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Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

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1. The enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 44 and 45 have been prepared for your signature and release.



(C.R. HICKEY)
Sqn Ldr
for DAFI

8 Mar 72

GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

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4. Between 23 January 60 and 26 May 71, the RAAF received 572 UFO reports. Department of Air has assessed that 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge. Six percent of the reports did not provide sufficient information to permit proper analysis and evaluation. One percent of the reports were attributed to unknown causes.

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- a. 80 percent of sightings were natural phenomena, hoaxes, birds or man-made objects;
- b. 17 percent of sightings provided insufficient data to permit thorough analysis and evaluation; and
- c. three percent were unidentified.

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22 MAR 1972

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Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report by Mrs A. Higgins of Maffra Victoria concerning an unusual aerial sighting in the early hours of 11th February 1972.

2. The conclusions of the Investigating Officer that this sighting could have been the waste burner operating at the Longford Gas Plant is a reasonable explanation in this instance.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEXES: A. Mrs Higgins' Report

B. Report by Flg Off Ogden (Investigating Officer)

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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 A. Higgins Age..... 71
2. Address of observer..... 37 Church Street Maffra
..... Phone 471 308
3. Occupation of observer..... Housewife
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 11 Feb 72 0215 hours
How certain is the date? Certain
- How accurate is the time of start?..... within 5 min
5. Duration of observation..... 5 minutes
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... back porch
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... dark night - no stars visible
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... over the roof of a
neighbours garage
 - b. angle of elevation..... 50° - 80°
 - c. compass angle bearing..... 180°T
 - d. how accurate are these estimates?..... Reasonable
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... unusual object in the sky
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?..... Red-gold

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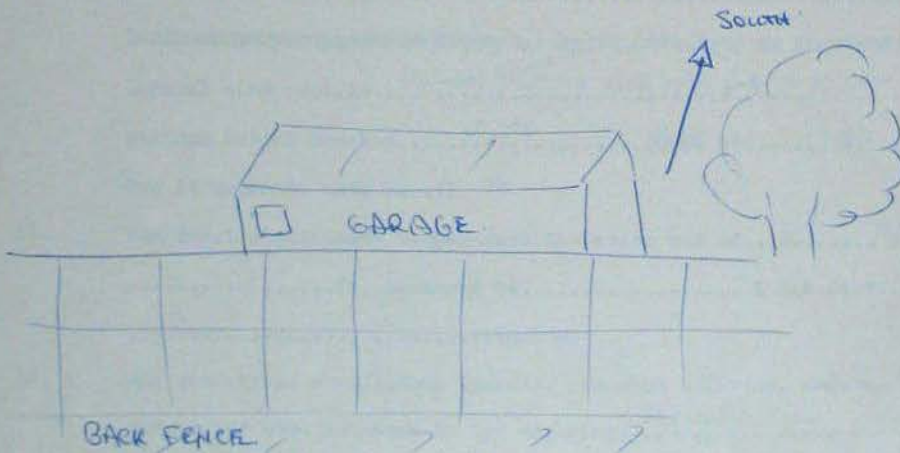
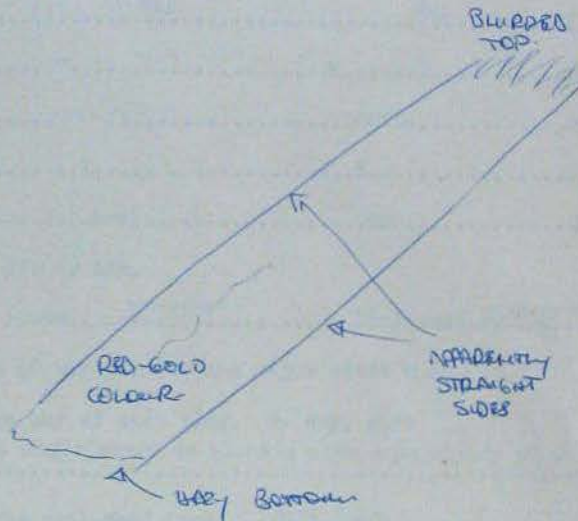
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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) About as bright as the moon.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
a. relative to Venus or Moon larger than the moon.....
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) 2 feet.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? 50-80° elevation - 180°T - over neighbours garage.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
Nil.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 50° - 80°.....
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.....
Nil.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases Only observed as stationary.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Nil.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Nil.....
23. Where was object last observed:
a. relative to your surroundings As for first observation.....
b. angle of elevation.....
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? did not see it disappear.....
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 Nil.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? One.....

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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?..... ESSO-BHP Gas plant at Longford
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... Colour was gold and appeared much higher in the sky
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.



MAFFRA VIC
BURNER FLAME AT ESSO-BHP plant at Longford
16 Feb 72

Signature..... *[Signature]* Date.....

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)... Nil(2)... Nil(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... Nil(1)... Nil(2)... Nil(3)

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

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

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

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

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's location: Latitude... 37°58'S Longitude... 146°59'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.....
 No major stars or planets over a magnitude of 0

36. A meteorological balloon was released from... East Sale
 at 1300Z. Colour... White Weight... 1.5lbsgm

~~Radio-sonde**/Radar**/Candless/Battery** (**delete as required)~~

General wind profile... 010-060 Surface wind calm 6-8 at 10,000'

Maximum height tracked... 10,000000ft at... 1305Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of... Nil°C atft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....station.

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

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... NEA

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- 40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can ~~not~~ be determined.
- 41. The object reported probably was ~~may have been~~ (delete as required)
The reflection of an unusually high burner flame at the USSQ-BHF plant...
at Longford.

..... CFS (Unit) J. OGDEN (Name)
..... 16 Feb 72 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS REPORT
ON SIGHTING OF AN UNUSUAL OBJECT
AT MAFFRA ON 11 FEB 72

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 11 Feb 72 the base duty controller received a telephone call from a Mrs Fulton of 39 Church Street Maffra reporting that her neighbour, Mrs A Higgins, had observed a strange object in the sky at 0215 EDST that morning.
2. The investigating officer visited Mrs Higgins on the 16 Feb 72 to conduct an interview with her about the sighting.
3. Mrs Higgins said that at about 0215 EDST she had gone out the back of her house, and had seen a strange object in the sky. She described it as looking like a large board, red-gold in colour with a blurred top end. She observed the object for about 5 mins, and then returned to bed.

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

4. Mrs Higgins is an elderly lady in her seventies, who appeared to be very quiet, and somewhat shy in the presence of the investigating officer. Initially she did not even want to disclose her name, fearing some form of involvement resulting from an investigation. She did not want to report the sighting but her next door neighbour, Mrs Fulton, after hearing of the observation rang and reported instead. After talking with Mrs Fulton she disclosed that she was very interested in UFOs, and regretted that she had not shared her neighbours sighting.
5. Mrs Higgins wears tinted corrective lenses and on her own admission her eyes are "not as good as they used to be". After a series of questions, Mrs Higgins did not deviate from her original description, but it is the investigating officers opinion, that owing to her failing eye sight, the description she gave be treated with caution.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

6. The following aspects were considered in attempting to find a satisfactory explanation:
 - a. Aircraft. There were no known civil or military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.
 - b. Visible Satellites. There were no visible satellite passes at that time.
 - c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloons released from Sale and Laverton at 2400 EDST on the 10 Feb 72, would have been blown well to the south west of the area of sighting by the time of the sighting.
 - d. Celestial Bodies. There were no celestial bodies over a magnitude of 0 in the night sky on the 11 Feb 72.
 - e. Meteorological Conditions. At 1300Z the weather in the area was 4/8 alto cumulus at 10,000 with 4/8 of cirrus above, visibility was 15nm and the prevailing wind North Easterly at 6-8 knots at 10,000 feet and was calm on the surface.

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- f. Local Phenomena. The only applicable local phenomena is the ESSO-BHP gas plant at Longford. The investigating officer interviewed one of the engineers at the plant by telephone on the 16 Feb 72. The engineer stated, that at 0200 hours EDST an unusually large amount of waste was being burned causing the associated flames to become very large and bright, much more intense than normal. The bearing from Maffra to Longford is 178°T which almost exactly matches the bearing of the object Mrs Higgins saw at 0215 EDST.

CONCLUSION

7. The most likely cause of the object Mrs Higgins saw is the reflection of the ESSO-BHP waste burner at Longford, from a layer of high cloud. The golden colour would be the result of the higher intensity flame, and the lack of definition at the top of the object, characteristic of the flame itself. The regular shape of the remainder of the object is in keeping with the nature of a jet of high intensity flame, which would in nil wind conditions form a long board like shape as described by Mrs Higgins.



(J.F. OGDEN)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

16 Feb 72

Annex: A. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting, Part I and II



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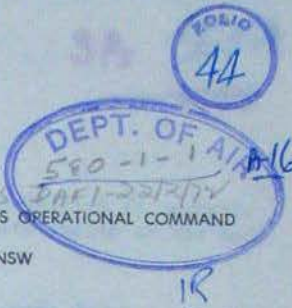
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PENRITH 1W NSW

25th February 1972

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600



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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report on an unusual aerial sighting by the undermentioned:-

Mrs D. Charlton
28 Bibby Street
HAMILTON NSW 2303

2. Headquarters Williamtown, who investigated the report, have not included a Part 2 of the report. However they state at the times of the various sightings and on days subsequent to the time Mrs Charlton ceased looking for UFOs, both the Civil Police and Air Traffic Control, RAAF Williamtown, received reports that some person was firing distress flares in the Broadmeadow area.

3. From the description given by Mrs Charlton, and the coincidence on times of sightings it is apparent that Mrs Charlton's sightings were in fact these flares.

J.C. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report on Unusual Sighting.

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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... DOROTHY CHARLTON, RONALD MITO Agent, U.S.
2. Address of observer... 25 BIBBY St.
HAMILTON, N.S.W. 2303 Phone
3. Occupation of observer... S.D.D. / ASSTNT. BOILERMAKER (B.H.F.)
4. Date and time of start of observation... AS ON SEPARATE SHEETS
How certain is the date?... ACCORDING TO CALENDAR
How accurate is the time of start?... SEE SEPARATE SHEET
5. Duration of observation... POSSIBLY 1/2 - 2 MINS 1st viewing, 2nd viewing possibly 2-32 mins, 3rd 1/2 - 2 mins
How accurate is your estimate?... guess about
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Road bridge over Brokenbush Station
How familiar is observer with this locality?... Very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Good
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Naked eye, bin, spec, a camera Wed night
9. Where was object first observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings... see sketch
 - b. Angle of elevation... I don't know
 - c. Compass angle bearing... anything about
 - d. How accurate are these estimates?... see sketch
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... Bright pink light in sky, apparently stationary
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - a. How many were there?...
 - b. In what formation were they?...
12. What was the colour of the light or object?... Bright pink
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
Would compete favourably with full moon
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - a. Relative to Venus or Moon... see sketch
 - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)...
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... Not known
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... Object moved, but how I cannot say

see sketch

- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
..... *No sound noticeable*
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *Min. 1000 ft. up - possibly 1500 ft*
- 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. *Speed of peaked lightning*
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases. *30 secs - 1/2 min (guess)*
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. *Dropped straight down + disappeared*
- 22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *Rapid burst of smoke, then smoke tail from TOP of object*
- 23. Where was the object last observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings. *As marked on sketch*
 - b. Angle of elevation. *—*
 - c. Compass angle bearing. *—*
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Change of shape & smoke tail*
- 25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). *Negatives & photos will be submitted to headquarters as soon as they come to hand.*
- 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? *Husband (1st & 2nd sightings) 2nd sighting on my own with camera*
- 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? *Natural phenomena leaves no smoke tail behind.*
- 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,

Have done so on sketch (page 2, of commentary)

Signature *Anthony Chanter*

Date *7/2/72*

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28 Biddly St.
Hamilton. 2303.

H.S. Dales.

5th Feb, 1972.

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1st Sighting

31st Jan

Monday night 31st Jan. Between 8.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. My husband and I had taken advantage of a beautiful night, to go "walkabout." Our family had gone for the day to James Beach, and were not expected back before 9.30 p.m. We eventually found ourselves on Hamilton Road, near the Public School; decided that that was ^{far} enough, and walked back along Hamilton Road, down to Broadmeadow Station, and from there ^{later} to home. While we were near the station, we looked over the brick wall, out towards the Hamilton Flour mill, which is about the highest landmark in our area, other than the Shewgoose lights. And immediately here's this "pink thing" stuck in the sky.

I was so drowsy, and out of place, amongst the stars. (Like an elephant in dress).

Even while we watched, it appeared to drop down, could have been 700ft. or more, the pink light shrank to practically nothing.

() then there were no lights at all. My husband seldom comments on anything until he thinks all around it, but he spoke the same thought that I had at that moment.

"They must have known we were looking and switched their lights off." Johnson, of course.

But he just might be right, too. He estimated its height from the ground at about 1500ft. Possibly up to 2000ft, but certainly no more. Very likely less. He works in the Dinter Plant at the B.H.P., and is often in high places, so he would have better judgment on heights & distances than I would. But distance, "as the crow flies", and at night, could be deceptive.

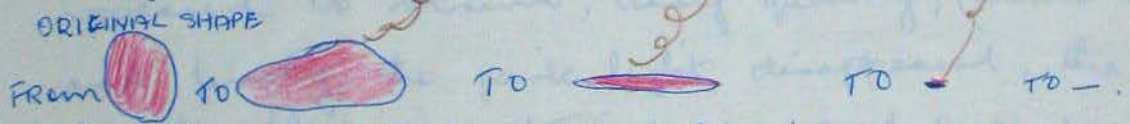
Sighting

9:20 pm

Tuesday, 1-2-72

After last night, we determined to go back to the same place. If it didn't show up, well, no matter; (but if so, then we'd note the time, and behavior) which is as follows:

"Strawberry" looking at us again this thing makes me feel crawly all over. Approx. in the same position as last night, the moon a little higher, then ~~Strawberry~~ ^{appeared to do} a "flip," and appeared to change its shape - I could be wrong here, as I watched without my glasses which I use for reading & sewing & anything involving detail or fineness - but we are both very sure of the smoke that came out of it - that was very plain to see.



I wish we'd had binoculars!

We figured it might have blown
 up in midair, in which case there
 would be bits of hot metal in various
 parts of Newcastle. With this in mind
 we literally galloped down from Bx.
 station to where it had appeared to
 be; or rather, we should have been
 directly underneath where ^{we reckoned} it was. No
 metal, no nothing. We were then in
 Maitland Road, Islington, looking towards
 the high level bridge over the line.
 Absolutely nothing to be seen. So home
 to bed once more, but not to sleep.
 The more I thought about it, the more
 it appeared that the smoke we saw
 could have been smoke from the
 exhaust of a fast-moving vehicle. It
 appeared to shrink, very quickly, (backwards)
 and finally the pink light disappeared, the
 smoke blew over towards us, and over us,
 very fast. Must have been a steady

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wind blowing up top. Clear day, stars
& moon, as on Monday night, no obvious
surface wind.

PS. I tried to contact you all day
Wednesday (but it seems you just
weren't available), to report Tuesday
night's events. Guess what we planned
to do Wed. night!

when I left home, but as I took
the 2nd photo, a cold low-level SE
wind sprang up, and "the thing" sped
to do the same thing again - smoke
coming out of the top, quick getaway
same for me, too. I was facing
I stood at the wall, where my
husband stood. Would you care to
keep the negatives, also the photo, if
they turn out reasonably clear? (You'll
have to climb over a few cats, etc.)

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3rd lighting - 8:40 pm - 2-2-72

Slightly higher a further to right of myself. My husband stayed home with the girls, and I took my camera (Inst. 25), no flashlight, but hopeful. Managed to snap "Strawberry" twice. It was very hot & humid, when I left home, but as I took the 2nd photo, a cold horizontal SE wind sprang up, and "Strawberry" appeared ^{to do} ~~do~~ the same thing again - smoke coming out of the top, quick getaway. Same for me, too. I was freezing. I stood at the wall, where my husband stood. Would you care to keep the negatives, also the photo, if they turn out reasonably clear? (You'll have to climb over a few cats, etc.)

1/2 Still thinking. According to this sketch, 'Steamberry' would appear to be fairly high above us: but we felt as though we were looking at it, not up. Its size compared with the moon, as shown, would be fairly right. If the road bridge over Br. Station is 20 ft. up, more or less, then its ~~altitude~~ Tuesday night's viewing could have been a full 2 miles, or more. Very intriguing of it. But following up the comment of "it must have known we were looking and switched its lights off," how could it know? Are there any instruments so sensitive that it would know if it were being watched?

