	LILYDALE VIC 24 JUL 73	C. PHILIPPE	7 AUG	27 AUG ✓	CANOPUS
3 11	COLAC VIC 7 AUG 73	MRS L. HAYES	9 AUG	10 OCT 73 ✓	JUPITER
4 ✓	WEMBLEY WA 25 JUN 73	V. E. HOLT	9 AUG	27 AUG ✓	MACCHIS
5 ✓	PERTH WA 14 JUN 73	L. A. RICHES	9 AUG	27 AUG ✓	SPACE DEBRIS RE-ENTRY
6 ✓	LYNWOOD WA 29 MAY 73	MRS M CHARNLEY	9 AUG	31 AUG ✓	SPACE DEBRIS RE ENTRY
7 ✓	PERTH WA 25 MAY 73	BILL THOMPSON	9 AUG	27 AUG ✓	MACCHI
8 8	MADANG PNG 24 JUL 73		13 AUG		EXT TERRITORIES GETTING MORE INFO.
9 1	SPRINGVALE VIC 1-30 JUL 73	K O'ROURKE	13 AUG	24 AUG ✓	DISCREPANCIES IN REPORT PRECLUDED INVESTIGATION.
10 9	CHELSEA VIC 24 JUL 73	R. S. WOGAN-BROWNE	13 AUG	22 AUG ✓	METEOR
~~11~~	~~ESSENDON VIC 23 JUL 73~~	~~G. C. BINMORE~~	~~13 AUG~~		
12 11	LANCEFIELD VIC 4 JUL 73	MRS M. YURITTA	13 AUG	31 AUG ✓	"stratus patch" STRATUS PATCH
12 10	WATSONIA VIC 24 JUL 73	S. DORIGOTTI	1 AUG	22 AUG ✓	METEOR
13 5	BEAUMARIS VIC 24 JUL 73	MISS M HAMILTON-SIMPSON	1 AUG	22 AUG ✓	METEOR
14 4	BANNARAT VIC 23 JUL 73	B. ROWLINS	1 AUG	18 SEP ✓	METEOR.
15	SOUTH CROYDON VIC 24 JUL 73	MRS J. CUNTZBURG	1 AUG	22 AUG ✓	AIRCRAFT

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 15

SOUTH CROYDON VIC MRS J. GUNZBURG

FILE EXAMINED DATE 26-1-80 E Davey

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

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OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Pt 28		FOLIO: 15b
FROM: DAPAIR (DAFI)	DATE: 24 AUG 73	REFERENCES: BS/5/1/AIR(50) of 8 AUG 73
TO: HQPCK	ATTENTION: BS ADJT	
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING		

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs J Gunzburg in reply to her report of an unusual aerial sighting

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs J. Gunzburg

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M Creeton	M. CRETTON	Flg Off	IR-2	3408

580/1/1 Pt28 (15a)

22 AUG 1973

Mrs J. Gunzburg,
17 Stephen Crescent,
SOUTH CROYDON VIC 3136

Dear Mrs Gunzburg,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was an aircraft.

On the day of the sighting, three commercial flights were scheduled to arrive at Tullamarine at 6.30 PM from Canberra. These aircraft track over Eildon Weir and break off at approximately Yarra Glen and head 264° for approach to the airport. You would have sighted the aircraft about 10 miles north of your position and no noise would, therefore, have been evident. The current practice of turning aircraft landing lights on after descending below 10,000 feet would account for the bright light you described.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Typed
Date
24 Aug 73

Also Dorothy Dix
22.8.73

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1 DAF1 6/8/73

TELEPHONE: 395 1322

Headquarters
RAAF Base
POINT COOK VIC 3029

IN REPLY QUOTE BS/5/1/Air(30)

8th August 1973

Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

DAF1

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT

Forwarded herewith, a report on an unusual aerial sighting, made at South Croydon, Victoria on 24th July 1973.

(A.J. POOKES)
Wing Commander
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting.

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a. How accurate are these estimates?...Approx.....

10. What first attracted observer's attention?...First light, then movement of subject.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there?.....N/A.....

b. in what formation were they?.....N/A.....

12. What was the colour of the light or object?...Bright white/yellowish.....

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/13. What

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer: Mrs J. GUNZBURG and Family ..... Age .....

2. Address of observer: 17 Stephen Crescent
SOUTH CROYDON ..... Phone: 7234670

3. Occupation of observer: Speech and Drama Teacher

4. Date and time of start of observation: 1825 hours 24 JUL 73

How certain is the date? .....

How accurate is the time of start? .....

5. Duration of observation: 2 - 3 minutes (possibly less)

How accurate is your estimate? Approx

6. Observer's location at time of sighting: In car at corner of Eastfield and Jesmond Roads.

How familiar is observer with this locality? Reasonable

7. Weather conditions at time of observation: Clear, dusky

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation: Naked eye.

9. Where was object first observed?:

a. Relative to your surroundings: Travelling north-east to north-west

b. angle of elevation: About 40°

c. compass angle bearing: Not known.

d. how accurate are these estimates? Approx

10. What first attracted observer's attention? First light, then movement of subject.

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. how many were there? N/A

b. in what formation were they? N/A

12. What was the colour of the light or object? Bright white/yellowish.

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/13. What

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) Very intense start but larger brighter than moonlight but small in size than moon.

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?

a. relative to Venus or Moon. About same but elongated.

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). Could not judge.

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? At an elevation of about 40^0-45^0 when first sighted-elevation visual estimate only

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. None.

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? From about 40^0 elevation to about 15^0-20^0 on loss of sighting behind trees.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. Object moved in a slow hesitant curve. Speed could not be assessed as distance unknown.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Slight hesitation of 1 sec or less.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. None

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None.

23. Where was object last observed:

a. relative to your surroundings. Could not recall

b. angle of elevation. 25^0-20^0

c. compass angle bearing. Not known

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Disappeared behind trees.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). None

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. No

27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 4 (Husband and 3 children).

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

/29. What natural

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? None (Helicopter)

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
No known similar.

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings, Use back of form, if needed.

Report received by telephone call to Orderly Officer.

Signature.....Date.....

Part II - UNIT EVALUATION

32. The following mi itary aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....(1).....NIL.....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000ft.....,000ft.....000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicintiy of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type DC9-CZF.....(1) F27-TQH.....(2) DC9-TJL.....(3) DC9-TSQ (4)

Heading. Approx 270°.....T. Approx 270°.....T. Approx 270°.....T. Approx 270°T

Height.....5.....,000ft.....5,000ft.....5.,000ft 5,000ft.

Speed....200.....K....120.....K...200.....K 200 K.

~~ATD~~/ATA*..1826 K.....hrs.....1828 K.....hrs....1829 K.....hrs 1841 hrs K.

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 37°..47.....S..Longitude 145° 18'E.

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....None.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..None released.....

at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde**/radar** Candle**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of....13...°C at..1000...ft, measured at...1100.....Z hrs from.Laverton..... .....station. Relative humidity at this time 59%

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting...None known.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..No radar trace. All aircraft listed at para 33 operated navigation lights and landing lights from 10,000 ft on descent.

/40. The cause

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~cannot~~/cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was~~*/may have been*: (*delete as required)

one of the civil aircraft listed at para 33, on approach to Melbourne International Airport. All these aircraft apparently operated their landing lights on approach from the abnormal altitude of about 10,000 ft.

BASE SQUADRON
RAAF BASE
POINT COOK VIC 3029 (Unit)

BHF van der Wijngaart
(B. H. F. VAN DER WIJNGAART) (Name)
Flying Officer
Adjutant (Rank)

-7 AUG 1973 (Date)

23 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 14

BALLARAT VIC

B. ROLLINS

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 – MEMORANDUM
May 72 Stock No. 7530-66-052-8064

FROM	FILE	DATE	REFERENCES
DEPAIR (DAFI)	580/1/1 A28(Ln)	19SEP73	

TO	ATTENTION
HQSC	CINTELLO

SUBJECT
REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mr B. ROLLINS in reply to his sighting of an unusual aerial sighting on 18SEP73

ENCLOSURE: Copy of letter to Mr B. ROLLINS

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
	K. J. PARISH	RT OFF	IR 3	2409

580/1/1 Pt28 (14a)

18 SEP 1973

Mr B. Rollins,
29 Sweeney Street,
BALLARAT, VIC 3350

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

The description corresponds to a typical sighting of a meteor entering Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor, which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G J Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Typed
DPR
17 Sep 73

Resp By DPR
11.9.73

NOA

Spoke with Mr. Rollins who was able to provide the following information:

a. direction of travel was E-W on horizontal plane;

b. sighted for about 3 seconds;

c. object dissappeared over horizon; and.

d. could not estimate speed, but saw it long enough to estimate that if pencil was held up against it, 3/4 of pencil would take up sighting.

In view of size would suggest that space debris might be more acceptable than meteor, although the colour is consistent with other meteor sightings.

7 SEP 78 1K-D

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer JULIAN ROLLINS BRUCE ROLLINS Age 13 41

Address 29 SWEENEY ST

BALLARAT State VIC Postcode 3350

Occupation LECTURER

Phone (home) 324870 (business) 301800

2. Exact location of observer

3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 7.40 ~~am~~/pm

End of observation: Date Time ~~am~~/pm

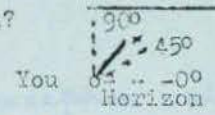
4. Accuracy of date Times

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc NO CLOUD OR WIND

VERY CLEAR EVENING

6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?

At what angle to the horizon?



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?

At what angle to the horizon?