PPS. Would this thing sneak in at the end of the eclipse of the moon, as on Sunday night?

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Tuesday, 3rd Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm

Sky covered with thick 'cottonwool' cloud.

no moon, no stars.

And no 'Stanhurst'.

Friday, 4th Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

cloud, wind, light rain.

As before.

Sat. 5th Feb. 1972 - 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Reasonably clear sky, some low-rain cloud.

Stars, but no moon.

Surface wind. (S.E.).

Sun. night. 6th Feb. 1972 - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Church.

Top of hill,
Incehead St.
Waratah West

(Sneaked out for a quick look during the census, but nothing to see)

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MR W.B. STRAITON 114 SUTHERLAND ROAD COOR POINT PORT HEDLAND
REPORTED A FLYING OBJECT POSITIONED LOW OVER SEA TRAILING SMOKE MO-
VING WEST TO EAST AT APPROX 1113 H TIME 23 JAN 72 PD FIRST
OBSERVED AT APPROX TEN(10) MILES FROM COAST PD 2 HEDLAND FIZ
AIRCRAFT ACCOUNTED FOR PD HARBOUR AUTHORITIES ADVISE NO KNOWLEDGE
OF DISTRESS REPORT PD NO OTHER REPORTS OF SIGHTING PD
3 FURTHER DETAILS BEING REQUESTED

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Subject: REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DPR

Under the terms of 554/1/30 (75) the enclosed proforma which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 36 and 37 have been prepared for your signature and release.


(K.R. JANSON)
Gr/Capt
DAFI

18 Feb 72



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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was *possibly an F-27 Fokker aircraft enroute Townsville to Mackay.*

2. You may be interested in the investigation of reports in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom and the following information provides a brief outline of the subject.

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- c. three percent were unidentified.

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was *probably SPICAR, a star of the first magnitude. The apparent movement was due to light refraction through a moisture layer in the atmosphere*
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*Signed
S.J. Odgers
JPR*

GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was *possibly sheets of paper, foil or similar substance*

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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4th February 1972

Secretary
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed are reports on unusual aerial sightings by:-

- a. Mr L.J. Page
56 Park Street
PINGELLY WA 6308
- b. Mr B.A. Sallur
72 Pitt Street
ST JAMES PARK PERTH WA
- c. Mr G.C. Sawyer
12 Whittington Road
ELIZABETH FIELD SA 5113

John C. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL
OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

HQPEA 5/9/air (102)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer..... LESLIE JOHN PAGE AGE. 34
2. Address of observer..... 56 PARK ST PINGELLY
..... W.A. 6308 PHONE.
3. Occupation of observer FARMER
4. Date and time of observation 16 DECEMBER 1971 2100 HRS LOCAL
5. Duration of observation..... 20 - 25 MINS
6. Observers location at time of sighting..... 2 1/2 MILES WEST PINGELLY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... WINDY
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... NIL
9. Where was object first observed? (eg overhead, coming from behind a hill,
over the horizon).
..... OVERHEAD
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg light or noise)
..... LIGHT
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?
..... LIGHT
12. If there was more than one object:
 - a. How many were there? N/A
 - b. In what formation were they? N/A
13. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE
14. What was its apparent shape? ROUND
15. Was any detail of structure observable? NO
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO

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17. Was there any sound? NO (NOT SURE)
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) VARIED TREE HEIGHT TO 1000'
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) VARIED - STATIONARY
20. Was the object stationary? YES AT TIMES
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?
..... WEST TO SOUTH WEST
22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?
..... DEVIATE
23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? NR
24. Where did object disappear? (eg in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)
..... OVER THE HORIZON AFTER QUIVERING LIKE KITE FOR 10-15 MINS
25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence).
..... No
26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?
..... No
27. If so, give brief details of incident(s)
..... N/A
28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.
..... NIL
29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?
..... No
30. Name and address of organization
..... N/A

/31.Any

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Object first appeared 4 miles West Prigelly and I travelled parallel with object at 60 MPH before it disappeared behind hill at great speed reappearing 400 yds in front of car above the trees. It came straight above car blinding me with blue flash then reappeared 5 miles west Prigelly where it circled farm house. It then remained stationary at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance for 10-15 mins. went red in colour then faded over horizon. (When the light was 400 yds in front of the car it was similar size as the moon).

The light was sighted by several friends and again on the 26 Dec. and 27 Dec, approximately the same area and time.

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:

A/C type ... BOEING 727 ... (1) ... (2) ... (3)
Heading ... 302 T ... T ... T
OVERHEAD PINGELLY, 67 DME PERTH
Height ... 11 000 ft ... 000 ft ... 000 ft
DESCENDING
Speed ... K ... K ... K
ATD/ATA* ... PERTH 2120 hrs ... hrs ... hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude ... 32° 32' S ... Longitude ... 117° 07' 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 ... VENUS - ELEV. 3° ... AZ 244

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ... NIL ... at ... Z. Colour ... Weight ... gm
Radio-sonde **/** radar **: Candle **/ battery ** (** delete as required)
General wind profile ...
Maximum height tracked ... ,000 ft at ... Z
Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ... +2.6 °C at ... 1500 ... ft, measured at ... 1100 ... Z hrs from ... GILDERRD. station.

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

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating ... NORMAL LIGHTS OPERATING, ... AIRWAY ROUTE ... GPH ... PINGELLY - PERTH

- 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)

DC9 and 727 aircraft overflew Penigelly again
on the 26th and 27th December at approximately
2100 hrs. local.

..... No 2FTS Unit J.A.T. LOWE Name
..... 25 JAN 72 Date FLT LT Rank

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL
OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

HOPEA 5/9/ai (103)

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer ... B. A. SALLUR ... AGE: 37
2. Address of observer ... 72. PITT STREET ... ST. JAMES PARK
..... PERTH ... W.A. PHONE: PERTH 684298
3. Occupation of observer TECHNICAL OFFICER ... PHILIPS T.M.C. (COMMUNICATIONS)
4. Date and time of observation 12 DECEMBER 1971 ... 10.45 HRS LOCAL
5. Duration of observation ... 15 MINS
6. Observers location at time of sighting ... ABOVE ADDRESS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ... FINE AND MILD
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ... BINOCULARS 6x40 MM
..... REFLECTOR TELESCOPE 50 x 120 MM (4 1/2" F/L 900 MM)
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon).
..... OVERHEAD - ELEVATION 50° FROM EASTERN HORIZON
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).
..... FLICKERING REFLECTED SUNLIGHT
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?
..... INTERMITTANT SMALL FLASHES OF LIGHT
12. If there was more than one object:-
 - a. How many were there? APPROXIMATELY 6
 - b. In what formation were they? RANDOM ... SPREAD OVER 20°
13. What was the colour of the light or object? GREY (LIGHT) METALLIC IN NATURE
14. What was its apparent shape? RECTANGULAR
~~SQUARE~~ PLATE
15. Was any detail of structure observable? No
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No
17. Was there any sound? No
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) ... ELEVATION 50°
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) SIMILAR TO WIND VELOCITY
20. Was the object stationary? .. TUMBLING ... 1 REVOLUTION EVERY 4 SECS
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass? SOUTH TO NORTH

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manœuvre at all?

..... MOVED SLIGHTLY UP AND DOWN

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? No

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)

..... OVER THE HORIZON

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence).

..... No

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?

..... No

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s) N/A

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

..... READINGS FROM THE SCALES ON THE TELESCOPE

29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?

..... No

30. Name and address of organization N/A

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

..... objects were invisible to the naked eye and slight flashes of light only with binoculars too small to recognise however more objects seen. With telescope rectangular objects appeared approx 3/16" x 5/16" slowly revolving but always in same direction and same plain. Due to field of view only possible to view one object at a time which became easier to keep in eye piece as it approached horizon. (One object did flash part field of view whilst observing another) It was possible to recognise shape until they disappeared over the horizon.

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:

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 32° 00' S Longitude 115° 52' 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 ... VENUS ... ELEVATION 45° ... AZIMUTH 093 ... AT 10.45 HRS LOCAL

36. A mesorological balloon was released from ... Nil

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

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

General wind profile ...

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

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of +.14. °C at

1500 ft, measured at 2300 Z hrs from

GUILD FORD station.

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

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)

sheets of paper, foil or similar substance.
(Suggested by the observer during a telephone conversation).

..... No 2 FTS Unit J.A.T. LOWE Name
..... 24 JAN 72 Date FLT LT Rank

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. G. E. SAWYER.....
2. Address of observer. 12 WASHINGTON ROAD, ELIZABETH FIELD, 5113..... Phone 546-792.....
3. Occupation of observer. MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.....
4. Date and time of start of observation. 11-17-73..... 11:45 AM
 How certain is the date? ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.....
 How accurate is the time of start. ± 5 MINUTES.....
5. Duration of observation. 40-45 MINUTES.....
 How accurate is your estimate? ACCURATE.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. AS PER ABOVE ADDRESS (ON THE ROOF).....
 How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR NIGHT WITH OCCASIONAL PATCHY CLOUD.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. BINOCLARS, DIFFRACTION GRATING.....
9. Where was object first observed:
 - (a) Relative to your surroundings. E SE. at 190°.....
 - (b) angle of elevation. APPROX 5° ABOVE ADELAIDE HILLS.....
 - (c) compass angle bearing. 140°.....
 - (d) how accurate are these estimates. REASONABLE.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? SAW LIGHT IN SKY... CLEAR SKY IN VICINITY OF OBJECT.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - (a) how many were there? ONE.....
 - (b) in what formation were they? 1.....



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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..... MIL(1).....(2).....(3)
 Heading..... TT.....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:

A/C type..... MIL(1).....(2).....(3)
 Heading..... TT.....T.....T
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft
 Speed.....K.....K.....K
 ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 34-42N.....Longitude 122-24E.....

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. Solar (1st Mag star) Midpoint about
50° ELEV. SW anyway south-east to east-south-east.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from..... Adelaide Airport.....
 at..... 1000 Z Colour white with small light Weight..... 370 gm
 Radio-sonde ~~**~~/radar ~~**~~: Candle ~~**~~/battery ~~**~~ (**delete as required)
 General wind profile..... Southerly 15 knots.....
 Maximum height tracked..... 17,000 ft at..... 1100 Z
 Was it known to have burst?..... No.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..... 1 1/2 = 2 °C at
 1000 - 1500 ft, measured at..... 2130 Z hrs from.....
 Adelaide Airport station.

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



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- 39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....
- 40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/cannot* be determined.
- 41. The object reported probably was ^{possibly}*/may have been* (delete as required)
..... Spica (main structure)

- 1. Spica to Mr. Langley of the Astronomical Society. Described the symptoms.
- 2. He feels that such a sighting could be attributed to Spica. Dark and forth movement is optical illusion caused by refraction and star's proximity to the horizon.

[Signature]

..... HQEDM (Unit) B. C. KING (Name)
 25 JAN 72 (Date) F-1 (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(59)

24th January 1972

Secretary
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. HQTVL Message AJ45 17 Jan 72

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by:

Mr & Mrs O'SULLIVAN
36 Dyer Street
Pallaranda
TOWNSVILLE QUEENSLAND

John C. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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ANNEX A TO
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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 MR + MRS O SULLIVAN Age
2. Address of observer 36 DYER ST
PALLARANDA Phone 741308
3. Occupation of observer PMG TECHNICAL OFFICER
4. Date and time of start of observation 5:00AM 17 JAN 72 (161900Z)
How certain is the date? POSITIVE
How accurate is the time of start? AN APPROXIMATION ± 30 MINS.
5. Duration of observation FIVE MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate? ± 1 MINUTE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting AT HOME
.....
How familiar is observer with this locality? QUITE FAMILIAR
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation VISUAL
.....
9. Where was object first observed?
(a) Relative to your surroundings OUT BEDROOM WINDOW
.....
(b) Angle of elevation 5°
(c) Compass angle bearing 100° MAGNETIC
(d) How accurate are these estimates? QUITE FAIR
10. What first attracted observer's attention? FLASHING LIGHT
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- 11. If there was more than one light/object: **1 ONLY**
 - (a) how many were there?
 - (b) in what formation were they?
- 12. What was the colour of the light or object? ... **RED**
- 13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) **SIMILAR TO AIRCRAFT LIGHTS**
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - (a) relative to Venus or Moon
 - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ... **SAME AS AIRCRAFT**
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? .. **100° MAG. (WITH COMPASS) ... S. EAV. ... USING EXTENDED DIST. = 8°**
- 16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ... **N.O.**
- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? .. **5° MAX. THEN SLIGHTLY LESS**
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases ... **2 MINUTES**
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ... **3 COMPASS READINGS WERE TAKEN STATIONARY AT 100° THEN MOVED THROUGH 110° AND AT 130° WAS LOST**
- 22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen. ... **NONE**
- 23. Where was object last observed?
 - (a) relative to your surroundings ... **OVER NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE**
 - (b) angle of elevation ... **< 5°**

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(c) compass angle bearing 130° M

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..OBSERVED BY HOUSE

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 witnesses to the sighting? ..TWO (see ANSWER No 1)

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? ..AIRCRAFT

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
..STATIONARY... PHASE... AND IT SEEMED TOO FAR AWAY.
AND NO NOISE WAS HEARD THOUGH NORMALLY IT IS...

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 .. *[Handwritten Signature]* ... PIT OTT Date .. 17th January 1971

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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 (1)..... (2) (3)
HeadingT.....T.....T
Height000ft.....000ft.....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:

A/C type.F27.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.060.....T.....T.....T
Height.....000ft.....000ft.....000ft
TAKG OFF EN ROUTE TO MACKAY ON ABOVE RADIAL
Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.1830Z.hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.19:29.5..... Longitude.146:46E..

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

36. A meteorological balloon was released from TOWNSVILLE
at 1715Z Colour WHITE Weightgm
Radio-sonde**/reader**: Candle**/battery**(** delete as required)
General wind profile S to SE AT 5KTS to 34,000
Maximum height tracked 54,000ft at 18.05Z
Was it known to have burst? YES.....

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- 37. The first significant temperature inversion was of
ISO-THERMAL...°C at 10000-10700ft, measured at ...2300...Z
 hrs from ...TOWNSVILLE.....station.
- 38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons,
 comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....

- 39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include
 radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the
 aircraft lights were operating NIL RADAR TRACE :-
ALL LIGHTS OPERATIVE.....

- 40. The cause (or likely cause of the sighting ~~was~~*/cannot be determined.
- 41. The object reported probably ~~was~~*/may have been* (*delete as required)
F.R.T. AIRCRAFT.....

.....HQTVL.....(Unit).....W. G. CANNIFFE.....(Name)
17 JAN 71.....(Date).....PILOT OFFICER.....(Rank)

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20th January 1972

Headquarters Operational Command

(Attention: C INTEL O)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting which was dispatched direct to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence by the RAAF Public Relations Office in Sydney.
2. It is requested that HQOC investigate the report in accordance with HQOC ASI 3/A/5.


(J.P. MCCARTHY)
~~Flight~~ Lieutenant
for Chief of the Air Staff

Encl: 1. UFO Report from Mrs C. Cameron

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RATROP/HOOC

~~BT~~

UNCLAS A145 FOR SG INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD MJ AND MRS
M O'SULLIVAN 36 DYER ST PALLARANDA TNL SIGHTED FLASHING RED LIGHT
IN SKY AT APPROX 161800Z JAN 72 PD BEING INVESTIGATED

~~BT~~

DR


580/1/1 (51)

20th January 1972

Headquarters Operational Command

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGSReference: A. Your 5/15/1/Air (56)

1. Under the terms of HQOC ASI 3/A/5, the alleged sightings detailed in Reference A should have been referred in the first instance to RAAF Base Edinburgh for initial investigation.
2. Department of Air policy with regard to UFO reports dispatched from units through the relevant commands is to answer the originator with the proforma at Annex A. This proforma is prepared by the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence and released through the Directorate of Public Relations.
3. Investigating officers should make a conscientious effort to complete para 41 of Annex A to HQOC ASI 3/A/5, so that a satisfactory explanation may be given in as many instances as possible.