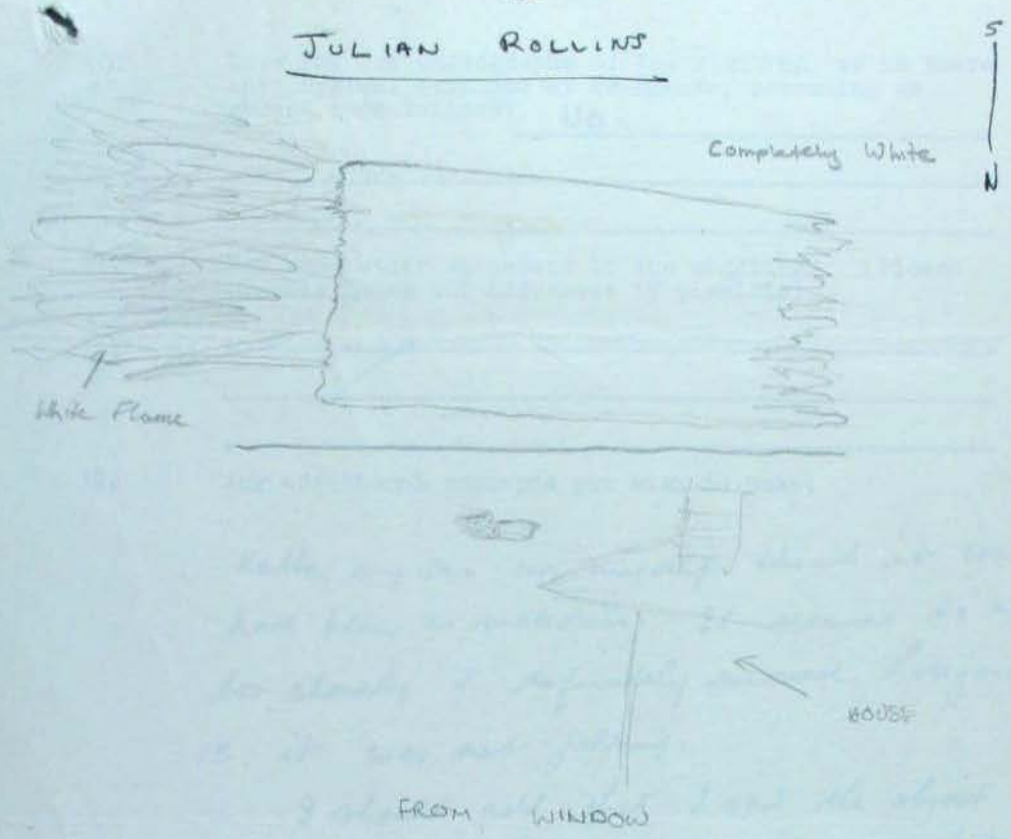
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer

AM NOT ABLE. (PERHAPS 1500 ft)

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

JULIAN ROLLINS



BRUCE ROLLINS

Similar shape with the exception that I thought there was a blue (natural gas color) aura (or flame)

/10.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No.

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Neither my son nor myself thought it could have been a meteorite. It seemed to move too slowly + definitely moved horizontally - ie. it was not falling.

I should add that I saw the object from my car while driving near my home. I was looking north.

My ~~young~~ son saw it from inside the house while looking through the windows which face South.

Date 27/7/73 Signature Lucille Collins

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 13

BEAUMARIS VIC

MISS M. HAMILTON

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

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OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Pt 28		FOLIO: 13b
FROM: DEPAIR (DAFI)	DATE: 24 AUG 73	REFERENCES:
TO: HQSC	ATTENTION: CINTELLO	
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS		

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters from this Department to Messrs J. S. Leemon, R. S. Wogan-Browne, S. Dongotti, and Miss M. Hamilton-Simpson.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to Leemon, Wogan-Brow, Dongotti, and Hamilton-Simpson.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M. Cretton	M. CRETTON	Flg Off	12-2	2426

580/1/1 Pt28 (13a)

22 AUG 1973

Miss M. Hamilton-Simpson,
21 Surf Avenue,
BEAUMARIS VIC 3193

Dear Miss Hamilton-Simpson,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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24 Aug 73

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22 Aug 73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Melinda Hamilton-Simpson Age 13

Address 21 Surf Avenue, Beaumaris,

State Vic. Postcode 3193

Occupation Student.

Phone (home) 99-5352 (~~business~~)

2. Exact location of observer through back window of private house at above address.

3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 5.46.08/pm

End of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 5.46.06/pm

4. Accuracy of date positive Times positive.

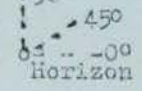
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc clear - visibility good. no wind or cloud.

6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?

North North West

At what angle to the horizon?

40°.

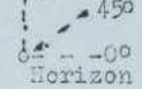


7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?

North West.

At what angle to the horizon?

20°.



8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer

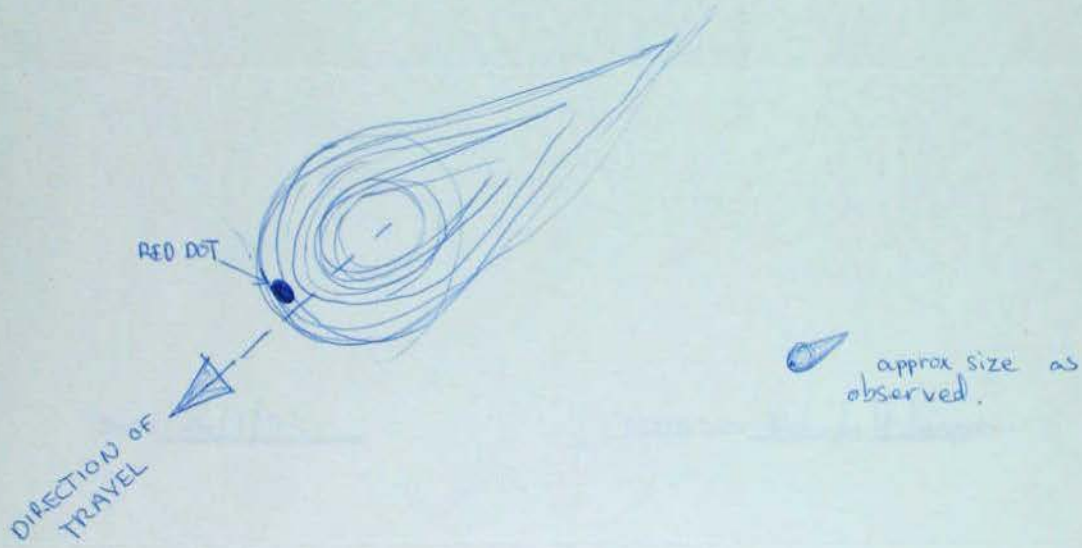
no idea.

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Description

One bright pale greenish-white star-like object with a short tail. The object moved visibly across the sky in the North-West from an angle of 40° to an angle of 20° in 6 seconds, making no sound, and was then obscured from view. Had a tiny speck of red on the front like a pinpoint of red light.



/10.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? NO evidence or photographs

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

No other witnesses -

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

I thought it may have been a crashing plane because of the small red dot at front.

Date 26/7/73

Signature Melinda H. Simpson.

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 12

WATSONIA VIC

S. DORIGOTTI

22 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (12a)

Mr S. Dorigotti,
7 Grace Street,
WATSONIA VIC 3087

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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21 Aug 73

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on 580/1/1 Pt 28 (13b)
28 Aug 73

Not
dep 5 Sept 73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer S. DORIGOTTI Age 33

Address 7 GRACE St.

WATSONIA State VIC Postcode 3087

Occupation TRAINEE PHYSICIST (3rd yr B.Sc)

Phone (home) 435 8397 (business)

2. Exact location of observer Home address

3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time ≃ 5.45 am/pm

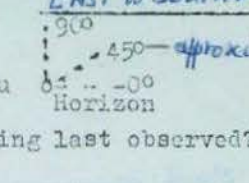
End of observation: Date " Time ≃ 5.45 am/pm 2 or 3 seconds later

4. Accuracy of date Times order of seconds

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc light cloud & light wind, visibility good

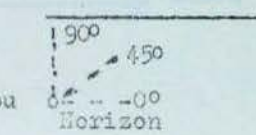
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? EAST to SOUTH-WEST

At what angle to the horizon?



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?

At what angle to the horizon?



8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer

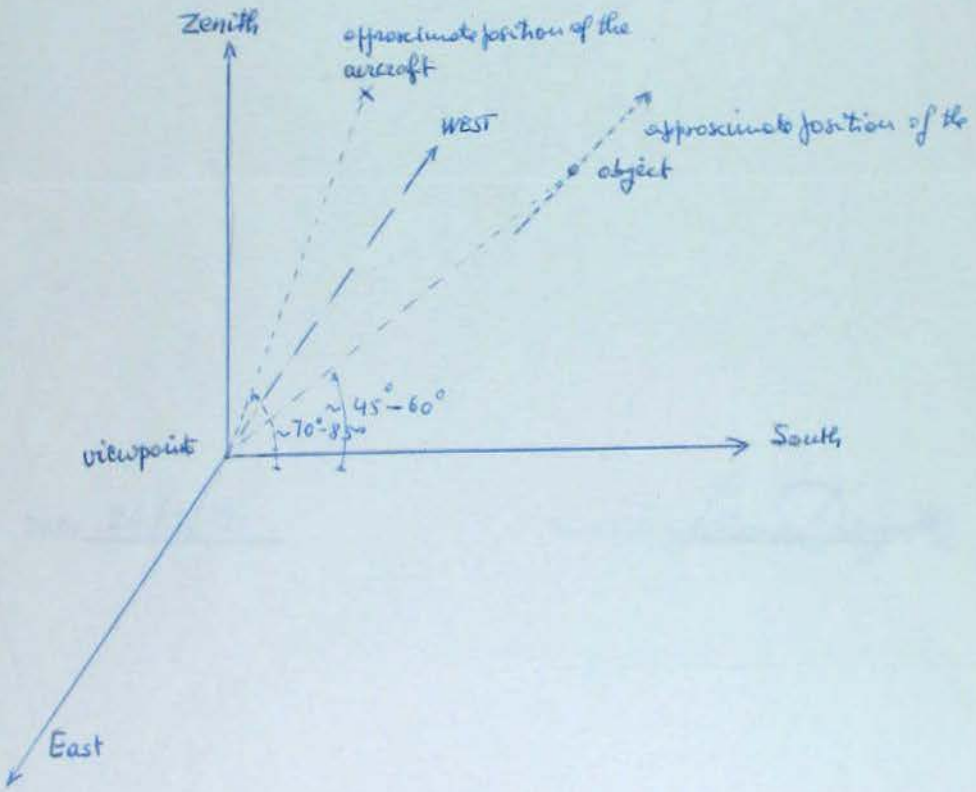
Very difficult to estimate

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

+5/6/6/h
Ahmato

Spheroidal object travelling rapidly across the sky; bright "moon-like" colour (perhaps reflected light from the sun). Appeared larger than an aircraft passing in the vicinity at the same time.
No sound heard above aircraft noise.
Movement: extremely rapid, seemed on a fixed direction. Disappeared out of sight



/10.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

None

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 26/7/73

Signature Silvano Drigotti

4 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 11

HANCEFIELD VIC MRS M. YURITTA

DAF 1

Phone: 50 4727

101 Finch Street,
East Malvern,
Victoria, 3145.

26/10/73.