(J.P. McCARTHY)
Flight Lieutenant
for Chief of the Air Staff

Annex : A. General Statement in Relation to UFOs



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14-10-71

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(56)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

12th January 1972

DAE/1

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Attached are 11 reports of unusual Aerial sightings forwarded
by Mr C NORRIS of "The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society -Adelaide".

R.S. Black
(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. 11 Unusual Aerial Sighting Reports



OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JOHN RAMSOEN

Age 20

Address 4 GUSH STREET.

Occupation ELECTRONICS APP.

ELIZABETH DOWNS SA 5113

State SINGLE.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Calm, Very light cloud cover.

* Object was first observed: Date 9th December Time 2.00 a.m.

~~P.M.~~

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

moving objects in sky.

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 15 secs. No. of objects 3 Formation in line.

Opinion of Propulsion: Not known (no sound).

Details of structure and shape: Round Black objects

ESTIMATE: Speed Rather Slow Height (Alt.) 2,500 ft. Size Large.

Distance Approx 1 mile Sound None Colour Black

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Out of normal view (as seen from window).

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO YES If not, give details of others: _____

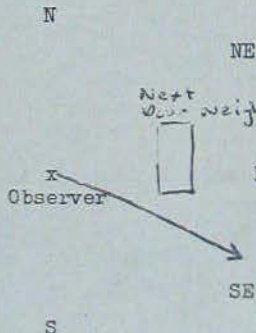
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

As I saw them during the early hours of the morning and half asleep I am sure what really were about them, although there were some clouds in the sky but they were travelling fast over clouds, (not windy) and that was their real objects, (rather indistinctly)

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 15/12/71

Signature: John Ramsoen

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

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File No. _____
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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.
Name COONEY, PETER G. Age 38
Address 10 Bellevue Ave, PANGRAMA, 5041 Occupation COMPANY SECRETARY
State SOUTH AUSTR.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
IN SKY, THROUGH LARGE GLASS WINDOWS FROM FAMILY ROOM

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR - NO CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date 18.12.71 Time 8.20 a.m. / p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 2-3 secs No. of objects one Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: UNKNOWN

Details of structure and shape: PALE BLUE/GREEN LIGHT 

ESTIMATE: Speed 2000-3000 mph Height (Alt.) 2-3 miles Size _____
Distance 2-3 miles Sound NIL Colour BLUE/GREEN

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? NO

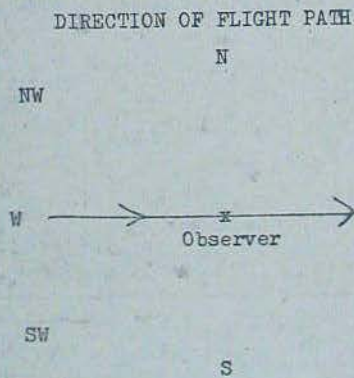
Is this your first sighting? YES If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

WIFE: JULIE C. COONEY

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Good clear sky, still quite light, no dust or stars. Believed to be a meteor or similar. Too large a disk for a falling star.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/ may be published using/ withholding my name.

Date: 29.12.71

Signature: P. Cooney

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

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File No. _____
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Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name BRUCE TREVOR CORBELL Age 41

Address 11 BLYTHWOOD ROAD Occupation ELECTRICAL SERVICEMAN

TORRENS PARK STN AUST 5062 State _____

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
PRIVATE BACKYARD

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? CLEAR SKY

* Object was first observed: Date 25TH DEC 1971 Time 10.15 a.m. / p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape. COLOURS.
Duration 7 MINS. No. of objects ONE Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: ?

Details of structure and shape: ?

ESTIMATE: Speed ? Height (Alt.) 30° from horizon Size 3 TIMES OF STAR
Distance HARD TO ESTIMATE Sound NIL Colour _____
MILES

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO TRAIL

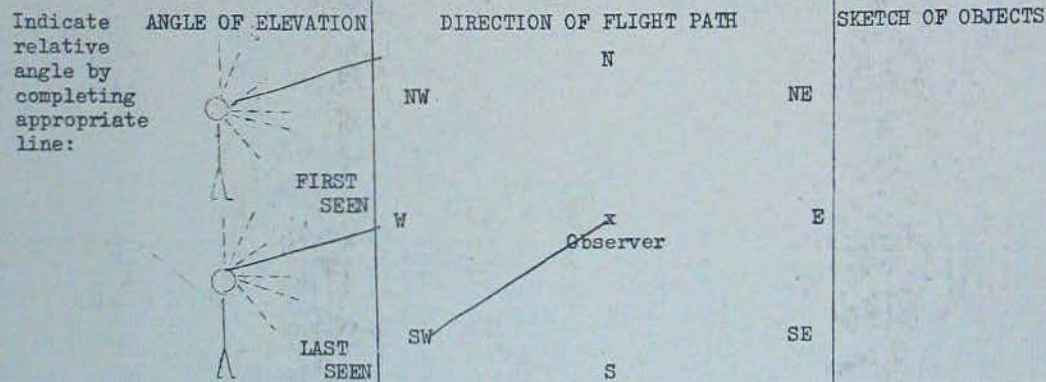
* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: HAVE SEEN VARIOUS ~~ONE~~ UFO'S OVER LAST 16 YEARS

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
WIFE & DAUGHTER (AS ABOVE ADDRESS)

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

ALWAYS INTERESTED, WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN OBJECT CLOSER.

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 30-12-71

Signature: B.T. Corbell

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File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Joseph Glanville Stevens Age 59 years.
Address 3 Parry Street Alberton SA Occupation Stonemason
Stk Hds. State Stk Aus.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Alberton, Generalist Powerlines North by north west.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Cloudless & hot

* Object was first observed: Date 24th September 1968 Time 9 PM. a.m.
9 PM. p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, (house) tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. (Light/s) 2. Noise. 3. (Movement) 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. (Solid object) 3. Changing shape.
Duration 7 seconds. No. of objects one. Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: No Idea.

Details of structure and shape: Round with flat dome.

ESTIMATE: Speed Faster than jet Height (Alt.) approx 18000 Size half round.
Distance ahead & away. Sound none. Colour only lights.

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: I was in the army firing Mowat's Machine guns & rifles
Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No.

* Object disappeared: 1. (In the sky) 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. (Or otherwise)

after passing disappeared in two seconds.

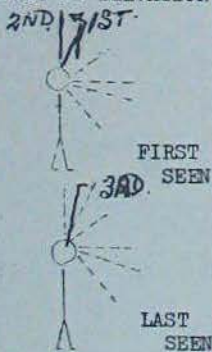
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: _____

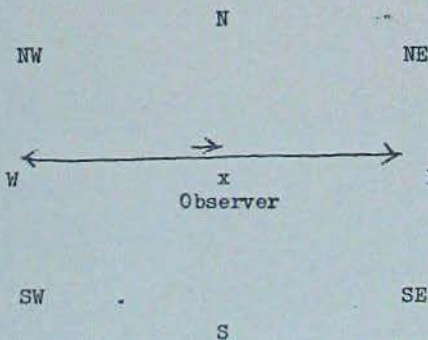
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: _____

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

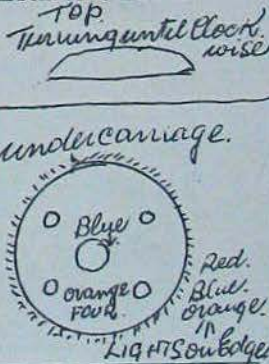
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

approx 18000 ft, & its effect on me was wanting to know what made it tick & to see it more closely.

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ / may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 11/11/1971

Signature: J G Stevens

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File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Barry G Stevens Age 20

Address 3 Parker Street Occupation Driver

Alberton South Aust State South Aust

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, ~~power~~^{phone} lines, etc. in vicinity)
Dublin South Aust

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 50%

* Object was first observed: Date 24/5/1969 Time 2:55 a.m.
p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:
Brightens of object

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 2 MIN No. of objects DNI Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: no ideal

Details of structure and shape: oval

ESTIMATE: Speed Hovering Height (Alt.) 180 feet Size 20 feet across
Distance 180 feet Sound muffle whooping Colour white

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
NONE

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

after hovering it speed off at 45 degree angle

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

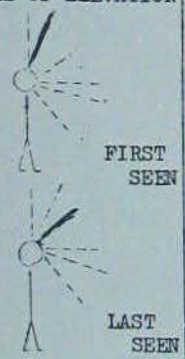
Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

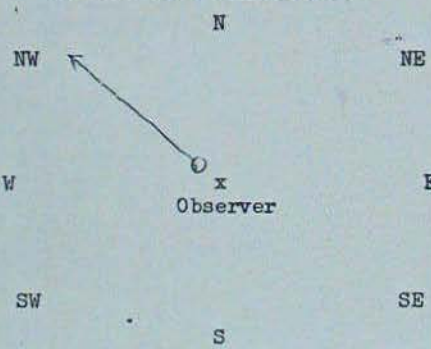
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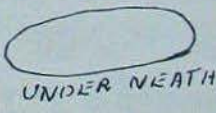
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

I was in my car turning into a farm house I heard a engine noise, looking up saw a object, it moved sideways ten yards. It hovered and then shot away at very fast speed at 45 degrees

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 11/11/1971

Signature: Barry G Stevens

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File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JENNETTE CECILE

Age 27

Address 10, DEWEY STREET

Occupation HOUSEWIFE

ELIZABETH PARK 512.

State S.A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

South of Mount Siffers, large water with ticks North of sightings.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Cloud clear night no clouds in vicinity.

* Object was first observed: Date 2/10/71 Time _____ a.m.

7:45-8:15 P.M.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

Bright orange light which faded, then came again a few green then orange again.

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration Several minutes. No. of objects 3 Formation formation.

Opinion of Propulsion: No visible sign of propulsion.

Details of structure and shape: Appeared to be large and round.

ESTIMATE: Speed Stationary Height (Alt.) 18 thousand feet Size large
Distance About 30 miles Sound None, too far away Colour changing

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: Aviation

in R.A.F. England and overseas, Radar location, Radar.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Light radiating from them.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Seemed to fall away as if for Helmholtz.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

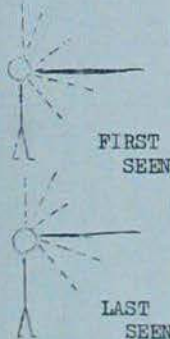
Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

sighting approx. 3 yrs ago of saucer shaped object (Pawa-vista Area)

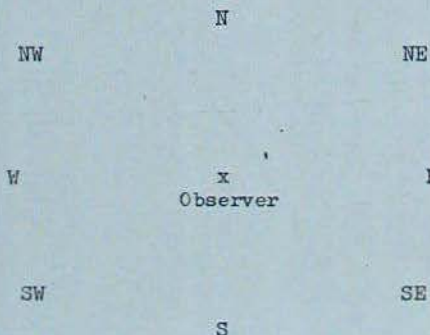
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: 18 Bromley, 13 The Grove Street, Elizabeth Grove, 5112

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

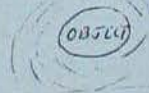
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

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Date: 16/10/71

Signature: J. Cecile

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

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File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name J. A. D. REE

Age 37

Address 4 MARNHULL ST

Occupation TECHNICIAN

ELIZABETH GROVE

State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

SKY.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? _____

* Object was first observed: Date 30 OCTOBER ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 1971 Time 8:12 ~~am~~ p.m.

1. In the sky 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

WAS ABOUT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE MOON

* Object appeared as: 1. A light 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration APPROX 20 SECS No. of objects ONE Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: NOT KNOWN

Details of structure and shape: NOT KNOWN. APPEARED LIKE A STAR

ESTIMATE: Speed NOT KNOWN Height (Alt.) NOT KNOWN Size STAR SIZE
Distance NOT KNOWN Sound _____ Colour _____

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: _____

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise _____

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: _____

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: _____

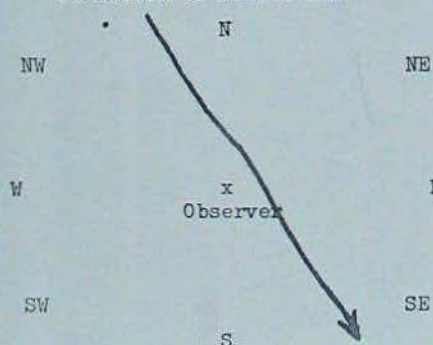
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

OBJECT APPEARED LIKE A STAR, BUT TOOK APPROX 20 SECONDS TO TRAVEL ACROSS SKY FROM N.W. TO SE UNTIL LOST BEHIND A TREE & HOUSE OPPOSITE. I HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN OPEN MIND WITH REGARD TO U.F.O.'S AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 5 NOVEMBER 1971

Signature: J. A. D. Ree

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name J.A.D. REE Age 37
Address 4 MARNHULL ST Occupation TECHNICIAN
ELIZABETH GROVE State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
SKY

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? _____

* Object was first observed: Date 30 OCTOBER 1971 Time 8.2 am.
p.m.

1. In the sky 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:
WAS ABOUT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE MOON

* Object appeared as: 1. A light 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration APPROX 20 SECS No. of objects ONE Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: NOT KNOWN

Details of structure and shape: NOT KNOWN. APPEARED LIKE A STAR

ESTIMATE: Speed NOT KNOWN Height (Alt.) NOT KNOWN Size STAR SIZE
Distance NOT KNOWN Sound _____ Colour _____

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: _____

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise _____

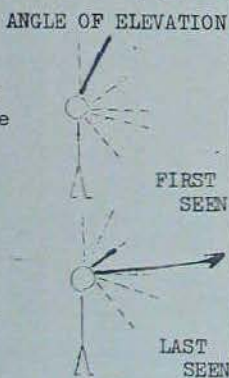
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: _____

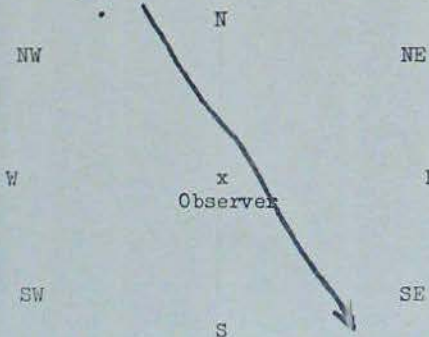
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: _____

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

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Date: 5 NOVEMBER 1971

Signature: J.A.D. Ree

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Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name B. T. SAVVAS

Age 31

Address 603 GREENHILL RD
BURNSIDE

Occupation SCIENTIST
State S A

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
FROM TAA 727 OVER MILDURA FLYING ADELAIDE TO SYDNEY

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 50%

* Object was first observed: Date 8/11/71 Time 7.45 a.m.
p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 30 SECS No. of objects 1 Formation CIRCULAR

Opinion of Propulsion: NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: CIRCULAR

ESTIMATE: Speed AT 727 SPEED + Height (Alt.) 15 000 FT Size 3°
Distance 1 MILE Sound NIL Colour WHITE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: NIL

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO TRAIL

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise U
UNDER AND IN FRONT OF PLANE.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? .YES / NO

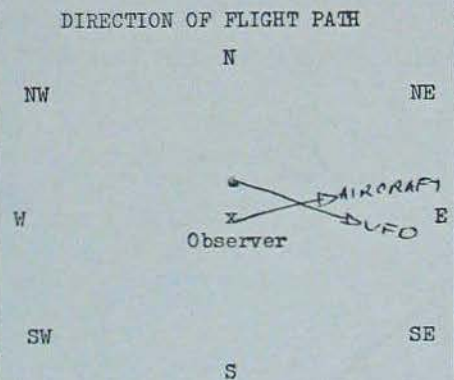
Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others:

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: NIL

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

From NW AIRCRAFT



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

I tried to assess whether the light was a reflection from a wing tip or distortion in the window. Having convinced myself it was not, I drew it attention to a fellow passenger. When the object started to move in front and down I half stood from my seat to follow.

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 15/11/71

Signature: B. Savvas

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* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Andrew Livingstone Age 20
Address 80, Gulfview Rd., Christies Beach, Occupation Uni. student
S. Aust. 5165 State S. A.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Christies Beach (north) - telephone cables

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Little cloud - object continually in view

* Object was first observed: Date 30/11/71 Time 4 a.m.
p.m.