Mr. G. J. Odgers
Department of Air
Russell Offices
Canberra

Dear Mr. Odgers,

Thank you for the information contained in your letter ref. 580/1/1 RA.28(11a) dated 31/8/73. It is most interesting and knowing the area the probable explanation of what I saw.

This still does not necessarily cover the original object my husband & I saw. Though also resembling cloud

both appearance & behaviour were completely different.

In future, should I ever see similar objects I will be able to study them from the point of view of this knowledge.

Thanking you
yours truly

(Mrs) M Yarritt

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

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OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Pt 28		FOLIO: 115
FROM: DEPAIR (DAF.)	DATE: 3 SEP 73	REFERENCES: HOSC 5/6/1/AR (45) of 9 AUG 73
TO: HOSC	ATTENTION: CONTENTIO	

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs M A Yurilla in reply to her report of an unusual aerial sighting

ENCLOSURE: Copy of letter to Mrs M A Yurilla

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M Crellin	M CRELLIN	FLG OFF	IR 3	2408

580/1/1 Pt28 (11a)

31 AUG 1973

Mrs M.A. Yuritta,
101 Finch Street,
EAST MALVERN, VIC 3145

Dear Mrs Yuritta,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting at Benlock via Lancefield on 4th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteorological phenomenon known as a 'stratus patch'.

On very cold mornings, small patches of fog or 'stratus patches' often form on the top of small dams or water holes. As the sun rises and begins to warm the surface air, the stratus patch lifts slowly giving the effect of a long and narrow object, hovering at a low elevation. The rising sun would give the object the red colouring around the base while reflection of the early morning sky would have made the upper surface appear greenish or bluish in colour.

We trust that this explanation will be suitable to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G.J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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DATT
30/8/73

Noted
Dep Sy DPR
31.8.73

MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE: 5/6/1/Air (45)

FROM: HQSC

DATE: 9 AUG 73

TO: ~~DEPAIR~~

ATTENTION: DAFI 1R2

REFERENCES: DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1 DAFI

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1 Attached are unusual aerial sighting reports from Mr G. BINMORE of ESSENDON, Mr R. WOGAN-BROWN of BALACLAVA and Mrs M. YURITTA of E. MALVERN

Status patch

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Gibbs	R.O. GIBBS	Flg Off INT 1	7410

C.D.O. 9777

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

5/6/1/Air
Chatto

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Mavis A. Yuritta Age MA

Address 101 Finch St

E. Malvern State Vic Postcode 3145

Occupation Home

Phone (home) 50 4727 (business) —

2. Exact location of observer Benloch via Lancefield on property "Benloch Springs"

3. Start of observation: Date 4-7-73 Time 7.30 am/~~pm~~ approx.

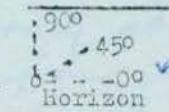
End of observation: Date 4.7.73 Time 7.45 am/~~pm~~ "

4. Accuracy of date _____ Times _____

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Very cold, clear, crisp, frosty morning - little if any breeze - no cloud

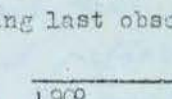
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?

At what angle to the horizon?



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?

At what angle to the horizon?



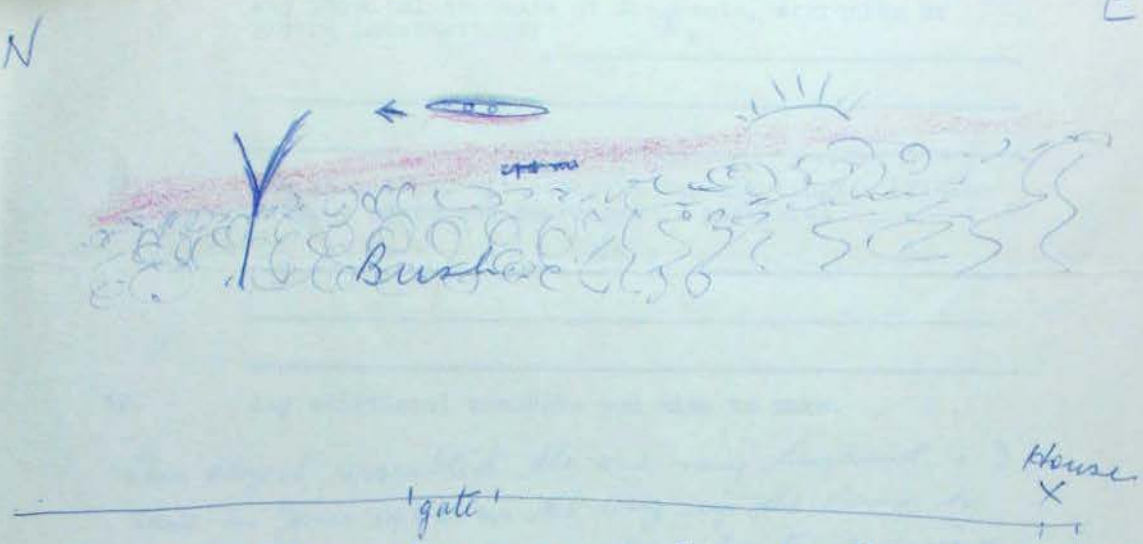
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer

See drawing

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

5/6/1
Chatto



I had walked from house down Baynton Rd to check lambs. As I went to open paddock gate saw this long narrow white cloud just above the trees directly in front at far end of property. There were no other clouds in the sky & I thought I would have a look through the field glasses. I could then see a pink reflection underneath as of metal reflecting the crimson of the frosty sky & a green reflection on top as though from the clear greeny upper sky. The colors did not seem to be absorbed as by a cloud but reflected away & shiny. As I continued to watch I could see two round white (puffs?) off an even deeper density than the cloud appear in the center several times & then found the big dead tree to the left had appeared in my vision & the cloud was moving left. It was so cold I gave up watching & as I walked across the paddock the sun rose. ~~From~~ our position on top of the Range the distance could not have been very great (though over 1 mile) but the object must have been very large - at least twice the size of a big jet.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

No

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

This object resembled the one my husband & I saw in June 1966. on the way up the Hume to Albury. That also was a clear frosty morning. Both resembled ordinary white clouds against a clear sky - the only reason to look at them was because they were the only clouds in the sky & if they had stayed put instead of running away there would have been nothing to remark.

Date 30/7/73

Signature M. Giritta

Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information _____

b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information _____

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting.

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Source of information _____

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

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_____

Source of information _____

/4. Details

4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

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_____

Source of information_____

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

_____

_____

Source of information_____

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb)___°C(wet bulb)___°C Relative Humidity___%

Cloud Cover_____type_____

Temperature inversion of____°C at____ft measured at _____hrs

from_____

Wind direction_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

Pollution level_____

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible

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Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview _____

b. Place of interview _____

2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).

Mrs. Yuritta seems to believe she has seen UFO's in 1966 & 1973

4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Cloud. Ms. Yuritta may be interested in the improbability of space-travel in view of distance to nearest star (25 million million miles to Alpha Centauri, twice as far to next galaxy) and time needed to travel to earth (at 200,000 mph = 150 years for one way trip) from AC. Pink colour on base of clouds reflected rising sun, green top was probably optical result of rising sun.

H.Q.S.C.U. (Unit) R.O. GIBBS (Name)

9 AUG 73 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)

15000 yrs.

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 10

CAMSEN VIC

R. S. WOGAN - BRAVO

22 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (10a)

Mr R.S. Wogan-Browne,
12/66 Westbury Street,
BALACLAVA VIC 3183

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your description corresponds with a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting this phenomenon is increased during July and August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Typed
DAA
21 Aug 73

Noted
Copy sent to Hqc
on 580/1/1 Pt 28 (13b)
24 Aug 73

Noted
Dep & Mc
24-8-73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer RICHARD S. WOGAN-BROWNE Age 23

Address 12/66 WESTBURY ST BALACLAVA

VICTORIA State Postcode 3183

Occupation CIVIL ENGINEER

Phone (home) — (business) 783 7415

2. Exact location of observer 1 mile south of Chelsea on Nepean Highway

3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/72 Time 6.00 am/pm

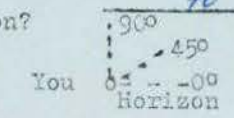
End of observation: Date 24/7/72 Time ~6.01 am/pm

4. Accuracy of date exact Times ± 10 min

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Clear, fine no wind, good visibility - just before dusk

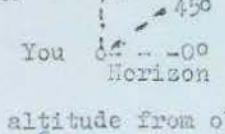
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?

At what angle to the horizon? 90°



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?

At what angle to the horizon? 20°



8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer Approximately the same height as a plane (airliner)

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

x 5/6/6 Check

The object was an aqua-blue light which ~~was~~ appeared to be the size of a very intense wing light of a plane. It was still daylight when I observed it. ~~It~~ I observed it fly from south to north (approx 10° west of north) at a velocity far greater than a plane (jet). When it reached a position at approximately 20° to the horizon it dissappeared in a white flame — it appeared to burn up. The length of time I observed it for was approx. 3-4 sec.

/10.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? NO

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

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12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 1 8 73

Signature Rogan-Brune

Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information_____

b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information_____

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting.

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Source of information_____

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

Nil

Source of information Vis Sat Passes Bulletin

/4. Details

4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

Not considered

Source of information

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

Source of information

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb)___°C(wet bulb)___°C Relative Humidity___%

Cloud Cover_____type_____

Temperature inversion of____°C at____ft measured at _____hrs from_____

Wind direction_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

_____at_____ft

Pollution level

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible

Wx conditions covered by USSC 5/6/1/Air(43) 2AUG73

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview _____

   b. Place of interview _____

2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)

   1. _____ 2. _____

   3. _____ 4. _____

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).

4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Man made space debris or meteorite burning up on (re)entry.

HQSCU	(Unit)	R. O. Gibbs	(Name)
6AUG73	(Date)	Flg Off	(Rank)

1-30 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 9

SPRINGVALE VIC K O'ROURKE

580/1/1 Pt28 (9a)

24 AUG 1973

Master K. O'Rourke,
6 Virginia Street,
SPRINGVALE VIC 3171

Dear Kenneth,

With reference to your report of an alleged unusual aerial sighting, this Department has attempted to contact you by telephone, to no avail, in order to clarify some of the information contained in the report.

The report cannot be evaluated seriously at this stage due to apparent discrepancies such as the period of the sighting - 28 days - and the direction-451° north.

Should you wish to forward factual information the report will be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Yours faithfully,

G.J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

for
DAA
23 Aug 73

NOA
Copy sent to HASC
on 580/1/1 Pt 27 (3P)
27 Aug 73

MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE: 5/6/1/Air (44)

FROM: HQSC

DATE: 9AUG73

TO: ~~DEPAIR~~ ATTENTION: DAFI 1R2

REFERENCES: DEPT. OF AIR 580-1-1 DAFI 6.8.73

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL OBSERVATION

1. The attached unusual aerial sighting report from Master K. O'ROURKE of SPRINGVALE appears to be a masterpiece of over-imagination. No attempt has been made to complete Part 2 but this will be done if you require it.

2. It would appear difficult to legitimize this report by replying to Master O'ROURKE.

3. Master O'ROURKE reported another UFO on 27JUL73. Part 1 in respect of the 27JUL report has not yet been returned to this office.

DEPT. OF AIR REC'D 13 AUG 1973 DAFI

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
Gibbs	R.O. GIBBS	FlgOff INT1	7410

C.O.O. 9777

~~The unusual was within 50 yards~~

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Sketch of U.F.O

Springvale Rd

Virginia st

x 5/6/1/a

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Kenneth O'Rourke Age 14
Address 6 virginia st springvale
State Vic Postcode 3171
Occupation Student at springvale High school
~~Phone~~ (~~home~~) (~~business~~)

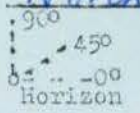
2. Exact location of observer I was in my front yard at the time

3. Start of observation: Date 1st July Time 8 ~~am~~/pm
End of observation: Date 30 July Time 7 am/~~pm~~ } 28days

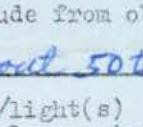
4. Accuracy of date Times

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc the weather was visibility ??

6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? North 45°
At what angle to the horizon? ??



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? West 135°
At what angle to the horizon?

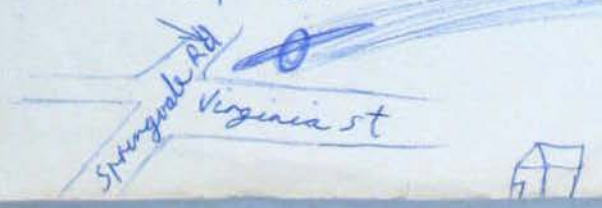


8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
The altitude was about 50 to 100 yds

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

sketch of U.F.O



The shape of the U.F.O was round no lights the speed was about 85 m.p.h to 90 m.p.H. The sound was something like SSSSHHHHH, SSHHH, SSSHHH.

/10.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? Sorry but no evidence of such kind

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)
Sorry but no

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Would you please send me if possible a U.F.O kit so I could get something for you next time ??

Date 1 Aug 1973 Signature Ken O'Rourke

24 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 8

MABANG
PdG

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

HOBART PLACE, CANBERRA CITY, A.C.T. 2601

Telephone: 48 6644
Telegrams: Territories
Telex: 62012

In reply please quote 69/4393

10 AUG 1973

The Director of Air Force
Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT

Attached please find a copy of a memorandum on the above siting from the Department of Foreign Relations and Trade, Papua New Guinea.

2. Referred for your information.

B. E. Duke

(B. Duke)
for Secretary

Note
Rang Mr Duke who indicated that he would try to obtain further information, names and addresses etc.

22 Aug 73

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Papua New Guinea

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TELEGRAMS: ADMIR.
TELEPHONE: 44335

Foreign Relations Division,
P.O. Box 2121,
KONEDOBU.

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
Hobart Place,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601

Date: 3/8/73.
Our Reference: SR16-16-3/1
Action Officer: Mr. A.H. Farapo.
Designation:

Your Reference: Mr. Granger.
Date:

6 AUG 1973

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -
SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT.

We have received the following telegram from Madang and copied for your information:-

"DISCOM MADANG...S32 BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT SEEN IN SKY 24 (JULY) FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. STOP MOVING IN GENERAL EAST WEST DIRECTION AT TIMES MOVE IN CIRCLE STOPPED GOT BRIGHT AND SEEMED TO INCREASED IN SIZE STOP SMALL BRIGHT OBJECT APPEAR TO HANG FROM LOWER LEFT PORTION SEEN BY MANY...DISTROFF"

W L. Conroy
(W.L. CONROY),
SECRETARY.

RECD - 6 AUG P.M.

Mr Skerner.
Please refer to Defence

25 MAY 73

SIGHTING # 7

PERTH WA

BILL THOMPSON

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

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OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Pt 28		FOLIO: 75
FROM: DEPAIR (DAF1)	DATE: 28 AUG 73	REFERENCES: HQPEA 5/9/AIR Pt 5(11) of 30 JUN 73
TO: HQPEA	ATTENTION: FLG OFF PYERS	
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS		

Enclosed for your records, are copies of letters from this Department to Mr B Thomson, Mr V.E Holt and Mr L A Riches in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to Mr B Thomson Mr V E Holt and Mr L A Riches

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M Cullen	M. CULLEN	FLG OFF	IC 2	2405

27 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (7a)

Master B. Thomson,
20 Amberley Road,
BALGA WA 6061

Dear Bill,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 25th May 1973 it has been determined that the most likely cause was a Macchi jet trainer aircraft on a training flight from RAAF Base Pearce.

Our investigations have shown that a Macchi was in the vicinity of the sighting at the time described. The manoeuvres reported are typical of those made by these aircraft when undergoing aerobatic training. The 'pulsating red glow' would have been the aircraft's anti-collision light.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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23/8/73

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Royal Australian Air Force
A273 – MEMORANDUM
May 72 Stock No 7530-66-052-8064

FROM	FILE	DATE	REFERENCES
HQ PEA	5/9/AIR PTS (11)	30 JUL 73	

TO: ~~DEPAIR~~ DAFI
ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

DEPT. OF AIR
580-1-1
DAFI 6 2 73

ATTACHED ARE REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS AS SEEN BY MR BILL THOMPSON, MRS MARGARET CHARNEY, MR LESLIE RICHES AND M/S V.E. HOLT.

RECEIVED
- 9 AUG 1973
DAFI

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
	R. R. J. PYERS	FLG OFF	UFO OFFICER	2296

ANNEX E

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of Observer.....BILL THOMSON.....Age.....13.....

2. Address of Observer.....20 AUBERLEY RD.....
.....BALGA PERTH W.A. 6061.....Phone No. 495763.....

3. Occupation of Observer.....HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.....

4. Date & Time of start of Observation.....10:22 a.m. 25th MAY 1973.

How certain is the date?.....POSITIVE.....

How accurate is the time of start ?.....WITHIN THREE MINUTES.....

5. Duration of the observation.....APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS.....

How accurate is your estimate? .....PLUS OR MINUS 10 SECONDS.....

6. Observers' location at the time of sighting.....FRONT GARDEN.....
...OF ABOVE ADDRESS.....

How familiar is the observer with this locality ? .....VERY FAMILIAR..

7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....SUNNY & CLOUDLESS.
.....

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....NONE.....
.....

9. Where was object first observed?

a. Relative to your surroundings.....NORTH TO NNW.....
.....

b. Angle of elevation.....70° TO HORIZONTAL.....

c. Compass angle bearing.....~~[illegible]~~ N TO NNW.....

d. How accurate are these estimates ? ...80% ACCURATE.....

10. What first attracted observers attention ? ,..HAPPENED TO GLANCE..
...UPWARD AND SAW OBJECT.....

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. How many were there ? .....JUST ONE.....

b. In what formation were they ? .....

12. What was the colour of the light or object ? ....DULL WHITE.....

13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

.....NOT...PARTICULARLY...BRIGHT.....(NOT DAZZLING).....

14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :

a. Relative to Venus or Moon.....APPROX.....1/200th...OF SIZE OF HALF MOON

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

.....APPROX.....3/16"...DIAMETER.....

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?

....SEE...QUESTION...9.....(ESTIMATED).....

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? .....NONE.....

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

.....NONE.....

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?

.....UNSURE.....

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances

.....UNABLE...TO ESTIMATE.....

20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....1-1 SEC.....1-2 SEC.....

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres....SEE DIAGRAM...BACK...PAGE..

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen....PULSATING.....

....RED...GLOW....PRIOR...TO...DISSAPEARING.....

23. Where was objects last observed ? :

a. Relative to your surroundings .....AS...NUMBER...9A.....

b. Angle of elevation.....

c. Compass angle bearing .....

24. What was the manner of its dissapearance ? .....OBJECT....FLASHED.....
.....FOUR....TIMES...BRIGHT.RED.IN.COLOUR.....

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence(such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

.....NONE.....

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.

.....NONE.....POSITIONS.ESTIMATED...BY..PARENTS

27. How many of witnesses to the sighting ? .....ONE.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area.....

.....NO.....