(1) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. (2) Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1) A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 5 seconds No. of objects 1 Formation —

Opinion of Propulsion: Difficult to judge (no visible indication)

Details of structure and shape: Roughly circular light

ESTIMATE: Speed above 1,000 mph Height (Alt.) 1,500 ft. Size 100 ft. diameter

Distance in view 7 miles Sound 2 distinct sounds Colour Bright yellow

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: —

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared; 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
(3) Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

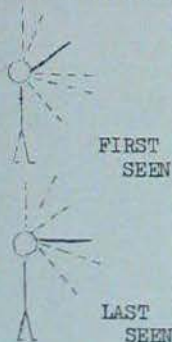
Is this your first sighting? (YES) / NO If not, give details of others: —

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

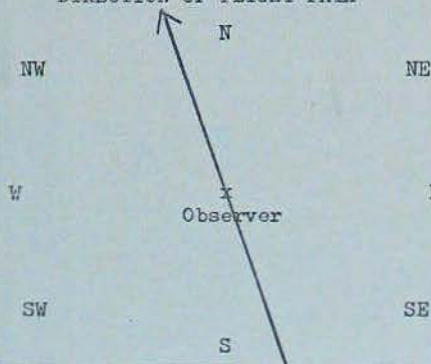
Paul Livingstone, 80 Gulfview Rd, Christies Beach, S. A. 5165

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

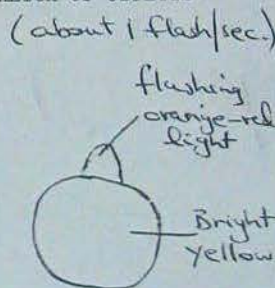
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Highly unusual sound - unlike that of conventional aircraft. General noise like thunder with constant high-pitched sound. Object's direction was a direct straight line - gave impression that it was proceeding rapidly towards some definite error. Feeling of awe and some fear, object ~~is~~ unlike anything I have seen before.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/~~withholding~~ my name.

Date: 2/12/71

Signature: Andrew Livingstone

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name GREGOR JAMES BLACK Age 22

Address 10 HOADLEY STREET Occupation _____

SALISBURY NTH. State SA.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
TOWARDS WEST BEACH AIRPORT.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 20%

* Object was first observed: Date 2.12.71 Time 9-40 P.m.
P.M.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. (3) Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1) Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1) A light. 2. Solid object. (3) Changing shape.

Duration 20 mins No. of objects ONE Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: _____ NO IDEA

Details of structure and shape: SINGLE LIGHT CHANGING COLOR

ESTIMATE: Speed HUVERING Height (Alt.) 30 FEET Size MATCH HEAD
Distance 30 FT Sound NONE Colour WHITE/BLUE/RED/ORANGE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

SCOUTS, A.T.C.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NONE

* Object disappeared: (1) In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
(3) Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: _____

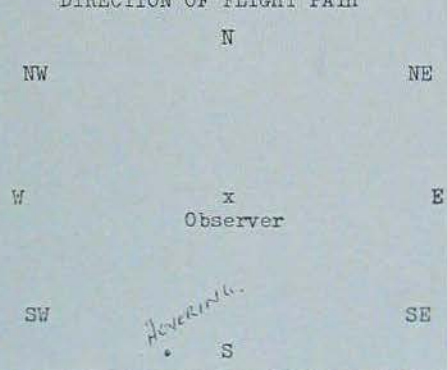
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: _____

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

DRIVING HOME, I SAW A LIGHT IN THE SKY I DID NOT THINK IT WAS A STAR. IT WAS CHANGING COLOR, THIS DREW MY ATTENTION. STOP CAR GET OUT AND WATCHED FOR 25 MINS. THEN IT

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published DISAPPEARED using/withholding my name.

Date: 7.12.71

Signature: _____

J.J. Black

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* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name F. Paulson

Age _____

Address Kadina

Occupation Retired

State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity) 2 miles of Kadina Disused Copper Mine Power Line 3500 ft.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? None

* Object was first observed: Date Dec 2nd 1971 Time 12-45 a.m.

(1) In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: (1) Light/~~✓~~. 2. Noise. (3) Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: (1) A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 5 MIN. No. of objects 1 Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: No IDEAR

Details of structure and shape: Round

ESTIMATE: Speed Very Slow Height (Alt.) 200 ft. Size 4-6" DIA.
Distance 1/4 MIKE Sound NONE Colour White Light

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

NONE

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NONE

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. (4) Or otherwise

Went to Land and then Disappeared

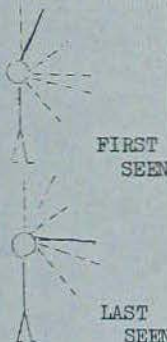
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others:

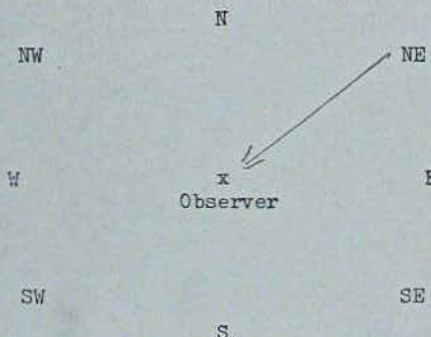
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

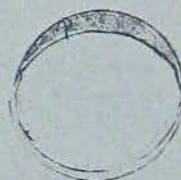
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to, and effects of sighting:

Just before retirement I went outside and the area was Pink. Then I looked up and saw an intense white light with a pink aura. I shut my eyes since then my left eye weeps often. I was amazed to see the sighting.

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~~with~~/withholding my name.

Date: 11-12 1971

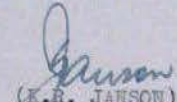
Signature: F Paulson

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REPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RE UFO REPORTS

DFR

Under the terms of 554/1/30 (75), the enclosed proformas which are replies to UFO sighting reports at folios 20, 22, 24, 27 and 29 respectively have been prepared for your signature and release.


(K.R. JANSON)
Cp Capt
DAFI

7 Jan 72

Enclosures: 1. 5 general statements on UFOs

GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was POSSIBLY A METEORITE.

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CANBERRA

27 JAN 1972

Signed
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TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

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17 DEC 1971

Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING
Mrs L. MARSH

1. Attached herewith is a letter from Mrs L. Marsh of Dandenong, Victoria, giving details of an aerial sighting during the evening of 4th December 1971. The sighting has been assessed as a meteor and the basis for this assessment is explained in paras 42 and 43 of the Unit Evaluation Sheet.
2. Mrs Marsh has been advised that her report has been examined and forwarded to Department of Air. Please advise Mrs Marsh (as requested in her letter) in accordance with standard procedures.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEX: 1. Mrs Marsh's Report
Appendix: 1. Pt2 - Unit Evaluation

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Dandenong

6th December 1971.

Headquarters Support Command,
R.A.F. Vic Barracks,
Melbourne 3004.



Attention for Command Intelligence Officer.

Dear Sir,

Please don't think that this is just another silly sighting, but I would like to know, what my husband and I saw.

Saturday evening 4th December, we watched a picture on T.V. "The Loudest Whisper" I don't know the time it ended, but it was to get a breath of fresh air, that we walked outside into our back garden, we did as we often do, look for Satellites, the night was clear, but the stars were not very bright, and we had just remarked on this, when I looked towards the east and saw this thing rushing at a very great speed, with globs of flame at the back, and a trail of lights following it, the lights did not go out as it passed but seemed to stay awhile almost in the full quarter arch before disappearing out of view.

The globs of flame lit up the barrel shaped object

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so it was quite easy to see its shape, it seemed to be about six inches long, but must have been very large indeed, it came from the E.N.E. towards W.S.W. We tried to pinpoint it at the time with the Southern Cross, but it must have been very low in the sky, because we could only see two of the stars and they were very dull.

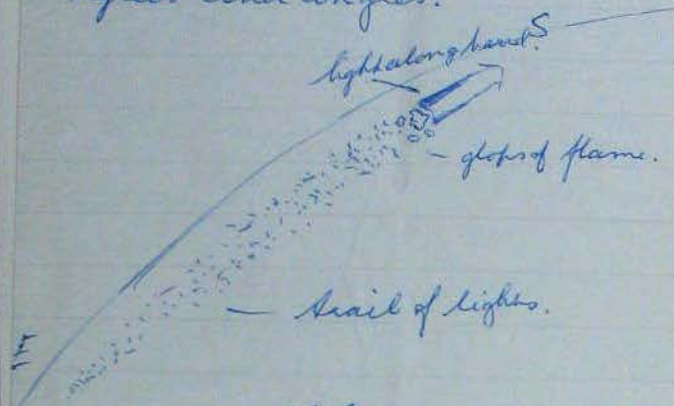
There were no clouds. I waved my arm from the direction the object came to where it went, and, at the speed it was going, it would not have taken more than about 3 seconds to pass. By the time I spoke to my husband to look, he saw the fiery tail and the glops of flame but the object had moved out of range behind trees and houses.

We laughed and said "Veneras Rocket was heading for Home" that's what it looked like a rocket, it moved at a far greater speed than any Satellite we have seen, it is possible it was not as high, but it seemed high. It travelled with the arch of the Earth not falling towards it, we thought of a meteorite, but the light from the fire behind it showed up its sides with light on top mostly, it seemed smooth and round at the back part, the front was mainly in darkness, I could have imagined I saw a shield type front on it, but the fiery back claimed most of my attention.

As we talked before we came back into the house,
the Wandering Town Hall Clock struck 11 O'clock, so
this thing must have passed over about 4 mins to 11 O'clock.

I hope I have not wasted your time, but we are
curious to know just what we saw, we definitely
saw something.

I will draw a diagram, but I'm not so great on
degrees and angles.



it passed about 60° from horizon

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Yours sincerely,

(L.M.) J. March

4 Dec 71
2300 1200Z

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Appendix to Annex A
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Dated 17 DEC 1971

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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.....(1) *NIL*.....(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.....(1) *NIL*.....(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 *37.59 S* Longitude *145-13 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.....

SIRIUS AZ 70° EL 59°
PROCYON AZ 56° EL 32°
RIGEL AZ 21° EL 67°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *LANERTON* at *1000* Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde **** radar ****: *Canale* **** battery **** (**delete as required)

General wind profile..... *S.W 10-15 KTS*

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

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *+2* °C at *5000* ft, measured at *200 2200* Z hrs from.....
LANERTON station.

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

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

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

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

41. The object reported probably was* ~~any that have been~~ (delete as required)
..... *a meteor.*

42. From a study of the written report submitted by MRS L MARSH, it is assessed that the object sighted was a meteor. This assessment is based on the time the object was visible, its trajectory through the sky, and the general description of the "tail" as the object traversed the earth's atmosphere.

43. In an endeavour to confirm this, contact was made with the Royal Melbourne Observatory but they were unable to provide details of any confirmatory sightings. Further discussions with the leader of the Current Phenomena Section, Astronomical Society of Victoria also proved fruitless, although some concurrence was obtained that the general description of the object sighted fitted that of a meteor.

..... *1495C* (Unit) *Hayes* (Name)
..... *16 Dec 71* (Date) *PLT LT* (Rank)

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4th January 1972

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Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by:

Mr. S.J. Day
Block 28
MILLAROO QUEENSLAND 4807

R.S. Black
(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report of Aerial Object Observed (Parts 1 and 2).

INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer. Sydney Jack DAY. Age 46
2. Address of observer. Block 28, MILLAROO (Mail Service 853,
Phone Millaroo 25. Millaroo, -4807)
Phone.
3. Occupation of observer. Cane farmer.
4. Date and time of observation. 6th, November, 1971 at approx. 5.30pm.
5. Duration of observation. Approx. 2 minutes.
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. Avr-Dalbeg Road, near Sub-Station at Mona Park
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Scattered clouds.
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation. Nil.
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind a hill, over the horizon). Travelling in a southerly direction on road and object was in a southerly western direction.
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise)
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? Appeared to be smoke.
12. If there was more than one object:
 - a. how many were there? Not applicable.
 - b. in what formation were they? Not applicable.
13. What was the colour of the light or object? Smokey grey.
14. What was its apparent shape? Horse-shoe shape.
15. Was any detail of structure observable? No.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No.
17. Was there any sound? No.
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation) Unable to determine.

Appeared to be

19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) stationary and then dispersed.

20. Was the object stationary? See prev. question.

21. What was the direction of Flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass? None.

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all? No.

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? No.

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, or over the horizon?) mid-air.

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence) No.

Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously? No.

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s)

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

Nil.

29. Are you a member of any organisation interested in aerial phenomena? No.

30. Name and address of organisation.

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

I have previously see a smoke flare fired previously and when I now think about the matter, this object seen by me was similar to a smoke flare.

(A.T. Henry)
Serp. Const. No. 5720
Interviewer
O/C Police, Clare.

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) (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 vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:

A/C type (1) (2) (3)
Heading T T T
Height ,000ft ,000ft ,000ft
Speed K K K
ATD/ATA* hrs hrs hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.. 19.45 S Longitude.. 147.15 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 N/A

36. A meteorological balloon was released from N/A at Z Colour Weight gm

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

General wind profile E to SE to 12,000' with S-SW overlay to 18,500'

Maximum height tracked ,000ft at Z

Was it known to have burst?

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- 37. The first significant temperature inversion was of N/A
.....°C atft, measured atZ
hrs fromstation.
- 38. Any remarks on satellaties, rockets, research balloons,
comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting...N/A.....
- 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~~)
V.N.V.S.H.A.K...C.L.O.U.D...F.O.R.M.A.T.I.O.N......

.....H.Q.T.V.L.....(Unit).....W.G.CANNIFFE.....(Name)
.....21ST DEC 1971.....(Date).....PILOT OFFICER.....(Rank)

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

- References:
- A. HQTWL AI 41 dated 300430Z Dec 71
 - B. HQTWL AI 42 dated 040430Z Jan 72

Enclosed are reports of a sighting by each of the following:

Mrs Collins
12 Maben Street
TOWNSVILLE QUEENSLAND

Mr McDougall
Upper Ross River
QUEENSLAND

R.S. Black
(R.S. BLACK)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

- Enclosures: 1. 2 Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings

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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 Mrs. COLLINS Age
2. Address of observer .. 12 Mabin Street TOWNSVILLE
..... Phone
3. Occupation of observer Waitress
..... 300325Z DEC 71
4. Date and time of start of observation
How certain is the date? Positive
How accurate is the time of start? within 10 minutes
5. Duration of observation Three minutes
How accurate is your estimate? Fair
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Initial sighting occurred at the
..... traffic lights at Hermit Park TVL.
How familiar is observer with this locality? Lived in area five years
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation cloudy
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation visual
9. Where was object first observed? out of RH window of car, fairly high in sky
(a) Relative to your surroundings over a rubbish tip
(b) Angle of elevation could not estimate
(c) Compass angle bearing 040 degrees magnetic
(d) How accurate are these estimates? just fair
10. What first attracted observer's attention? shape of object

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- 11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - (a) how many were there? ..one only.....
 - (b) in what formation were they? ..n/a.....
- 12. What was the colour of the light or object? ..Silvery/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)

Same as aircraft in sky.....
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach; appeared larger than aircraft seen flying over TVL normally
 - (a) relative to Venus or Moon ..n/a.....
 - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... same as A.9.....
- 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)? ..n/a.....
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances

..... n/a.....
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases ..appeared stationary all the time.....
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ..n/a.....
- 22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen..... none.....
- 23. Where was object last observed?
 - (a) relative to your surroundings ..n/a.....
 - (b) angle of elevation ... same as A.9.....

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- (c) compass angle bearing ..n/e.....
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Simply disappeared.....
- 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 witnesses to the sighting? one adult and 2 children.....
- 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? Aircraft.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
lack of wings and its sudden disappearance.....
- 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 [Signature] Date 30th Dec 71

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

A/C type (1)..... (2) (3)
 Heading T.....T.....T.....T
 Height ,000ft.....,000ft.....,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:

French
 A/C type DC8.....(1). DC9.....(2).....(3)
 Heading 350..... T.....T
 Height 34.1.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft
 Speed K.....K.....K
 ATD/ATA 1408.....hrs. 1415.....hrs.....hrs

1405

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 19.16S..... Longitude 146.46E.....

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 n/a.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from Townsville.....
 at 2315.....Z Colour white..... Weightgm
 Radio-sonde**/radar** : Candle ~~xxxxxx~~/battery**(** delete as required)
 General wind profile Too early for reported sighting.....
 Maximum height tracked ,000ft atZ
 Was it known to have burst?

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37. The first significant temperature inversion was of
.....°C atft, measured atZ
hrs fromstation.
38. Any remarks on satellities, rockets, research balloons,
comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....
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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include
radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the
aircraft lights were operating
.....
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)
an aircraft, flying at such an attitude and course as to give the impression
of being without wings and stationary. Its disappearance may have been caused
by its flying into cloud.

.....HQFWL.....(Unit).....W.G.CANNIFFE.....(Name)
.....5 JAN 72.....(Date).....Pilot Officer.....(Rank)

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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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 MR. M. DOUGALL Age 27
2. Address of observer UPPER BOSS RIVER
Phone BUSINESS 715990
3. Occupation of observer POSTAL OFFICER
4. Date and time of start of observation 2.11.02 JAN 72
How certain is the date? POSITIVE
How accurate is the time of start? QUITE (IF WATCH ACCURATE)
5. Duration of observation 2 TO 3 MINS
How accurate is your estimate? POSITIVE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting NEAR GUMVALE STORE LOOKING
ACROSS AT MOUNT STUART
How familiar is observer with this locality? LIVED 2 WEEKS IN
IMMEDIATE LOCALITY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation LOW CLOUD 8/8
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation N/A
9. Where was object first observed?
(a) Relative to your surroundings ACROSS RIVER ABOVE
PEAKS
(b) Angle of elevation 30°
(c) Compass angle bearing EAST
(d) How accurate are these estimates? FAIR
10. What first attracted observer's attention? PULSATING RED LIGHT

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- 11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - (a) how many were there? 1 ONLY
 - (b) in what formation were they?
- 12. What was the colour of the light or object? .. RED
- 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 AS BRIGHT AS STREET LIGHT
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - (a) relative to Venus or Moon SAME SIZE AS CAR HEADLIGHT ON CASTLE MOUNT VIEWED FROM CIT.
 - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? .. about 90° at 30°
- Road runs almost due north at light was seen at it angles to
- 16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? .. no though it seemed to be spinning .. Road
- 17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity

..... NA
- 18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height if an estimate can be justified)? .. 30° then down until detached by peak
- 19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with movement of familiar objects at stated distances

..... NA OVER
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases .. NA
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Sudden downwards MOVEMENT
- 22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen.....

..... NA
- 23. Where was object last observed?
 - (a) relative to your surroundings NORTH OF 1ST OBSERVATION
 - (b) angle of elevation .. less than 30°

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- (c) compass angle bearing 080'
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance? WENT DOWNWARDS
- 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 witnesses to the sighting? YES... ANOTHER... THREE
- 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? PEROPLANE
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
No sound and vertical movement downward
- 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.

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Signature [Signature] Date 4 Jan 71

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

*Army helicopter
on flood plain 2/10/70*

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
 A/C type (1)..... (2) (3)
 HeadingT.....T.....T
 Height000ft.....000ft.....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:
 A/C type DC9 (1) DC9 (2) DC9 (3)
 Heading 133.....T.....153.....T.....EA CAIRNS.....T
 Height.....000ft.....000ft.....16,000ft DME ARRIVAL
 Speed.....K.....K.....K
 ATD/ATA* 2155.....hrs.....2143.....hrs.....2125.....hrs LOCAL TIME
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 General wind profile < AFTER SIGHTING MADE >
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 Was it known to have burst?

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.U.D. AIRCRAFT...MOVEMENTS...TIE IN.....

..... *HQTUL*(Unit)..... *W. G. CANNIFFE*(Name)
 *6 JAN 72*(Date)..... *PILOT OFFICER*(Rank)

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GENERAL STATEMENT IN RELATION TO
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MISS J. LOWRY (21)
335 BROOKER AVE
E. MOONAH TAS
7009.

1. Your report on the sighting of an Unusual Flying Object (UFO) has been investigated and the object was . . . A FOKKER FRIENDSHIP (F-27)
AIRCRAFT LANDING AT HOBART AIRPORT

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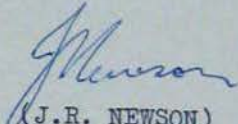
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. An unusual aerial sighting on 11th December 1971 of an alleged object at Carlton TAS, near Hobart, was reported to the Tasmanian Squadron ATC by Miss J. Lowry and Master S. Spaulding of Moonah.
2. Attached are the two reports together with Investigating Officer's assessment of the incident.


(J.R. NEWSON)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

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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... JENNIFER LOWRY..... Age... 18.....
2. Address of observer... 335 BROOKER AVE..... E. MOONAH.....
..... TAS..... 7009.....
3. Occupation of observer..... STUDENT.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 11th Dec 1971, 4.00 am.....
How certain is the date?... CERTAIN.....
5. Duration of observation... 3/4 an hour.....
How accurate is your estimate?... FAIRLY..... TIME CHECKED ON WATCH.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... RAINGA - SHACK AT.....
CARLTON BEACH.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?... FAIRLY..... FAMILIAR.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... STILL, CLEAR, FINE, SHANT.....
DARK.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Nil.....
9. Where was object first observed?;
a. Relative to your surroundings... ~~INDISTINCT~~ WEST.....
b. angle of elevation... 45° - 50°.....
c. compass angle bearing... approx 27.....
d. how accurate are these estimates? estimated without aids.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Stephen called to.....
me and pointed at the window.....
11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there? 2 objects - 1 light, other 1 light.....
b. in what formation were they? one hovering; other flying to it.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object? one red, other white.....
other white

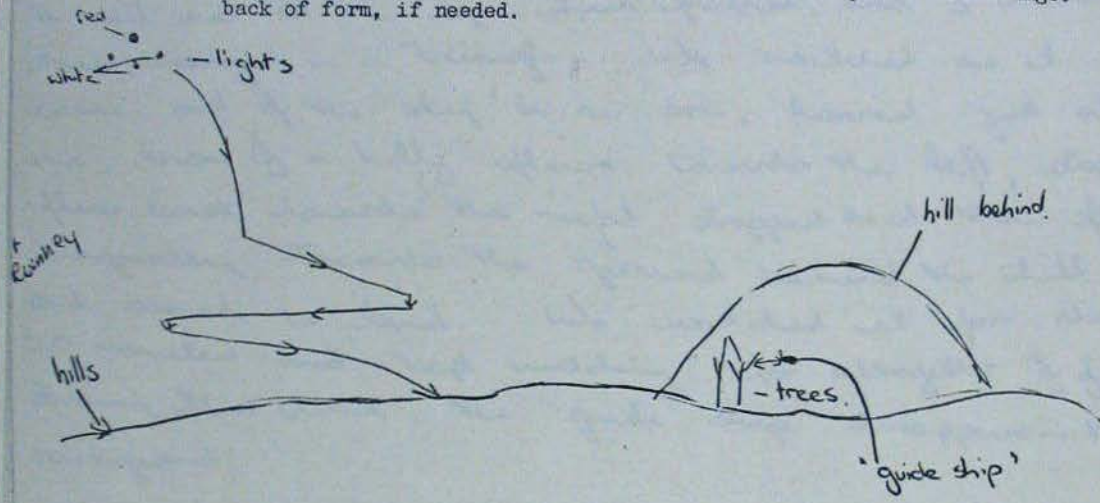
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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
Lights - but brighter than street light..... other... duller.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?;
a. relative to Venus or Moon..... *3*.....
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 from the eyes)
about 3/4".....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? *as before - estimated*.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *no*.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
no.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *disappeared below horizon in case of hills to right of Mt Rumney*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movements of familiar objects at stated distances. *comparable to a car - 20-30 mph at 2 mile distance*.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases... *5-10 secs*.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. *dropped vertically, travelled horizontally backwards & forwards, - travelled diagonally towards ground*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... *nothing*.....
23. Where was object last observed :
a. relative to your surroundings... *above West*.....
b. angle of elevation... *at the skyline*.....
c. compass angle bearing... *about 270*.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *one disappeared below skyline, or disappeared - faded backwards*
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
Trigonometry... Geometry.....
27. How many witnesses to the sightings? *3*.....

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- 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?... *helicopter*.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? *positioning of lights, not in right position for suspect, no residual helicopter, movement was wrong.*
- 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..... *[Signature]* Date..... *15 Dec 1990*

about 4:00 am. Stephen standing
in the bathroom of a friend's shack at
Carlton (about 300 yds inland from the Surf Life Saving
club) where we were staying for the weekend. I ran
to the bathroom and looked out the window with
Michelle Gandy and Stephen. We saw what we
thought must have been a UFO as it was too early
for planes and helicopters. There was also a light
behind some trees to the right of the object which
seemed to be like a "guide ship". It was flashing
and moved backwards and forwards.

The other ship consisted to our view of 4 lights
a red one at the top which flashed, and 3 white
ones arranged in a triangle. We watched as it
came out of the sky in an arc, hovered just above
the brow of a hill, flew towards the left, stopped,
flew back towards the right, stopped and then flew
diagonally towards the ground behind the hill
and seemed to land. We watched it for about
20 minutes and kept watching for altogether $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.
During this time, the "guide ship" disappeared into the
background.

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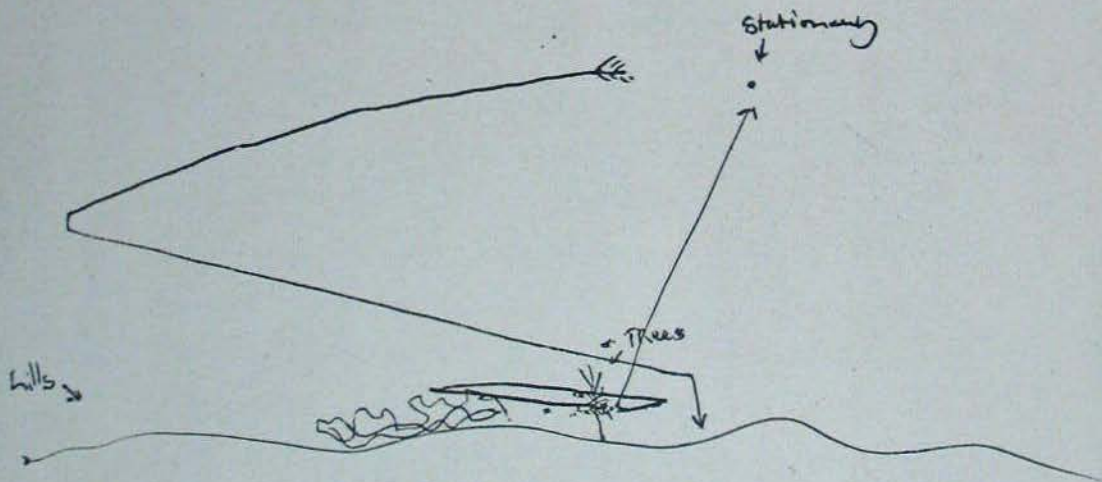
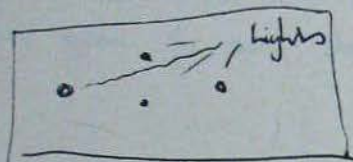
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1. Name of observer... Stephen Sparkling..... Age... 16
2. Address of observer... 104. ASHMOOT CRES..... Moonaht
.....
3. Occupation of observer... STUDENT.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 11th December 1971..... 4 AM
How certain is the date?... CERTAIN.....
5. Duration of observation... 3 1/2 hours.....
How accurate is your estimate?... Time checked on watch.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Carlton beach.....
about 300 yards from Surf club.....
- How familiar is observer with this locality?... Reasonably familiar.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... clear and still.....
slight breeze.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... None.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed?;
a. Relative to your surroundings... West.....
.....
b. angle of elevation... 45° to 50°.....
c. compass angle bearing... 270°.....
d. how accurate are these estimates?... Estimated with out aids.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... Right Star.....
.....
11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there?... four lights..... Two objects.....
b. in what formation were they?... One hovering, one moving about.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?... One was Red and white.....
one was white

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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)
Street light at a distance other one was dull.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?;
 - a. relative to Venus or Moon.....
 - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 from the eyes)
about 3/4 of an inch
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... *as before.*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *No.*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
No. —
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *Disappeared below horizon*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movements of familiar objects at stated distances..... *slow about 30 mph.*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *5 to 10 seconds.*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *Dipped vertically & traversed horizontally*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *Diagonally Reversed. Nothing.*
23. Where was object last observed :
 - a. relative to your surroundings..... *still approximately West.*
 - b. angle of elevation..... *above skyline.*
 - c. compass angle bearing..... *270.*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *Out of sight. One handed behind hill.*
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. Good knowledge.
27. How many witnesses to the sightings?..... *Three.*

- 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? *Helicopter*.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? *Position of lights: away from the airport: no helicopters stationed at the airport. Movement was away.*
- 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 *Spaulding*.....

Date *15th December 1971*.....

above Single Mill. I called Jeremy to come and have
a look. Michelle said, and we all agree, it was a UFO. It had
4 lights. I was a red flashing light. It moved across the
sky and signaled to the other one higher up in the sky.
That one then seemed to move backwards till it disappeared
the first one then flew in a sort of a zig zag line and
landed. we watched for a while hoping it would take off
it didn't. ~~at~~ we watched the whole thing for about $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. we
watched the UFO's for only fifteen to twenty minutes.
we were all at a weekend party at a friends shack at
cannon. near the surf club.

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time : NONE

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

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

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

A/C type FOKKER P27.....(1).....(2).....(3)

300 / 120

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

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

0425(LST) - Hobart Airport

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

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 42° 50 S Longitude 147° 40 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.....
SATURN - NORTH WEST - 30°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from HOBART AIRPORT at.....
101600 Z. Colour WHITE Weight.....100 gm

~~Radio frequency~~**/radar** : ~~Variable~~**/battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile.....270° / 280° 20/40 Knots

Maximum height tracked.....40,000ft at.....1700 Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....^o C at NO SIGNIFICANT INVERSION.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....station.

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

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

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if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating. 1. AC NAVIGATION LIGHTS 2. AERODROME BEACON

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can ~~not~~ be determined.

41. The object reported probably was ~~not a Fokker F27~~ (Delete as required)

a. the FOKKER F27 on a right-hand circuit for runway 12 at HOBART AIRPORT. The aircraft's navigation lights would appear to the observer at CARLTON to move :

- (i) north to south (downwind leg),
- (ii) stationary (crosswind leg),
- (iii) south to north (final approach), and
- (iv) disappear diagonally (short final).

b. The Hobart Aerodrome Beacon (alt white/green 8.3 rpm) would be visible at tree level from CARLTON. The beacon was operating from approx. 0400 to 0430 (LST). The Hobart airport is WNW and approximately 5 miles from CARLTON.

TASATC

(Unit)

H. E. Dixon

(Name)

7Jan72

(Date)

Wg Cdr

(Rank)

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13th January 1972

Chief Security Officer
Department of Supply
Constitution Avenue
PARKES ACT 2600

UNUSUAL SIGHTING - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

- References: A. Your YA 26/9/2 of 24th December 1971
B. Your Y 10/5/1 of 7th January 1972

1. Although the known facts concerning this incident could lend themselves to speculation regarding the presence of a foreign aircraft in Woomera airspace on the 20th December, the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence considers this most unlikely.
2. The Directorate believes that a more plausible explanation involves the re-entry of space debris into the earth's atmosphere but is unable to confirm this possibility.

(K.R. JANSON)
Group Captain
Director of Air Force Intelligence



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CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600 • TELEGRAMS: "SUPDEP" • TELEX: 62063 • TELEPHONE 48 2111

In Reply Quote Y10/5/1

7 January 1972

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

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

Please refer to my signal C.26699, Y10/5/1 of 20 December 1971.

2. Attached is a copy of a report on this incident received from the Regional Security Officer, S.A., that provides more detail of the sighting of an aircraft with accompanying vapour trail over the Woomera Prohibited Area on 20 December. The course of the unidentified aircraft would be approximately at 90° to that flown by the two known aircraft whilst they were en-route Singapore-Darwin-Melbourne and the times are at variance.

3. Sketcher is a trained meteorological observer and has been employed at W.R.E., Woomera, for many years. He is regarded as a most reliable officer and not one who would be prone to reporting an incident unless he was firmly convinced of his facts. After sighting the "tiny silver dot, forming this vapour trail across the sky" from the met. area in the Technical Area at Woomera, he proceeded to the Commonwealth Police Guard Station at the entrance to the Technical Area, some ¼ mile away, in order to obtain verification of his sighting. This resultant time delay would account for the fact that the Commonwealth Police Officers on duty only saw the vapour trail.