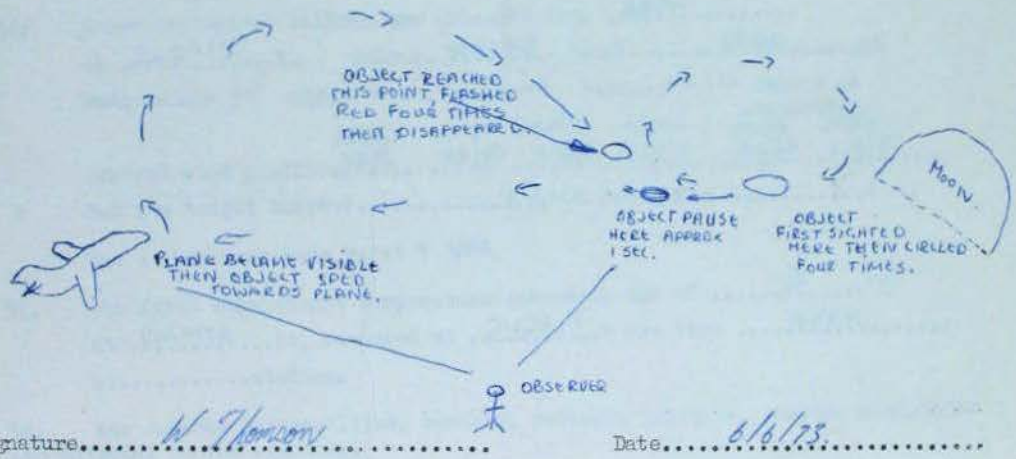
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation ?

.....NONE.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation ?

....OBJECT..MOVED..IN..CONTROLABLE...MANNER.....

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.



Signature.....W. Thomson..... Date.....6/6/73.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type..1 MACCHI.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading...SE..IN...NW...T .....T.....T

Height ...AT 02442,000 ft,.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type .....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading .....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA* .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.31°56'...Longitude.115°50'.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from .APPH.....

at .242315....Z. Colour..WHITE...Weight.....1200.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)

General wind profile. 2000 27/6 5000 33/10 10,000 27/18 23000 27/30 39000 29/60 53000 27/50

Maximum height tracked.....97,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst ? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....2.....°C

at .SURFACE...ft, measured at .242315.Z hrs from ....APPH.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.

.....NIL.....

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

NIL

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~ */cannot" be determined.

41. The object reported probably was * / may have been*

(delete as required)

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HQ PEA — 30 JUL 73

(Unit) — (Date)

R. PYERS — FLG OFF

(Name of Investigating Officer) — (Rank)

29 MAY 73

SIGHTING # 6

LYNWOOD WA

MRS M CHARNLEY

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

For use within the RAAF only
Write or print clearly

OUR FILE	FOLIO
580/1/1 Pt 28	6b

FROM	DATE	REFERENCES
DEPAIR (DAFI)	3 SEP 73	HQPERS 5K/AIR P-5 (11) of 30 JUN 73

TO	ATTENTION
HQPERS	FLG OFF PYERS

SUBJECT
REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs M. Charnley in reply to her report of an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosure - Copy of letter to Mrs M Charnley

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M Miller	M. CRETTON	FLG OFF	IR.2	3408

31 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt28 (6a)

Mrs M. Charnley,
112 Watling Avenue,
LYNWOOD, WA 6155

Dear Mrs Charnley,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 29th May 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was space debris on re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere.

At present there are 2949 man-made objects in space. On re-entry, these objects burn up and often break into smaller components. This would account for the three smaller objects sighted adjacent to the larger object.

Although predictions are made for the re-entry of the majority of satellites, it is not possible to predict the re-entry of the many other items of space debris such as space vehicles and boosters currently orbiting the Earth. It is therefore the opinion of the investigating team that the objects sighted by you can be attributed to an unpredicted re-entry of space debris.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J.ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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30/8/73

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Dep G.D.R.
31.8.73

Rec'd. 5th June

ANNEX E

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of Observer MARGARET CHARNLEY (MRS). Age 51

2. Address of Observer 112 WATLING AVE., DYNWARD BISS Phone No. 68 6691

3. Occupation of Observer HOME MAKER

4. Date & Time of start of Observation 5:40 AM 29th MAY 1973

How certain is the date? VERY

How accurate is the time of start ? MAYBE 5:45 AM

5. Duration of the observation ABOUT 5 SECS.

How accurate is your estimate? PRETTY

6. Observers' location at the time of sighting Standing in drive WAY OF HOUSE

How familiar is the observer with this locality ? living here 2½ yrs.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation EYES

9. Where was object first observed?

a. Relative to your surroundings NORTH SKY just above TREE TOPS

b. Angle of elevation ——

c. Compass angle bearing NOT A SHE

d. How accurate are these estimates ? VERY

10. What first attracted observers attention ? SPEED & COLOUR & BRILLIANCE

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. How many were there ? ONE LARGE

b. In what formation were they ?

12. What was the colour of the light or object ? GREEN AS OBSERVED IN MARINE FISH TANKS.

13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

BRIGHTER BY FAR THAN STREET LIGHT.

14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :

a. Relative to Venus or Moon 3/4 MOON

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

10 to 12 inches

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?

I thought first of a plane crashing

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? NO

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

NONE

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?

Done my best with drawings

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances

Speed of falling star but longer in sight

20. Give duration of any stationary phases NONE

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres NONE

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen only 3 dots as shown

23. Where was object/s last observed ? :

a. Relative to your surroundings NORTHERN SKY

b. Angle of elevation

c. Compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its dissapearance ? FLASHED OUT

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence(such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

NO

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of ~~his~~/her ability to ~~estimate angles~~ and angular velocity.

~~[illegible]~~ W.A.A.F during World War 2.

27. How many of witnesses to the sighting ? —

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area.. NOT AT ALL

LYNWOOD but friends at Darkeith saw something over the SWAN TOWARDS COTTESLOE

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation ?

Had it not been for the colour I would have felt it was a 'plane crash landing at Perth Airport.

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation ?

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31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.

Signature. M. Chauncey

Date. 8th June 1973.

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height .....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: [redacted]

A/C type.....THERE WAS.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....A PA23.....T.....T.....T

Height.....IN CIRCUIT.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....AREA GFD.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....AT THE TIME.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 31°56'.....Longitude 115°50'.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from .....GFD.....

at ...291115...Z. Colour WHITE.....Weight.....500.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)

	2000'	5000'	10000	23000	29000	56000
General wind profile	28/22	30/28	30/28	29/74	28/96	28/50

Maximum height tracked.....85,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst ? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....NIL.....°C

at .....ft, measured at .....Z hrs from .....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.

.....NIL.....

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

.....NIL.....

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can */~~cannot~~ be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was~~ * / may have been*
(delete as required)

.....THE PA23.....

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.....HQ PEA..... .....30 JUL 73.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....R. PYERS..... .....FLG OFF.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

14JUN73

SIGHTING #5

PERTH WA

L.A. RICHES

580/1/1 Pt28 (5a)

27 AUG 1973

Mr D.A. Riches,
26 Casuarina Road,
MAIDA VALE WA 6057

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 14th June 1973, it has been determined that the most likely cause was a re-entry of space debris to the Earth's atmosphere.

At present there are 2891 man-made objects in space and debris periodically burns up on re-entry and often breaks up into small components during this phase.

The date of your sighting corresponds with the confirmed re-entry time for the satellite booster rocket 1964-074B and it is thought that your sighting can be attributed to this re-entry.

We trust that this determination satisfactorily explains your sighting and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G.J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Applied
DATS
23 Aug 73

NGA
Cont. sent to HQ70A
on 580/1/1 Pt 28 (76)
23 Aug 73

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27.8.73

ANNEX E

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of Observer. LESLIE A. RICHES Age 44

2. Address of Observer. 26 CASUARINA RD MAIDA VALE 6057 Phone No.

3. Occupation of Observer. GUARD W.A. GRAYS

4. Date & Time of start of Observation. 6.36 AM 14/6/73

How certain is the date? RECORD KEPT ON TRAIN WORKINGS.

How accurate is the time of start ? CHECKED WATCH

5. Duration of the observation 6 TO 10 SECONDS

How accurate is your estimate? GOOD EYESIGHT

6. Observers' location at the time of sighting. MARSHALLING YARDS AT ROBB JETTY

How familiar is the observer with this locality ? TRAIN TRIPS EVERY WEEK.

7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR AT DAWN NO CLOUDS

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. NONE

9. Where was object first observed?

a. Relative to your surroundings. APPEARED ABOVE NOTWEST

b. Angle of elevation. 40 TO 45 DEGREES

c. Compass angle bearing. SAME

d. How accurate are these estimates ? CHECKED BY PRINTED COMPASS

10. What first attracted observers attention ? THOUGHT TO BE BRIGHT STAR TILL IT MOVED

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. How many were there ? FIVE OR SIX

b. In what formation were they ? TRAILING

12. What was the colour of the light or object ? BRIGHT YELLOW

13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

ORDINARY STREET LIGHT

14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :

a. Relative to Venus or Moon VENUS

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

25 TO 30

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?

HOLDING PIN HEAD BETWEEN FINGERS AT ARMS LENGTH

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? OWN FORCE

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

NONE

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?

80° COURSE WOULD NOT SEE PLANE AT THAT HEIGHT

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances

SIMILAR TO SHOOTING STAR

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 2 TO 4 SECONDS

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. STRAIGHT LINE

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.

VAPOUR TRAILING CONE SHAPE

23. Where was objects last observed :

a. Relative to your surrounding HEADING SEAWARDS

b. Angle of elevation MOVING 80° COURSE

c. Compass angle bearing SIMILAR

24. What was the manner of its dissapearance ? DISSAPEARED INTO THE MORNING HAZE OVER SEA.

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence(such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

NO.

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.

NONE

27. How many of witnesses to the sighting ? NONE

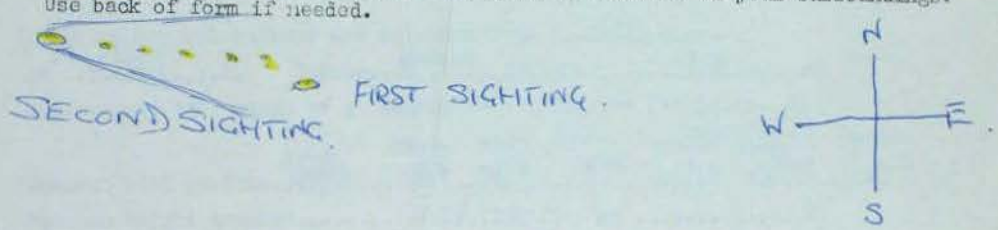
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area. NO. I ASKED OTHER EMPLOYEES IF THEY SIGHTED SAME. ANSWER NO.

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation ?

THERE WAS ONE STAR DIRECTLY ABOVE (ONLY ONE)

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation ?

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.



Signature..... Date.....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: NIL

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T .....T.....T

Height .....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type ..F.28.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading ..APPH.....T.?.....T.....T

Height.....NEUMAN.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/~~ATA~~* .APPH 122222.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..31°56'...Longitude..115°50'.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from ....GFD.....

at ..B2315'.....Z. Colour..WHITE.....Weight.....1200.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)

	2000'	5000'	10000	14000	19000	30000	53000
General wind profile	09/32	11/16	11/18	12/14	19/18	19/78	24/6

Maximum height tracked.....10.3.,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst ? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....1.....°C

at ....2000....ft, measured at .B2315.....Z hrs from ....GFD.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.

.....NIL.....

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

NIL

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can */~~cannot~~" be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was~~ * / may have been*
(delete as required)

THE F28

HQ PEA — 30 JUL 73
(Unit) (Date)

R. PYERS — FLG OFF
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

25 JUN 73

SIGHTING # 4

WEMBLEY
WA

V. E. HOLT

580/1/1 Pt28 (4a)

2 0 1973

Mr V.E. Holt,
53 Blanche Street,
GOSNELLS WA 6110

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 25th June 1973 it has been determined that the most probable cause was a formation of two Macchi jet trainer aircraft on a training flight from RAAF Base Pearce.

Our investigations have shown that at the time of your sighting two Macchis were practicing formation flying at altitudes of 25,000 to 35,000 feet over the area described. Atmospheric distortions would account for the brief disappearance of the aircraft.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G J Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Typed
DMS
23 Aug 73

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on 580/1/1 Pt 28 (7b)
23 Aug 73

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ANNEX E

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by observer

(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form)

1. Name of Observer... HOLT Valentine Ernest ... Age... 26

2. Address of Observer... 53 BLANCHE STREET GOSNELLS 6110

... Phone No... NIL

3. Occupation of Observer... PLANT OPERATOR

4. Date & Time of start of Observation... 26 JUNE 73 10.00 AM

How certain is the date?... POSITIVE

How accurate is the time of start ?... CORRECT WHEN FIRST SIGHTED

5. Duration of the observation... 3 TO 5 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? ... BY ORDINARY WRISTWATCH

6. Observers' location at the time of sighting... BISHOP ST WEMBLEY (EMPLOYERS PROPERTY)

How familiar is the observer with this locality ? ... QUITE FAMILIAR

7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE & SUNNY

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE

9. Where was object first observed?

a. Relative to your surroundings ... DUE WEST OVER COASTLINE AREA

b. Angle of elevation... 30° APPROXIMATELY

c. Compass angle bearing... NOT KNOWN

d. How accurate are these estimates ? ... BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

10. What first attracted observers attention ? ... I WAS OBSERVING A CIVIL AIRCRAFT FLYING EAST TO WEST AND RETURNING (AERO-COMMANDER)

11. If there was more than one light/object:

a. How many were there ? 2 OBJECTS

b. In what formation were they ? SIDE BY SIDE

12. What was the colour of the light or object ? APPEARED TO BE WHITE

13. What was the brightness ? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :

a. Relative to Venus or Moon. NOT OBSERVED

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

APPROXIMATELY 1/16"

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?

BOTH OBJECTS APPEARED SIDE BY SIDE, I THOUGHT AT FIRST THEY WERE WEATHER BALOONS

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? TO FAR AWAY

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

TO FAR AWAY

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?

QUITE HIGH IN COMPARISON TO AIRCRAFT

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified) ? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances

SIMILAR TO A SMALL AIRCRAFT BUT MOVEMENTS DIFFERED

20. Give duration of any stationary phases. WHEN FIRST SIGHTED

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. THEY APPEARED TO BE DRIFTING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION THEN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT FOR A FEW MINUTES

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.

NONE NOTICABLE

23. Where was objects last observed ? :

a. Relative to your surroundings MORE NORTH WEST

b. Angle of elevation. STILL ABOUT 30°

c. Compass angle bearing NOT KNOWN.

24. What was the manner of its dissapearance ? THEY BOTH APPEARED TO BE MOVING AROUND EACH OTHER BEFORE VANISHING FROM SIGHT

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence(such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)

NO

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.

AIR FORCE TRAINING

27. How many of witnesses to the sighting ? ONE

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area NO

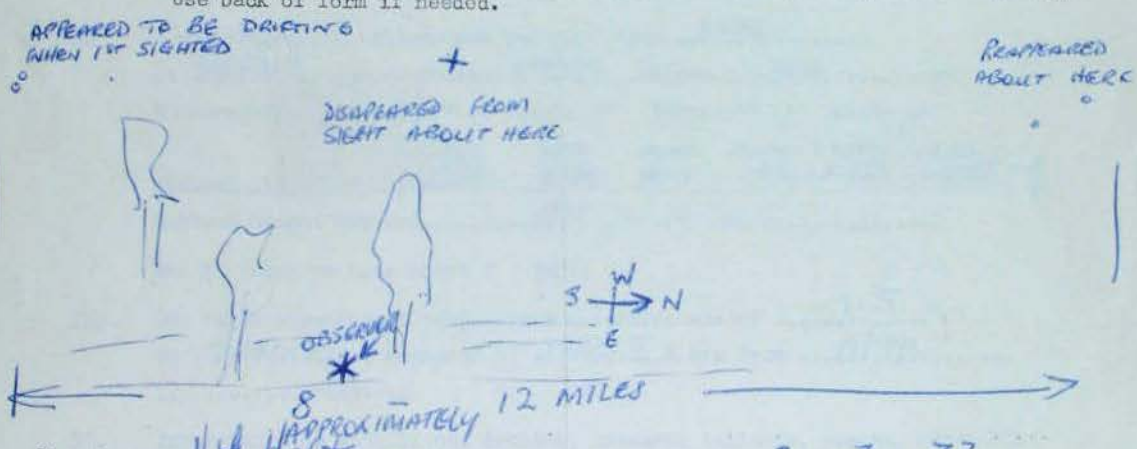
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation ?

NONE

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation ?

NONE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME OF DAY

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form if needed.



Signature H. G. Holt Date 3. 7. 73

I also on the same day contacted the Department of Civil Aviation and also the Meteorological section trying to get information if any weather balloons or civil or Military aircraft were in the area but no information could be sought from them.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type....MACCHI.....(1)..MACCHI...(2).....(3)

Heading FORM S.E. IN NW....T FORM SE...T.....T

Height ..A.T. 0135 -,000 ft IN NW...,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....0220 ?.....K. 0156 - 0257 ?K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: NIL

A/C type .....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading .....T.?.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA* .....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude..31° 56'...Longitude..115° 50'.....

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that position of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.

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36/ A meteorological balloon was released from ..APPH.....

at 242315....Z. Colour..WHITE...Weight...1200.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as

	2000	5000	10000	15000	30000	50000
General wind profile.	19/16	25/14	16/14	19/16	22/27	25/58

Maximum height tracked.....105.,000 ft at .....Z

Was it known to have burst ? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of .....1.5.....°C

at .SURFACE.ft, measured at 242315....Z hrs from ...APPH.....

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.

.....NIL.....

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~ */cannot" be determined.

41. The object reported probably was * / may have been*
(delete as required)

.....A. MACCHI FORMATION.....

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.....HQPRA..... 30JUL73.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....R. PYERS..... FLG OFF.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

7 AUG 73

SIGHTING #3

COLAC VIC

MRS L. HAYES

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

For use within the RAAF only
Write or print clearly

OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Part 28		FOLIO: 3b
FROM: DCAIR (DAFI)	DATE: 22 OCT 73	REFERENCES: BS/5/4/A1(R)(1) of 21 SEP 73
TO: HOLAV	ATTENTION: SADMINO BSLAV	
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS		

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mrs K. Hayes in reply to her report of an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs K Hayes

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M Cretton	M CRETTON	FLG OFF	IR 3	2405

580/1/1 Pt28 (3a)

17 OCT 1973

Mrs L. Hayes,
P.O. Box 133,
COLAC, VIC 3250

Dear Mrs Hayes,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 7th August 1973, the most probable cause, as assessed by the investigating team, was the planet Jupiter.

At the time of sighting, Jupiter was visible on a bearing of 260° at an elevation of 50° with a magnitude of -2. Additionally there was slight cloud cover of cirrus (2/8) very high, and cumulus type cloud (5/8) at medium level. The cirrus cloud would feasibly impart a magnification of the planet, and the movement of the cumulus cloud would give the light source apparent speed.

We regret that the theory cannot be confirmed, but trust that the explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

16 Oct 73

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 399-1311

Headquarters
RAAF Base
LAVERTON VIC 3027

IN REPLY QUOTE BS/5/4/AIR(21)

21st September 1973

Department of Air (ATTN: DAFI R 1)
Headquarters Support Command (ATTN: C Intel O)

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTED IN COLAC AREA

Forwarded in accordance with HQSC 5/6/AIR(27) dated 11th August 1972 are copies of a report of an unidentified flying object sighted in the Colac area on the 7th August 1973.

(W.A. LOCKHART)
Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Two copies of UFO report and findings

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT
ON THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT AT COLAC VIC ON 7TH AUGUST 1973

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 7th August 1973, Flt Lt D. Weston, Base Operations, received a telephone call from a Mrs. L. Hayes of Irrewarra, Colac, concerning a UFO sighting at 0140K that morning. No other witnesses to the sighting are known.