4. This sighting appears to be sufficiently authenticated, yet there is no official knowledge of any military or civil aircraft that could have intruded into the Woomera air space. It is therefore now a matter of speculation that some foreign aircraft passed through a Restricted Flying Area on 20 December 1971 without the knowledge of the appropriate authorities and this is cause for concern. Advice would be appreciated should any further information on this matter be gleaned by you.

CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

- c.c. Director of Naval Intelligence, Canberra
- c.c. Director of Military Intelligence, Canberra
- c.c. Director-General, A.S.I.O., Melbourne

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TO :	Chief Security Officer, CANBERRA	REG. CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER
FROM :	Regional Security Office, ADELAIDE <small>(Branch or Estab.)</small>	Y 10 5 1
REFER :	Mr. F.E. Ellis	OUR FILE NO. YA 26/9/2
	EXT. No. 506 484	DATE December 24th, 1971

Your Reference :

Subject : UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA



Further to telephonic advice to the D/C.S.O. on 20.12.1971 forwarded herewith is a copy of report 5/126/5 (YW10/3/4) of 21st December, 1971 in regard to an alleged sighting of an unidentified aircraft at Woomera at 6.50 a.m. on 20.12.1971.

2. Elaboration was requested from SKETCHER through the E.S.O., Woomera who later advised the following:

- Read conditions at side here?*
- No aircraft noise was heard by SKETCHER or the Commonwealth Police.
 - Only the vapour trail was seen by the Commonwealth Police.
 - The vapour trail was described as long and continuous but gradually dispersing.
 - The vapour trail was visible for a period of some 5 - 10 minutes.

3. Department of Civil Aviation, Adelaide advised that, except for the two aircraft mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Establishment Security Officer's report, no other civil aircraft were in the Area at that time. The Military Air Traffic Controller at West Beach Airport advised that no military aircraft were recorded in the Area.

4. It is noted, in passing, that one of the aircraft flying south Singapore to Melbourne was Yugoslavian.

5. As requested, the Security Officer, Communications interviewed Mr. Brian HARKIN of Space Research Group, W.R.E., Salisbury to check satellite passings at the relevant time but Mr. HARKIN stated that, as there are some 4,000 pieces of hardware floating around in outer space, a number of which are liable to re-entry and resultant burning up at any time, it is difficult to reconcile these with any relevant time scale. However, he is checking further against records.

6. It is disturbing that, at the present time, no explanation is available in regard to an apparent unidentified aircraft which has intruded into Woomera Air Space.

7. If the object was an aircraft, the assessed height must be in the vicinity of 50 - 60,000 feet and consequently would involve an aircraft of a size which must utilise either a major civil or military airfield or, as is most unlikely, an aircraft carrier.

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8. As advised by you neither Directorates of Navy or Air Force Intelligence are aware of any aircraft which could have been involved in this incident and it is difficult to imagine any other Australian Defence source.

9. Any further information will be advised to you. It would be appreciated if any other channels which may have been responsible could be approached.



(F.E. ELLIS)

REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, (S.A.)

c.c. E.S.O., Woomera.

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO :	REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, ADELAIDE.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM : (Branch or Estab.)	SECURITY BRANCH, WOOMERA.	OUR FILE NO. 5/126/5 (YW 10/3/4)
REFER :	P.H. Zadow	DATE 21st December 1971
	EXTEN: 05-324	

Your Reference :

Subject :

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT

As reported verbally, an unidentified high flying aircraft was observed over the Woomera Prohibited Area at 0650 hours on Monday 20th December, 1971.

2. The aircraft was sighted by Stanley James SKETCHER (SS 612) of the Meteorology Bureau, who immediately reported the incident to l/c.c. DUTTON of the Commonwealth Police Force. DUTTON observed the vapour trail left by the aircraft shortly afterwards.

3. SKETCHER was interviewed about the incident. He stated that he saw the aircraft with the naked eye only and was first attracted to it by the vapour trail in the sky. He saw the aircraft as a tiny silver dot, forming this vapour trail across the sky. The aircraft was heading in a north easterly direction, (more east than north) and appeared to be slightly north of the Technical Area (not over Hurrungar as previously reported). SKETCHER assumed the aircraft was flying from Perth to Brisbane.

4. The incident was reported to this office by the Commonwealth Police at 0820 on 20.12.71. Enquiries were immediately commenced with the local D.C.A. representative, who later advised that only two high flying aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. These were over Leigh Creek at 0546 and 0707 respectively, however they were flying south-east from Singapore to Melbourne. A copy of the D.C.A. advice is attached.

5. As no further information can be obtained locally, it would be appreciated if the assistance of the C.S.O. could be sought.

Time sighted at Woomera 0650

P.H. Zadow
 (P.H. ZADOW)
 Establishment Security Officer,
 Woomera.

c.c. Area Administrator,
 D.C.A. Woomera.

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FF AADYS AAADZR AAWHYS AACDYS AALCYS
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AT 192020 A CLEAR VAPOUR TRAIL FROM A HIGH FLYING ACFT WAS
OBSERVED CROSSING AREA R242 FROM A SOUTHWESTERLY TO NORTHEASTERLY
DIRECTION. SECURITY REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ACFT THAT
COULD HAVE BEEN IN THAT AREA.

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RUMES 192215. NO INFO THIS OFFICE

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20 DEC 1971

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FF AAWRYS
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RUMES 192215. FOLLOWING HIGH FLYING AIRCRAFT TRACKED SOUTH THIS MORNING - JU7165 (JUGOSLAV) SINGAPORE FOR MELBOURNE WAS TMC 1846
F370 AALC 1916. QF168 (QANTAS) SINGAPORE FOR MELBOURNE WAS TMC
2007 F370 AALC 2037. NO OTHER KNOWN MOVEMENTS THAT COULD BE
RELEVANT. PLEASE NOTE THAT VAPOUR TRAILS FROM THESE AIRCRAFT
VERY CLEARLY OBSERVED AND PERHAPS THEY COULD HAVE DRIFTED

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UNCLAS AI42 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD MR MCDOUGALL
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031100Z JAN 72 PD BEING INVESTIGATED

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UNCLAS AI41 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD
MRS COLLINS 12 NABIN ST TVL SIGHTED PLANE WITHOUT WINGS
300325Z DEC 71 PD UNDER INVESTIGATION

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UNCLAS A140 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO REPORT PD MISS A
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MOVING ACROSS SKY IN SW DIRECTION PD UNDER INVESTIGATION

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21 0235Z DEC 71

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FOR MORRISON CSO PD REFERENCE YOUR Y10/5/1 DATED 20 DEC CPM NO MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY OF BURRUNGAR PROHIBITED AREA WITHIN ONE HOUR OF 200659 PD DAFI UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ASSESSMENT OF SIGHTING ON 28 OCT 71 AT THIS TIME PD

J.F. McCARTHY

IR-1 (DAFI)

J. McCarthy

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C O N F I D E N T I A L C26399 Y1075/1 FOR DAFI INFO DNI INFO DMI
FROM MORRISON CSO. FURTHER MY Y125/5/17 OF 22.11.71 FOLLOWING
SIGHTING REPORTED AT 0659 HOURS TO-DAY BY A MR STAN SKETCHER, A
METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER, AND THE COMMONWEALTH POLICE FROM TECHNICAL
AREA WOOMERA. VERY HIGH VAPOUR TRAIL MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST
WHICH APPEARED TO PASS OVER NURRUNGAR PROHIBITED AREA. SEEN FOR
APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. NO LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AIRCRAFT.

DCA ADVISE NO KNOWLEDGE ANY AIRCRAFT IN AREA. CAN YOU HELP WITH
ASSESSMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS OR PREVIOUS SIGHTING ON
28 OCT 71 PLEASE

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 69 0550

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND
RAAF
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE SCT VIC 3004

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(108)

21 DEC 1971

~~DAFI~~ Department of Air (DAFI)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQESL Message A302/CFS 220445Z NOV71

Herewith is a report and Investigating Officer's findings concerning a sighting by Mr and Mrs E.G. Ranford from their property at Briagalong VIC on the evening of 18th November 1971.

(W.C. KERITZ)
Wing Commander
For Air Officer Commanding

ANNEX: A. HQESL 5/2/Air(20)

APPENDICES 1&2. UFO Report
Investigating Officer's Report

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DATED 31 DEC 1971

Sale 44 3311

5/2/Air(20)



Headquarters
RAAF Base
EAST SALE VIC 3852

24th November 1971

Headquarters Support Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING
EAST SALE - 18 Nov 71

Reference: A. Your 5/6/Air(20) of 17th January 1971
HQESL MESSAGE A30y/cfs 220445z Nov 71

1. Forwarded in duplicate is the report concerning an Unusual Aerial Sighting near Briagalong on 18th November 1971.
2. The conclusions drawn by the Investigating Officer follow the logical approach he adopted during the investigation of this sighting.
3. The Investigating Officer, Flg Off Ogden, has prepared a high standard report on this matter which assures a continuance of the previous high standards set by his predecessor Flt Lt J. Staal.

J. S. Wilson
(J.S. WILSON)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Investigating Officer's Report on Sighting of a Phenomena at Briagalong on 18 Nov 71

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S
REPORT ON SIGHTING OF A PHENOMENA
AT BRIAGALONG ON 18 NOV 71

APPENDIX #1.
HQSC 5/6/1/Air(108)
DATED

21 DEC 1971

INTRODUCTION

1. On the 18 Nov 71 the base duty controller received a telephone call from Mr E.G. Ranford, of Briagalong, reporting a strange light formation in the South West, which was sighted at 2120 EDST.
2. The investigating officer visited Mr Ranford on the 22 Nov 71 to conduct an interview with him about the sighting.
3. Mr Ranford said that, at about 2120 EDST his wife had called him outside to see a strange light formation which was evident to the south west, although at the time he had mistaken it to be the north west. The formation had one brilliant white light at the top, and a cone topped box below, with another bright light at the apex of the cone. The outline appeared to be composed of a myriad of smaller lights, and the formation was visible for approximately 20 minutes, after which it was seen to fade away.

QUALITY OF THE EVIDENCE

4. Mr Ranford and his wife appeared to the investigating officer to be a normal, quiet, elderly couple, both in full control of their mental facilities. Mr Ranford did not have any obsession with UFOs, and did not consider what he observed to be a UFO. According to Mr Ranford it was the first time either he or his wife had observed anything unusual in the night sky in their 20 years of residence at Briagalong, and he thought that he should tell some one about what he saw, as it may have been of interest.
5. The description of the phenomena given by both Mr Ranford and his wife closely matched, and after a series of questions neither had deviated from their original description. Mr Ranford showed a reasonable knowledge of the location of certain prominent stars and planets, and described the formation in relation to Venus, which he said was slightly to the south of the formation at the same altitude. It is the investigating officers opinion that the location and shape of the phenomena were accurately reported by Mr Ranford.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

6. The following aspects were considered in an endeavour to find a satisfactory explanation:
 - a. Aircraft. There were no known civil or military aircraft in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
 - b. Visible Satellites. There were no visible satellite passes at that time.
 - c. Meteorological Balloons. The balloon released at Sale at 1015Z would have been blown due west by the prevailing winds, and would not have been near the area of the sighting. The balloon released from Laverton at 0500Z would have been blown well west of the area of the sighting by 1020Z, the time of the sighting.

/d. Local

d. Local Phenomena. The only local effect in the area is the waste burner at the Esso BHP gas plant, and this is well to the south of the sighting. Mr Ranford also stated that he is familiar with this phenomena and that it was not part of the sighting.

e. Celestial Bodies. The only two bodies which could have any effect on the sighting are Venus and Jupiter. At the time of the sighting Venus had an azimuth of 243°T and an elevation of 5° which closely ties in with Mr Ranford's identification of that planet. Jupiter had an azimuth of 242°T and an elevation of -0° .25min, which in the presence of an inversion could explain the one brilliant light at the top of the formation.

f. Meteorological Conditions. At 1000Z, the weather in the area was 1/8 of cumulus at 2500ft, visibility 20nm and the Laverton radiosonde trace at 1100Z, showed an inversion layer at 2.5°C between 7500ft and 9000ft.

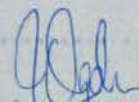
CONCLUSION

7. The most likely cause of the formation observed by Mr Ranford was refraction of light through an inversion layer. The bright light at the top of the formation could have been Jupiter, the azimuth and altitude at the time being conducive to a refraction of the planet by the inversion, causing it to appear at an altitude of 14° in the form of a bright light.

8. The only possible explanation for the remainder of the formation would be a similar refraction of the lights of Morwell, which lies on a bearing of 240°T from Mr Ranford's house. The regular shape of the formation, and the composition of small lights adds even more credence to the explanation. A slight change in the inversion layer would cause the refracted lights to appear to fade to an observer in the one location.

When was object first observed?

23 Nov 71


(J.N. GDEN)
Flying Officer
Investigating Officer

Annexes: A. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting Part I and II

1. compass angle bearing: 242°

2. how accurate are these estimations? reasonable

3. What first attracted observer's attention? unusual light pattern in the sky

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

a. how many were there? at least six

b. in what formation were they? line with pointed top

5. What was the colour of the light or object? white

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

APPENDIX B
HQSC 5/6/1/Air(108)

DATED 11 DEC 1971

Part I - Report by Observer

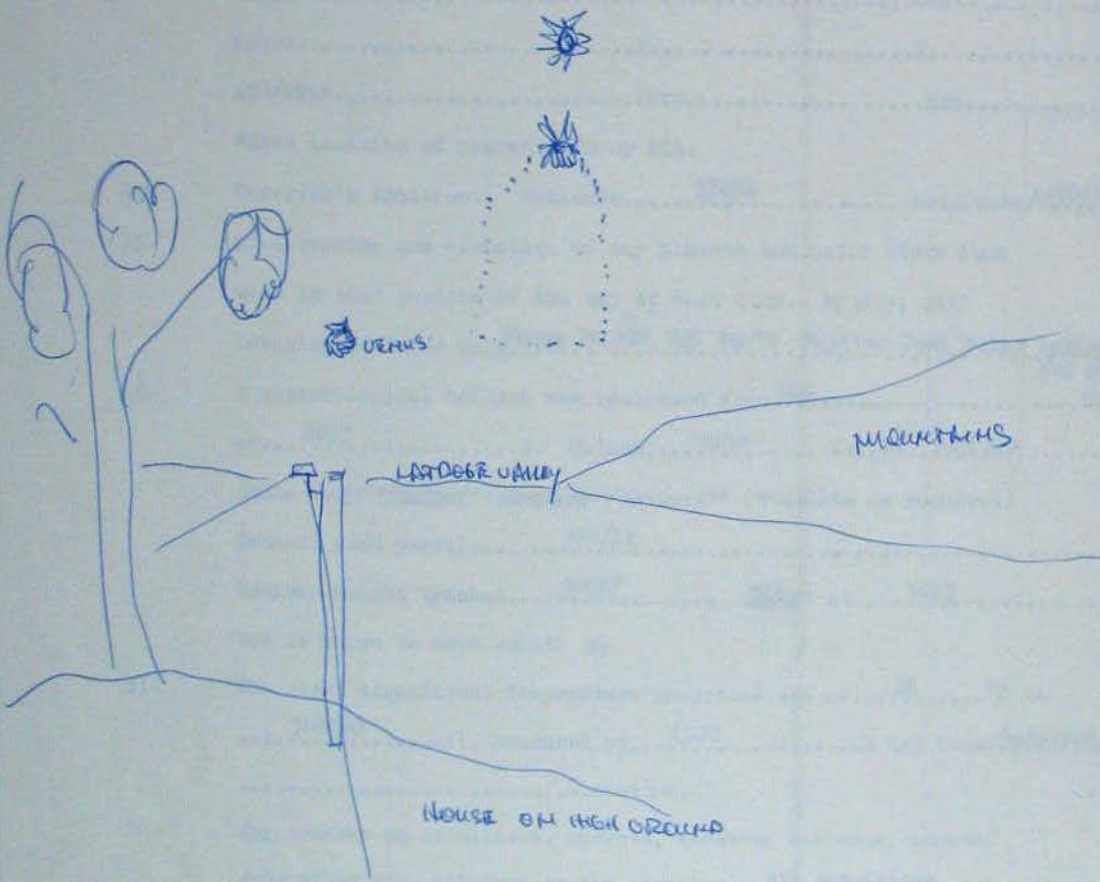
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..... Mr E.C. Rafford Age..... 62
2. Address of observer..... Marathon Road BRIAGALONG
..... Phone 45 5273
3. Occupation of observer..... Farmer
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 18 Nov 71 2120 East
How certain is the date? Certain
How accurate is the time of start?..... Within 5 minutes
5. Duration of observation..... 20 minutes
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... Back yard of house
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... sky clear - 1/8 cloud
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... Nil
.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... Through the trees at side of house
.....
 - b. angle of elevation..... 20°
 - c. compass angle bearing..... 240°
 - d. how accurate are these estimates?..... Reasonable
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... unusual light pattern in
the sky
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - a. how many were there?..... at least six
 - b. in what formation were they?..... box with pointed top
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... white

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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)..... Brilliant.....
- 14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
 - a. relative to Venus or Moon... 4 times as big as Venus.....
 - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... Formation - 12" x 14 ".....
- 15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? B_r 240° Elevation 20° - Reference to a telephone pole.....
- 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)?..... N/A.....
- 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..... N/A.....
- 20. Give duration of any stationary phases... Stationary for entire 20 mins....
- 21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... N/A.....
- 22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... N/A.....
- 23. Where was object last observed:
 - a. relative to your surroundings... N/A as for first sighting.....
 - b. angle of elevation... N/A.....
 - c. compass angle bearing... N/A.....
- 24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... Faded away.....
- 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... None.....
- 27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... 2.....

- 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?.. Refraction of Lights of Morwell.....
- 30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.. Living in .. house for 20 years - never seen it 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.....

[Handwritten signature]

Date, 7/3/1907.....

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 Military.....(1)..aircraft in.....(2)..vicinity.....(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 Nil civil aircraft(1)...in vicinity.....(2).....(3)
Heading.....T.....T.....T
Height.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft
Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's location: Latitude.....3748S..... Longitude 14705E

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 Venus EL 18° BRG 240°T Jupiter Just below horizon

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ESL at 1015 Z. Colour White weight 1.5 lbs gm

Radio-sonde**/Radar**:~~Gondler~~**/Battery** (**delete as required)

General wind profile 270/11

Maximum height tracked 2000' ~~366~~ft at 1017 Z

Was it known to have burst? No

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 25°C at 7-9000 ft, measured at 1100 Z hrs from Laverton station.

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

29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating. W/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)
... Refraction of light from Jupiter could account for the one bright....
lights seen. The formation could have been the reflection of the
lights of Herwell.

..... Central Flying School (Unit) *A. J. DODD* (T. DODD) (Name)
..... 23rd November 1971 (Date) Flying Officer (Rank)



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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(46)

25 NOV 1971

Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQTVL AI37 DATED 15th November 1971

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr and Mrs PENMAN
Cromarty Railway Siding
North Queensland

Jh B/Lh.
(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: Report of Aerial Object Observed



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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... MRS MRS PENMAN Age... 30-40 ..
2. Address of observer... CROMARTY RAILWAY SIDING
..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer... RAILWAY EMPLOYEE
4. Date and time of observation... 12 NOV 71 2330K
5. Duration of observation... 10 MINS
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... FRONT STEPS OF
HOUSE
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... CLEAR SKY
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....
VISUAL
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from
behind a hill, over the horizon)..... HIGH OVERTREES
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise)
BRIGHT LIGHT
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?.....
LIGHT
12. If there was more than one object:
 - a. how many were there?..... N/A
 - b. in what formation were they?..... N/A
13. What was the colour of the light or object?..... RED GLOW
14. What was its apparent shape?..... CIRCULAR
15. Was any detail of structure observable?..... No
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... No
17. Was there any sound?..... No
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)..... about 60° angle of
Elevation

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19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)... *60 MPH*..... ?

20. Was the object stationary?..... *Yes*

21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?..... *352° magnetic*

22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?..... *Straight down*

23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen?..... *No*

24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, or over the horizon?)..... *Behind trees (into swamp?)*

25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence)..... *No*

26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?..... *No*

27. If so, give brief details of incident(s)..... *N/A*

28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.

nil: observer was hard to interview because of deafness in one ear and seemingly low intellect

29. Are you a member of any organisation interested in aerial phenomena?..... *No*

30. Name and address of organisation..... *N/A*

31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.

Interviewer's Comments: The original size of the object was given as 6-8" diameter in the initial report to the Orderly Officer. When interviewed the size was given as 14" larger than the moon, which is hard to relate because of the shape of the moon that night & shape of object

[Signature]
.....
(w/ Interviewer)

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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.....(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:

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 20:38.5 Longitude 147:03E

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. Venus out of sight Saturn was visible

36. A meteorological balloon was released from TVL at 1115 Z Colour WHITE Weight 100 gm

4' DIAMETER ON RELEASE Radio-sonde ** / radar **: Candle ** / battery ** (**delete as required)

General wind profile N to 5000' W to SW 9000'

Maximum height tracked 43,000 ft at 1149 Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 1 C at 1500 ft, measured at 2315 Z hrs from TVL station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. Local moonwatch group observed comet in area of sighting on that night

- 39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....
.....
- 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)
Comet as observed by moonwatch group.....

HQTVL.....(Unit).....*W. G. LANNIFFE*.....(Name)
17 DEC 71.....(Date).....*PILOT OFFICER*.....(Rank)



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22 November 1971

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

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - WOOMERA
PROHIBITED AREA

The attached report received from the Regional Security Officer, S.A., concerning the sighting of an unidentified aircraft passing over the Woomera Prohibited Area in S.A. on 28 October 1971, is forwarded for your information and any enquiries deemed necessary. You will note that the C.C., R.A.A.F. Edinburgh, has also been provided with a copy of this report.

Unfortunately the only evidence of this alleged overflight is the sighting by the meteorology observer, Murphy, who is regarded as a trained operator and a responsible and reliable employee. D.C.A. has stated that there was no authorised flight in the particular area at the time that could have been the basis of the sighting report, therefore the two most likely explanations of this incident are :-

- (a) A mistaken identification of the object seen by Murphy through his theodolite.
- (b) A flight across the Prohibited Area by an aircraft for which a flight plan had not been submitted to D.C.A.


CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

c.c. Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy,
CANBERRA

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Director-General,
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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO :	Chief Security Officer, CANBERRA	CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER
FROM :	Regional Security Office, ADMINISTRATIVE	Y/23 3. 17
SUBJECT :	Mr. F.L. Ellis	OUR FILE NO. YA 26/9/2
	506 484	DATE November 11th, 1971

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - BOONERA PROHIBITED AREA

Further to telephoned advice forwarded herewith is a copy of report 5/126/5 of 8th November 1971, to set ar with attachments, from the U.S.O., Boonera reporting the alleged sighting of an unidentified aircraft over the Boonera Prohibited area at 1315 hours on 20.10.1971, 25 minutes prior to the launching of the Black Arrow missile.

2. Although MURPHY was on the Range intercom system at the time, he did not report the sighting to his superior until the next morning. This was in turn reported on to the Principal Officer, Range that afternoon and to this Branch at 1610 hours, 20 1/2 hours after the sighting had been made. Although all Range instrumentation was trained on the anticipated Black Arrow flight path, if it had been reported at the time one of the Radars could probably have checked out the information.

3. Range Instrumentation including P5, in the vicinity of Paralydia Station, about 20 miles southeast of the Range and Red Lake Radar Post (R38) did not sight or hear the aircraft nor did Station personnel at either Roxby Downs (approximately 15 miles East) or Purple Downs (about 20 miles south east). According to the sighting, the aircraft would have passed within the Roxby, Purple Downs, Red Lake, Paralydia Areas and although at height some sighting or aircraft noise could have been heard. In regard to R38, it might be pointed out that even though the radar was trained on the launch site, any airborne object within a 100,000 feet and at a height of not more than 5,000 to 10,000 feet would have registered as a "blip" on the radar screen.

4. All Station and Instrumentation Post personnel would have been on launch alert at the time and this should have increased the possibility of either sighting or hearing the aircraft.

5. Although not mentioned in paragraph 3 of the report from the Security Officer, Administration, Boonera, theodolite images are reversed through the lens so that, as the theodolite was facing in a generally eastern direction to track the weather balloon, the unidentified aircraft would have been flying in a northerly direction and not south as it would appear from the report. Similarly the balloon and target too would be travelling south of east.



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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT
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6. Although it would be difficult to assess the size of the aircraft because of lack of knowledge of distance from the balloon it does appear inconceivable that although twice the size of the target (30"), it was similar in size to the balloon (10-15 feet diameter). NURDIN's statement that the fuselage and wings appeared to be of uniform thickness and length and no engine or tail assembly could be distinguished.

7. Confirming paragraph 5 of the Security Officer, Administration report, Department of Civil Aviation Adelaide reported that the only flight in the immediate vicinity was a BOAC Flight flying south to north, which flew over Leigh Creek (approximately 150 miles slightly north of east of the Range area) at 1345 hours, three minutes after actual launch time. D.C.A. Woomera heard the aircraft captain expressing concern to D.C.A. at Leigh Creek in regard to the Stage 1 separation of the Black Arrow launch. However it transpired that the BOAC Captain had not read his pre-flight material which contained information on the launch and details of a diversion route if required.

8. The only other aircraft, according to D.C.A. was a twin engine light aircraft in the vicinity of Lake Frome which is a further 70 miles due east of Leigh Creek. D.C.A. are satisfied that this aircraft did not deviate from its flight plan. No R.A.A.F. aircraft were in the vicinity, nor was there any Iron Curtain Country shipping in southern waters off the coast of South Australia.

9. In spite of all enquiries no confirmation of the alleged sighting has been obtained and the possibility that the object was a bird of the eagle variety, wedge tailed eagles are plentiful at Woomera, cannot be entirely discounted without any prejudice to NURDIN, although his delay in reporting the matter given rise for some thought.

10. R.A.A.F. Edinburgh have no Intelligence Officer at present, although one is to be appointed in early December, but the D.S.O., Salisbury is forwarding a copy of the report to Officer Commanding, R.A.A.F. Edinburgh for information.

11. It is suggested that the matter be referred to DAAMI for his information and any action which he may consider necessary.

F. S. Hillis
(F. S. HILLIS)
REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, (S.A.)

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See report 4/9/2
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TO : ESTABLISHMENT SECURITY OFFICER, Woomera.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM : SECURITY BRANCH, Woomera.	OUR FILE NO. 5/126/5
BY : R.H. Zedon.	DATE 3th November, 1971.

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER THE WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA.

Attached is a report from Security Officer Administration, Mr. R.D. Chapman, concerning the reported sighting of an aircraft over the Woomera Prohibited Area, 25 minutes prior to the Black Arrow launch on 23th October, 1971.

2. Station Property personnel in the vicinity, were questioned as to whether or not they saw or heard an aircraft around that time, but with negative results.
3. In summary, the only information available, is that supplied by MURRY. He is the only apparent person who saw the object and we have no alternative but to accept his word. MURRY's Supervisor regards him as being a responsible, reliable employee, and considers his information to be correct. In view of the fact that MURRY tracked the object for 15 seconds, a considerable time, and his certainty that the object in question was definitely an aircraft, it is considered that his report be accepted. It is therefore suggested that the information be passed to R.A.A.F Intelligence for further investigation.


 (R.H. ZEDON)
 Establishment Security Officer,
 Woomera.

c.c. E.S.O. Murranger.



DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO	ESTABLISHMENT SECURITY OFFICER, WONOMA.	REGISTRY USE ONLY
FROM (Initials or Name)	SECURITY OFFICER ADMINISTRATION, WONOMA.	OUR FILE NO. 5/425/5
BY	R.D. Champion.	DATE 6th November, 1971.

Subject: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OR OBJECT WITHIN THE PAR-LAUNCH
TRACK OF BLACK ARROW ON 28th OCTOBER, 1971.

At 1315 hours on 28th October, 1971 an unidentified aircraft or object was sighted and tracked by a Meteorology observer at Range B.

2. At the time of the sighting the observer, Mr. A.H. MURPHY, was tracking a pre-launched meteorology balloon through an optical theodolite. The balloon was situated almost due east of Range B at an assumed height of 20,000 feet (actual height from radar 6300 metres) and at a bearing 088.4 true and elevation 37.7°.

3. The following account of the sighting was given by MURPHY during a subsequent interview.

The balloon and target tow was backgrounded by thin lines of cloud at an estimated height of 20,000 feet. As the balloon moved slowly to the left of the theodolite lens MURPHY noticed an object moving away from the balloon to the right of the lens. He first thought that the target tow had separated from the balloon but then observed that the target was still attached.

MURPHY then reverted his attention back to the object which he initially observed to be a small grey oval travelling in the opposite direction to the balloon. Realising that he had reached the minus 20 second mark to his last instrument reading, MURPHY decided to swing his theodolite away from the balloon and track the object which by this time had almost escaped his field of view.

MURPHY tracked the object for a period of 15 seconds. The object appeared to be moving at a constant speed and in a shallow upward curve. MURPHY confirmed his initial observation that the object was shaped like a cross and from its general appearance concluded that the object was an aircraft.

The object was described as being light bluish grey in colour. Its outline was reasonably well defined although the image itself was small giving the impression that it was a great distance away. MURPHY stated that the image was twice the size of the target (optical diameter 30") and similar in size to the balloon (10-15 feet diameter). Its "fuselage" and "wings" appeared to be of uniform thickness and length. No engines were visible under the "wings" nor was there any evidence of a tail assembly. The object appeared to be at a height in excess of 20,000 feet as MURPHY observed thin lines of cloud passing intermittently through his line of view to the object. According to calculations, the object was moving in a northerly direction.

At minus 5 seconds to the last instrument reading, MURPHY stopped observing the object and re-aligned the theodolite with the balloon.

4. The object was not sighted or reported by any other Range Personnel. At the time all Range Tracking Systems were poised on Black Arrow in readiness for the launching which occurred at 1340 hours.

5. The Department of Civil Aviation was approached to ascertain whether any aircraft had flown on or near the Wonoma Restricted airspace at the time



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of sighting.

According to D.C.A. only one aircraft was in the approximate vicinity of the Exclusion Restricted Area at the time. The aircraft, a P.O.A.C. Boeing 707 enroute from Melbourne to Darwin via Leigh Creek, was flying at an altitude of 15,000 feet. However a time check revealed that the Boeing aircraft passed over Leigh Creek at 1343 hours, some 20 minutes after the sighting at Range B. Considering the aircraft's speed of 425 knots, at 1345 hours, it would have been 150-200 miles south east of Leigh Creek and approximately the same distance from Range B.

5. When it was known that our preliminary enquiries had failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for the sighting, the Regional Security Officer (S.A.) and Establishment Security Officer (Warranger) were advised, of the situation.

[Signature]
(R.D. CHAMBERLAIN)

Security Officer Administration.



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1st November, 1971.

Area Administrator,
R.M.S. Building,
TELEGRAPH HILL. WOOBERRA.

SIGHTING OF AIRCRAFT

At 1315 on Thursday, 26th October 1971, an observer with the Bureau of Meteorology, Mr. A.H. Murphy, who was enjoying out a balloon flight from the Met. Post at Range "E", sighted an aircraft through the theodolite.

This occurred as he was about to take a reading of the balloon at the 20 minute mark (assumed height 20,000 feet, actual height from meter 6900 metres). The aircraft passed across the field of view while Mr. Murphy was observing the balloon through the theodolite. After taking the balloon reading (which was the final reading for the flight), Mr. Murphy then briefly swung the theodolite to the aircraft. It seemed to be at a great distance and above cloud level (estimated at 20,000 feet). Shape of the tail was indistinguishable, the aircraft appearing as a cross (fuselage and main wings).

Bearing and elevation at first sighting were 065.4° True, 37.7°. Using the elevation of 37.7°, a table can be prepared using an assumed height of the aircraft and thus obtaining assumed horizontal distance from the observing point.

Assumed height	10000ft.	20000ft.	30000ft.	40000ft.	50000ft.	60000ft.	70000ft.
Horizontal distance	12950ft.	25900ft.	38850ft.	51800ft.	64700ft.	77600ft.	90500ft.

Mr. Murphy is available at any time for interview, should this be required.

.....
(P. O. BLAKE)
CHIEF OF STATION

Copy for Information: Principal Officer/Range
Establishment Security Officer

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How many pilots Sevogone get.