2. Mrs. Hayes was interviewed over the phone and a proforma was sent to her to fill in and return.

3. Mrs. Hayes stated that she had been awakened by the cattle which were very restless and noisy. When investigating, as she switched on a light in the kitchen, from the corner of her eye she observed a bright red/orange shimmering light. The light was to the south-west at an elevation of approximately 45° and remained stationary for approximately 2½ minutes. The object then climbed swiftly and disappeared rapidly in a southerly direction. A circular reflection of bright red/orange light seemed to follow. No sound was heard.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

4. The following aspects were considered in attempting to find an explanation:

a. Aircraft. There were no known military or civil aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

b. Visible Satellites. No evidence available of visible satellites at the time of the sighting.

c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloon released from Laverton at 1100Z would have blown to the SSE of Laverton and burst prior to the time of sighting.

d. Local Phenomena. At the time of the sighting, reflection from the lights of Colac was visible on cloud.

e. Meteorological Conditions. At 061540Z the weather in the area, according to Mrs. Hayes, was clear, cool and calm conditions. Weather at Laverton 1100Z was fine, visibility 25NM, surface wind northerly 14KTS, cloud 5/8 alto-cumulus 2/8 cirrus (exact heights not recorded), temperature 17°C dew point 14°C. Weather at Laverton 1700Z was fine, visibility 25NM, surface wind WNW 3KTS, cloud 7/8 strato-cumulus 4000ft, temperature 16°C dew point 13°C.
Inversions - 1100Z nil at Laverton
2300Z + 3°C 5000-6000 ft at Laverton.
At the time of sighting, cloud cover over Colac area would have been increasing in amount and the base lowering as is evident from 1100Z and 1700Z met reports from Laverton.

f. Celestial Bodies. The Melbourne Observatory advised that at the time of sighting the following celestial bodies would have been visible:

(1) Mars - to NE - bright red;

(2) Rigel - bright red star - to east;

(3) Canopus - bluish white star - to east;

(4) Achernar - bluish white star, not as bright as Canopus - to south;

(5) Fomalhaut - bluish white star, not as bright as Canopus or Achernar - to SSW; and

(6) Altair - bluish white star.

CONCLUSION

5. The cause of the sighting cannot be determined, however, the object was most probably Mars or the star Rigel. Due to the low cloud cover the object would have seemed to have relative motion through the cloud, to the observer.

6. Another possible explanation could be a searchlight aimed at the cloud base.

(B.A. WRIGHT)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

21SEP73

399-1311

Headquarters
RAAF Base
LAVERTON VIC 3027

BS/5/4/AIR(20)

9th August 1973

Mrs. L. Hayes
Box 133
COLAC VIC 3250

Dear Mrs. Hayes,

1. Your sighting of an unusual aerial object as reported to RAAF Base Laverton on 7th August 1973 has been recorded and preliminary investigations have been commenced.

2. To assist the RAAF in our investigations, a proforma is enclosed and you are asked to kindly complete this form at your earliest convenience, after which the form should be returned to this Base in the envelope provided.

3. Thanking you for your keen interest in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(W.A. LOCKHART)
Squadron Leader
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Proforma - report on Unusual Aerial Sighting

N of A.
1. Proforma received back on base 30 Aug 73.
2. Proforma received by formation UFO Officer, 12 SEP 73.

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12 SEP 73

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form).

1. Name of observer LILIAN SUSAN HAYES Age 53

2. Address of observer P.O. BOX 133, COLAC

Phone 31.5786

3. Occupation of observer HOME DUTIES

4. Date and time of start of observation 7th AUGUST 1973 1:40a.m.

How certain is the date? EXACT

How accurate is the time of start? ACCURATE

5. Duration of observation APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate? FAIRLY ACCURATE

6. Observer's location at time of sighting OBSERVED FROM KITCHEN WINDOW FACING WEST AT IRREWARRA, FIVE MILES EAST OF COLAC

How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY FAMILIAR

7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR, COOL NIGHT HARDLY ANY WIND

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE

9. Where was object first observed? : SOUTH-WEST OF HOUSE, IRREWARRA

a. Relative to your surroundings SOUTH - WEST

b. Angle of elevation ABOUT 45°

c. Compass angle bearing NOT KNOWN

d. How accurate are these estimates? ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT COMPASS

10. What first attracted observer's attention? ATTENTION CAUGHT BY SIZE AND BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT, FROM CORNER OF MY EYE, AS I TURNED TO SWITCH ON ELECTRIC LIGHT.

11. If there was more than one light/object: NONE

a. How many were there?

b. In what formation were they?

12. What was the colour of the light or object? VERY BRIGHT GLOWING RED-ORANGE SHIMMERING.

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..100%.TO.FULL MOON

14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:

a. Relative to Venus or Moon..RELATIVE TO THE MOON

b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)...1½.inches

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..VERY.DIFFICULT.TO.ASSESS.WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS.

16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..NO.OBVIOUS.PROPULSION.BUT DEFINITELY A CONTROLLED MOVEMENT

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

...NO.SOUND.AT.ALL

18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..MINIMUM ANGLE 45° MOVING TO 60° ANGLE. ORANGE GLOW REFLECTED THEN ON CLOUD.

19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..ESTIMATE IMPOSSIBLE, HAVE NEVER SEEN.ANYTHING.COMPARABLE.IN.SPEED.

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..STATIONARY, WHEN FIRST SIGHTED FOR ABOUT 2½ minutes.

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..RISING SWIFTLY, DISAPPEARED IN SOUTHERELY DIRECTION, CONTROLLED MOVEMENT.

22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..NO TRAIL OF VAPOUR OR EXHAUST. AS OBJECT MOVED, A CIRCULAR REFLECTION OF BRIGHT ORANGE RED LIGHT SEEMED TO FOLLOW.

23. Where was object last observed:

a. Relative to your surroundings..TRAVELLING SOUTH

b. Angle of elevation..GOING HIGHER

c. Compass angle bearing..NO COMPASS BEARING

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..RECEDED VERY SWIFTLY FROM VIEW

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground identations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..NO. CATTLE VERY RESTLESS AND NOISY, SOUNDS AWOKE MI

26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..NONE

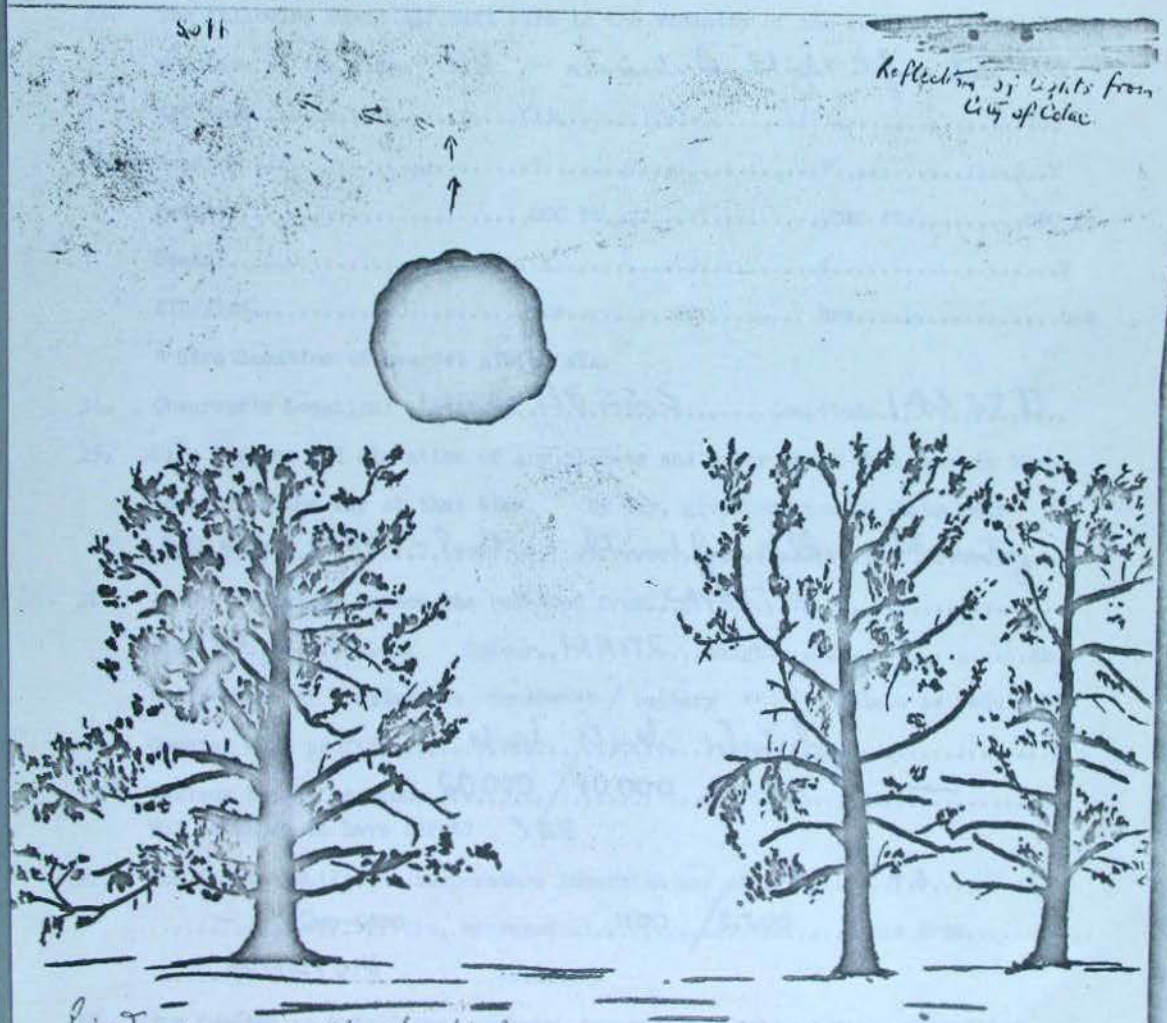
27. How many witnesses to the sighting) ?..NO WITNESSES.

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? Nothing. I have never seen

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? I have never seen anything like this object before

31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature Lilian Hayes Date 28.8.1973

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported USO position at the time: NIL

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading.....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft

Speed.....K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: NIL - advised by Flight Information Unit.

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)

Heading .....T.....T.....T

Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....000 ft

Speed..... K.....K.....K

ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 38 22 S .....Longitude 143 37 E..

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only

SEE NEXT PAGE - Position obtained from Melbourne Observatory...

36. A meteorological baloon was released from LAVERTON.....

at 1100 / 2300 ...Z. Colour WHITE ...Weight.....—.....gm

Radio-sonde ** / radar **: ~~Oundie~~ ** / battery ** (** delete as required)

General wind profile.....North North Westerly.....

Maximum height tracked 60000 / 90000 ~~,000~~ ft at.....—.....Z

Was is known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NIL / +3 °C at

— / ~~5000-6000~~ ft, measured at 1100 / 2300 Z hrs from.....

LAVERTON.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting...NOT AVAILABLE.....

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating

.....N/A.....

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can*~~ / cannot* be determined.

41. The object reported probably ~~was*~~ / may have been* (delete as required).

...A...STAR...OF...MARS.....

35. Mars was to the North East - Bright red.

STARS.

a. RIGEL - bright red star - to East,
b. CANOPUS - bluish white star - to East,
c. ACHERNAR - bluish white star - not as bright as CANOPUS - to South,
d. FOMALHAUT - bluish white star - not as bright as CANOPUS or ACHERNAR - South South West,
e. ALTAIR - Bluish white star.

.....BSLAV.....(Unit).....B.A. WRIGHT.....(Name)

.....17SEP73.....(Date).....FLG OFF.....(Rank)

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FOR CINTELLO CMM DAFI PD

UFO REPORT PD MRS L HAYES HOUSEWIFE BOX 133 COLAC VIC 3250

STD 052 315786 PD REPORTED FOLLOWING SIGHTING OVER COLAC FROM

ER HOME AT IRREWARRA (4NM COLAC) AT 061545Z AUG 1973 PD

LARGE MOON TYPE OBJECT CMM BRIGHT ORANGE OR RED STATIONARY OVER

COLAC TO SOUTH WEST PD OBJECT THEN DISAPPEARED TO SOUTH

MOVING VERY RAPIDLY CMM OBJECT LEFT A BLURRED TRAIL PD WEATHER

FINE AND CLEAR WITH LOW CLOUD PD INVESTIGATION COMMENCED

BT

DAFI

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24 JUL 73

SIGHTING #2

LILYDALE
VIC

C PHILIPPE

Royal Australian Air Force
A273 Feb 70 **MEMO**

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OUR FILE: 580/1/1 Pt 28		FOLIO: 2b
FROM: DEPAIR (DAF.)	DATE: 28 AUG 73	REFERENCES:
TO: HQSC	ATTENTION: CINTELLO	
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS		

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters from this Department to Mr E C Philippe and Master B. Schneiders in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

Enclosures: Copies of letters to Mr E C Philippe and Master B. Schneiders

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
M. Cretton	M. CRETTON	FLG OFF	12-2	2408

580/1/1 Pt28 (2a)

27 AUG 1973

Mr E.C. Philippe,
13 Circle Ridge,
Chirnside Park,
LILYDALE VIC 3140

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 24th July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the star CANOPUS.

Astronomical charts show that at 6.45 AM, Canopus would have been visible with a magnitude of -1 on a bearing of 136° at an elevation of approximately 35°. This position coincides with the description of your sighting. Additionally, a temperature inversion of 5°C recorded at an altitude of 600 feet would account for any abnormal brightness due to the star being viewed through pollutants being trapped below that level.

We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73

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Dept of Defence
27.8.73

MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

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OUR FILE: 5/6/1/Air (42)

FROM: H&SC

DATE: 2 AUG 73

TO: ~~DEPAIR~~ → ATTENTION: DAFI 1R-2.

REFERENCES: DEPT OF AIR DAFI 17.7.73 580-1-1

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is an unusual aerial sighting from Mr C PHILIPPE of LILYDALE.

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SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK AND APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXTN
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C.D.O. 9777

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) from the observer ex height in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer ERIC CHARLES PHILIPPE Age 57

Address 13 CIRCLE RIDGE CHIRNSIDE PARK

LILYDALE State VIC Postcode 3140

Occupation INVESTIGATION OFFICER INCOME TAX

Phone (home) _____ (business) 6092320

2. Exact location of observer CIRCLE RIDGE

CHIRNSIDE PARK LILYDALE OPPOSITE EAST LINK

3. Start of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 6-45 am/~~pm~~

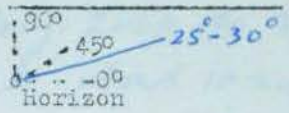
End of observation: Date 24/7/73 Time 6-50 am/~~pm~~

4. Accuracy of date Tuesday 24/7/73 Times correct

5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Visibility at time of observation looking towards Mt Dandenong was good

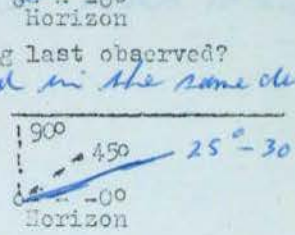
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?
looking South East.

At what angle to the horizon?
Approx 25° to 30°



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?
Object was stationary and in the same direction

At what angle to the horizon?

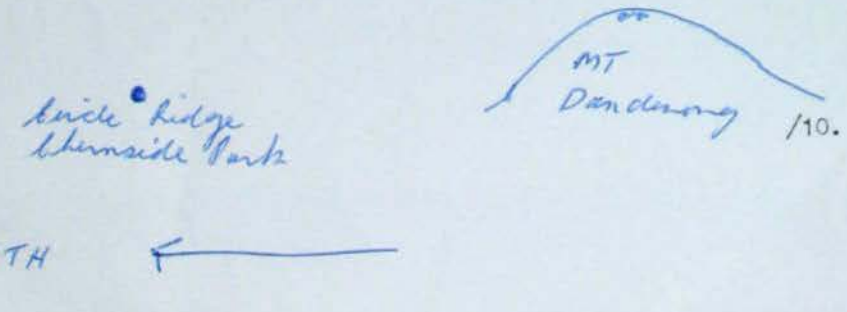


8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
Rear of Mt Dandenong approx 10 miles, higher than the mountain at height

9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Object was unmoving during the period in which it was observed and was of a bright white light much larger than any star which had previously been noticed during lifetime. At first it was thought to be the lights on an aeroplane but after subsequent observation it became apparent that it was not moving. I then called my wife's attention to it and she confirmed that it was unmoving and that it did not appear to be a star as it was too large. The sky in the area of the sighting was quite clear at the time the light was observed, the peak of Mt Dandenong with its usual light on top was quite visible and silhouetted against the sky. The object observed was higher than the mountain and was situated to the east of it. It was estimated to be approximately 2000 to 3000 higher than the mountain and about 10 miles distance.



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? No photographs were taken.

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

One witness, my wife, Mrs Maude Jane Philippe

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 27/7/73

Signature E. Philippe

Part 2 - Unit Report

1. a. Details of military aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA
	Not considered						

Source of information _____

b. Details of civil aircraft activity, including light private aircraft and international flights, in the area at the time of the sighting.

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA
	Not considered						

Source of information _____

2. Give the bearing, elevation and movement of any planets or major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time of the sighting. Canopus

Source of information Air Almanac

3. Details of any predicted satellites, rockets, comets or meteorite activity in the area at time of the sighting.

Not considered

Source of information _____

/4. Details

4. Details of any meteorological, research or radar balloons known to have been in the area at the time of sighting (refer to point of release, size, colour, ROC, wind profile and whether it was known to have burst)

Source of information

5. Details of any unusual radar traces or images which may relate to the sightings, as recorded by military or civil networks

Source of information

6. Provide the following information relating to the weather and atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting:

Temperature (dry bulb) 2 °C (wet bulb) 2 °C Relative Humidity 97 %

Cloud Cover 8/8 Fog type

Temperature inversion of 5 °C at surf To 600' ft measured at 0900 hrs EST

from LAV

Wind direction 070° @ 12 kts at 3,000 ft
360° @ 6 " at 5,000 ft
280° @ 4 " at 10,000 ft
210° @ 10 " at 15,000 ft

Pollution level

7. Details of terrain and natural and/or man-made features in the area (Attach map with significant points marked, if possible

Observer has covered.

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview _____

b. Place of interview _____

2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).

4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Canopus. At that time of day the rising sun could have been reflected off Canopus. It was a fine frosty morning, even tho LAN recorded 8/8 fog

HQSCN (Unit) R. O. GIBBS (Name)

31 JUL 73 (Date) Flg Off. (Rank)

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SIGHTING # 1

BOX HILL SOUTH
VIC

MISS B. SMITH

14 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt 28 (1a)

Miss B. Smith
30 Howard Street
BOX HILL SOUTH VIC 3128

Dear Miss Smith,

Your letter dated 12th July 1973 relating to an unusual aerial sighting has been forwarded to this Department by the University of Melbourne.

To enable us to conduct an investigation into this sighting, would you please complete the attached form and return it to the following address as soon as possible:

Headquarters Support Command
RAAF
Victoria Barracks
St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DAFI 17.7.73 580-1-1

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With the Compliments

of

The Secretary

Department of Defence

1. ASECA
2. DAFI

Dep Air - Attention DAFI
Ref your. 580-1-1 (1726)
Please reply to Miss B Smith
direct.
Phone 2918. A Straker Information Control 2 Aug 73.

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July 24, 1973.

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Yours sincerely,

B. PERKIN,
Secretary,
Faculty of Science,
for A. T. J. BELL, Registrar.

Miss B. Smith,
30 Howard Street,
Box Hill South, Vic. 3128.

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Def Science.

University of Melbourne

With the Compliments of
Faculty of Science

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July 24

Dear Miss Smith,

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1973.

In reply I have to advise you that there i
in this University which specialises in phenomena of
report. However, I understand that the Department
such a department, and I am forwarding your letter
reply.

Yours sincere

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Req for info on
Unidentified Flying Objects -
or Sightings of Stars

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SCIENCE

30 Howard Street,
BOX HILL SOUTH. 3128.

12th July, 1973.

Dear Sir,

On Monday evening of this week at approximately 6.15 p.m. I was walking up Howard Street looking at a beautiful sparkling star with all colours coming from it - it was more beautiful than a diamond. Then my attention was suddenly turned to a huge star, much larger than Venus - it was to the right of the sparkling star. It was so bright and close. I rang a friend straight away to go and have a look at it, but when my friend went to see this huge star, it had gone. It was a clear night and I had not noticed any clouds.

On Tuesday evening at approximately 7 p.m. I was travelling from Noble Park to the City by car when I noticed the large star. I looked at it for quite a while when suddenly its "light" turned off completely and all I could see was a dim red light moving across the night sky! Previously it had been stationary, but when the star "switched off its light" it moved across the sky as a dim red light.

Could you please advise me on this, and also what is the name of the beautiful diamond-like star which shoots all beautiful colours from it?

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) B. Smith.

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