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

15th November 1971

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(44)

~~DAFI~~
Secretary
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQTVL A1135 4 Nov 71

Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

MR. & MRS. K. WRIGHT
14 BARCELONA STREET
CRANBROOK
TOWNSVILLE QLD

John C. Luker
(J. C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

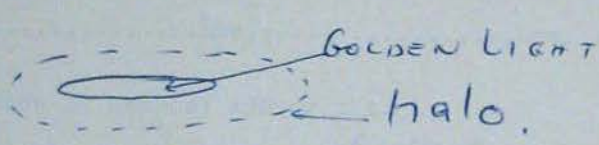
Part I - Report by Observer

(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. *Mr. & Mrs. Ken Wright* Age. *31 & 38*
2. Address of observer. *14 Barcelona St. Cranbrook
Lansenville* Phone. *791.9.36*
3. Occupation of observer. *Radar Technician*
4. Date and time of start of observation. *3 NOV 71 11:30 P.M.*
- How certain is the date? *Positive*
- How accurate is the time of start. *± 5 mins*
5. Duration of observation. *5 minutes*
- How accurate is your estimate? *Highly*
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. *Lounge room
above address*
- How familiar is observer with this locality?
- Lived 1 year in immediate locality*
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. *1/8 cloud at
3,500' weather fine, visibility good (full moon)*
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.
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9. Where was object first observed:
 - (a) Relative to your surroundings. *Through lounge
room window above tree 200 yds down road*
 - (b) angle of elevation. *4.5°*
 - (c) compass angle bearing. *9.5°*
 - (d) how accurate are these estimates. *Quite fair*
10. What first attracted observer's attention? *Light*
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - (a) how many were there? *One*
 - (b) in what formation were they? *—*

12. What was the colour of the light or object? *white to yellow*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards) *duller than star*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - (a) relative to Venus or Moon *40 eye moon*
 - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) *—*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? *as for nine*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *no*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity *nil*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *60°*
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. *faster than normal aircraft*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases *4 mins 45 secs*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres *went up straight up*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen *none*
23. Where was object last observed:
 - (a) relative to your surroundings *same as 9 (b) except higher*
 - (b) angle of elevation *70° - 75°*
 - (c) compass angle bearing *75°*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Straight up then out of 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... *Ex-Navy: familiar with local 4c movement*
- 27. How many witness 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?.....
- 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.



insufficient evidence
JP
22 Nov 71

Townsville

Signature..... *KE Weyhoff* Date *5 Nov 71*

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).....	(2).....	(3).....
Heading.....	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
Height.....,000 ft.....	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Speed.....K.....	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....

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

A/C type.....	(1).....	(2).....	(3).....
Heading.....	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
Height.....,000 ft.....	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Speed.....K.....	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude *19:18.5* Longitude *146:45 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 in area at time*.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *Garbutt* at *1115* Z Colour *Silver/White* Weight..... gm

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

General wind profile..... *5 K 7000*.....

Maximum height tracked..... *45,000*.....,000 ft at..... Z

Was it known to have burst?..... *Yes*.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *8.5-10.4* °C at *6,600*.....ft, measured at *122200* Z hrs from *Garbutt*..... station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting..... *no*.....

- 39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... *M/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)
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..... *HOTVL*(Unit)..... *W. G. CANNIFFE*(Name)
..... *3 NOV 71*(Date)..... *PIT OFF*(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

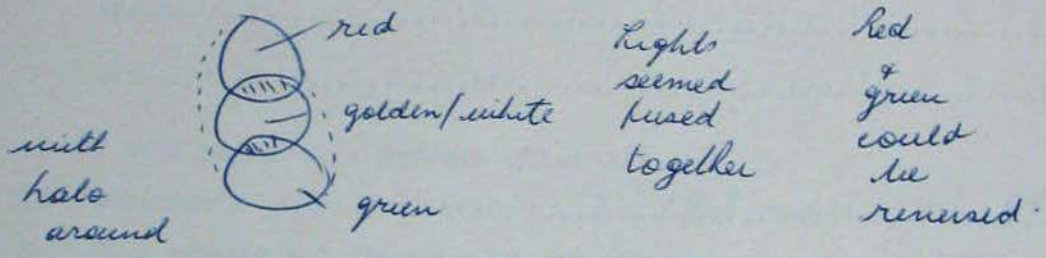
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... MR & MRS... KEN WRIGHT... Age 31 & 38
2. Address of observer... 14 BARCELONA ST.
CRANBROOK TOWNSVILLE..... Phone 791436
3. Occupation of observer... RADAR TECHNICIAN
4. Date and time of start of observation... 3 NOV 71... 11:20 AM
How certain is the date?... POSITIVE
How accurate is the time of start... ± 5 MINS
5. Duration of observation... 3 to 4 mins
How accurate is your estimate?... highly
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... lounge room of
above address
How familiar is observer with this locality?... 1-year residence
immediate vicinity
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... ☁ cloud at 3500'
Fine... Visibility Good - Full moon
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation...
usual only
9. Where was object first observed:
(a) Relative to your surroundings... through lounge room
door adjacent to awning of house next door
(b) angle of elevation... 30°
(c) compass angle bearing... 083°
(d) how accurate are these estimates... Reasonably accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... Lights
11. If there was more than one light/object:
(a) how many were there?... 3
(b) in what formation were they?... one on top of the other

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12. What was the colour of the light or object? *Red, White, Green*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards) *Consistent with 4c lights / seemed brighter when stationary*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - (a) relative to Venus or Moon. *○*
 - (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) *_____*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? *as per answer 9.*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *no*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. *hul*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *max 30° min 7°*
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. *True state that speed seemed in excess of 4c speed on base lig RH circuit to runway. P.I.: witness claims it would be about the same*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. *at initial sighting...*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. *no major deviations followed a gently sloping arc from R to L*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *none seen*
23. Where was object last observed:
 - (a) relative to your surroundings. *about straight in front of house*
 - (b) angle of elevation. *7°*
 - (c) compass angle bearing. *26°*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Blocked by house opposite*
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... *MR. WRIGHT, ex. NAVY. Familiar with local MOVEMENTS*
- 27. How many witness 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?.....
- 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.



1 says lights pulsating
2 say " constant

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Possibly Light A/C

Signature *K.E. Wright* Date *5 Nov 71*

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).....	(2).....	(3)
Heading.....	T.....	T.....	T
Height.....	,000 ft. <i>NIL</i>	,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:

A/C type.....	(1).....	(2).....	(3)
Heading.....	T.....	T.....	T
Height.....	,000 ft. <i>NIL</i>	,000 ft.	,000ft
Speed.....	K.....	K.....	K
ATD/ATA*.....	hrs.....	hrs.....	hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude *19° 18' S* Longitude *114° 45' 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 in area at time*

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *CARBUT.T.* at *1115* ~~0900~~ Z Colour *SILVER & WHITE* Weight..... gm
 Radio-sonde ~~**/radar**~~: *Candle* ~~**/battery**~~ (**delete as required)
 General wind profile... *SE 7000'*
 Maximum height tracked... *45,000*,000 ft at..... Z
 Was it known to have burst? *45,000*

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *8.5 - 10.4* °C at *6600* ft, measured at *022200* Z hrs from *CARBUT.T.* station.

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

- 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)
light aircraft

..... *H.Q.T. 44* (Unit) *W. G. CANNIFF* (Name)
..... *9 04 71* (Date) *P1T OFF* (Rank)

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RAYWPP/DEPAIR

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R E S T R I I T E D AI37 FOR ST INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTING PD
MR E W PENMAN CMM CROMARTY RLY SIDING CMM 25M STH TVL ON 12NOV71
2300K SAW RED GLOW 6 TO 8 INS DIA NTH OF CMARTY PD GLOW 200FT
ABOVE GROUND DISAPPEAGONG INTO SWAMP PD BEING INVESTIGATED

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"
IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(39)

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW

- 3 NOV 1971

Department of Air
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CANBERRA ACT

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

- Reference:
- A. HQOC Air Staff Instruction No 3/A/5
 - B. Letter from Sgt Boon to Dept of Navy, 22JUN71
 - C. 82W/5/9/Air(59) of 13th August 1971 — IR
 - D. HQTVL 5/40/Air(2) dated 18th August 1971 — IR
 - E. Letter from Dept of Civil Aviation to HQTVL of 21st September 1971

1. Attached are photocopies of References B and C concerning a reported sighting of a UFO in the Burketown Qld area on the 18th June 1971. Copies of a newspaper report of the incident and a letter from the Naval Intelligence Officer Brisbane are attached to Reference C. Attached also are copies of internal minutes and a letter from DCA Townsville to Headquarters Townsville (References D and E) regarding absence of known aircraft movement at the time of the sighting.

2. Unfortunately all action in the matter apparently ceased at that stage, probably due to the departure of AIR 4 HQ Townsville on detachment.

3. We consider that any action at this stage in accordance with para 7 of Reference A would probably be unfruitful and, because of the time lapse, could reflect poorly on the Service.

4. Perhaps as it has been determined that no RAAF or civil aircraft were operating in the area at the time, a reply to the informant's request could be based on that situation.

5. Your advice on further action is requested.

John B. Luker
(J.C. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

- Enclosures:
- 1. Reference B
 - 2. Reference C
 - 3. Reference D
 - 4. Reference E

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Police Station,
BURKETOWN..... 4830.
Queensland. *Reference B*
22nd June 1971. *To Spec/Dir (C)*

The Department of the Navy,
Navy Intelligence Centre,
Navy Office,
CANBERRA....A.C.T.,

Dear Sir,

RE:- SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

I wish to report that at 6.38.P.M. on Friday the 18th June 1971, an unidentified flying object was sighted in the sky by residents of Burketown, Queensland.

(1)... To the naked eye the object resembled an illuminous cigar shaped object (pointed at both ends); at first it took on an orange into red colour and lastly a clear light colour; it seemed to be about eight feet long.

(2)... It was sighted west of Burketown on the southern side of the setting sun in a clear sky and good weather conditions; the sunset created a red glow along the horizon for some distance.

(3)... It travelled from north to south along and above the horizon at what appeared to be a height of 30-40 feet; it moved only slowly across the sky, then seemed to become stationary momentarily, then lose altitude before changing to an easterly course towards Burketown for a few minutes before again changing course towards the south-west in which direction it disappeared.

(4)... It was sighted at 6.38.P.M. and disappeared at about 6.55.P.M.

(5)... The first sighting of the object was made by Mrs. Ivy McDERMOTT, a housewife of Burketown, who telephoned the local Post-Master-Mr. Albert Percy LEE who together with his wife Mrs. Ivy LEE then sighted the object as described; Other persons were then either phoned by the Post-Master or phoned him confirming the sighting some of their names being:- Dieter JORDAN, Grazier, of Burketown, Dawson HUMBLE, Shire Clerk of Burketown, Mrs. Gwen JOYNER, housewife of Burketown; & Mr. Alfred HORNE, Storekeeper, of Burketown.

The circumstances of the sighting are regarded as unusual and cannot be explained here. I request your opinion as to what this particular unidentified flying object may have been. Newspaper cutting on this sighting is attached.

I am a member of the Naval Coastwatching Organisation.

Yours Faithfully,
W.G. Boon
Sergt. 2/C W.G. BOON,
Reg. No. 5421.

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OUR FILE
82W/5/9/Air (59)

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13 Aug 71

REFERENCES
TO 2/4/HR
See Attachment

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Attached is a letter and attachment received from Dept of the Mary Brisbane concerning a UFO sighting near Bribie Island.

2. As it occurred in the Townsville FIR it may be possible to check whether there were any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

3. Dept of the Mary Brisbane have been advised that the matter has been referred to RAAF Townsville and it would be appreciated if a reply could be sent to them on the results of your check.

4. No reporting ^{action} has been taken under HQOR ASI 3/A/5...

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE EXT
<i>S.J. Wilson</i>	S.J. WILSON	F10	F10	825

Sergt. V2/C W.G. BOON,
Reg. No. 5421.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY



311611
1416 G.P.O. Brisbane
BY QUOTE

SI.17/52/25

Naval Staff Office,
Edward Street,
Brisbane.

30th July 1971.

Base Security Officer,
R.A.A.F. Base,
AMBERLEY, 4305.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Following upon today's telephone conversation enclosed is a photostat copy of the report received from the Coastwatcher at Burketown, together with a copy of the article which appeared in the local newspaper concerning an Unidentified Flying Object over Burketown on Friday, 18th June 1971.

2. It is regretted that the report has taken this long to be referred but even at this stage it would be appreciated if I could be informed of your comments.

G. B. O'Neill

(G. B. O'NEILL)
Naval Intelligence Officer (Civil)

*Mr H. Keirson
Forwarded for info + action Please
2/8/71
B.S.O.*

Sergt. *2/0* W.G. BOON,
Reg. No. 5421.



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SCANNING THIS ITEM AT A HIGHER RESOLUTION WILL NOT IMPROVE ITS LEGIBILITY.

UFO sighting sends town 'buzzing'

An unidentified flying object was sighted over the Gulf township of Burketown last night.

The cigar-shaped object, which remained visible for about 20 minutes, sent the town "buzzing" as most of the townspeople reported the sighting.

Burketown postmaster Mr. Bert Lee, told the North-West Star last night that six of the nine phone subscribers in the town had phoned him to report the sighting.

Mr. Lee said that the "thing" was first sighted above the town at 6.38 p.m.

"It was just a silver streak, with no vapor trail. It had a red glow," he said.

Mr. Lee described it as "Something more mysterious than a jet."

He said that it was still going down below the horizon when he received the first telephone call reporting the object.

"I went outside with my wife, and just then the

manager of Armraynald Station, 24 miles south of Burketown, Dieper Jordan, drove up. We watched the thing together.

"Dieper told us that he had been watching it for some time while he drove into town," Mr. Lee said.

"We watched it for about 10 minutes. It was travelling in a southerly direction, and seemed to be about 30 miles east of the town."

"I could not watch it for the full time it was over the town because I

had to come in to attend the phone calls.

"Mrs. Gwen Joiner, who watched the object with her two sons, later told me that they watched it for about 20 minutes."

"They said that they saw it turn towards the south-west. Its length shortened for some distance as though it was on a more acute angle."

"It seemed to go away and then headed back towards Burketown again and then it turned again and they lost sight of it."

"Meanwhile I phoned the Shire Clerk, Mr. Dawson Humble. He watched it for about five minutes and phoned me back."

"His impression was that it looked like a jet travelling towards Darwin."

"I phoned DCA in Mount Isa and they told me that there were no planes in the area at all. They seemed to be interested in it."

Mr. Lee continued: "The jets that fly over Burketown fly right overhead, and are different in appearance."

"This thing was much further over to the east, and it had a red glow."

Mr. Lee said that as all the phone connections were local, he had no way of knowing what sightings had been made on the outlying stations. "We won't know until they report in on their set radio sessions."

Mr. Lee said that it was not the first sighting of an unidentified flying object over Burketown.

"My wife and myself

were returning from the pictures about two weeks ago when we saw something going up and down in the sky, and then remaining in a stationary position," he said.

"Three or four weeks ago Mrs. Barbara Edwards of Brookdale Station, 40 miles south-west of Burketown, reported a glowing object in the sky."

"The Flying Doctor has reported a number of strange sightings in this area."

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MINUTE PAPER

Ref: D

(This side only to be written on) Head 15/00/AIR(2) 5/40/AIR(2)

Act: UFO - BURKETOWN AREA - 1840 hrs 18 JUN 71

ll 18Jun71
SATCO

1. Folio 1 and attachments describe a UFO sighting near Burketown on 18 JUN 71. Please inform me whether there were any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity at the time and whether you know of any phenomena which could have caused the sighting.

15 AUG 71

R. J. Salmon
Felt SA
AIR 4

Reu.

1. No known RAAF aircraft in the vicinity at the time. An H5748 had planned to depart Mt Isa at 1800K on that date for Darwin. ETD Darwin was 1835K. It would not go anywhere near Burketown if it tracked direct. The actual departure time or route is not known.

18Aug71.

Robert 12767
SATCO.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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TELEPHONE: 79.5544

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THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE CIVIL AVIATION

AND QUOTE
NO. TV3/29

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

GOVERNMENT AERODROME
P.O. Box 1292,
TOWNSVILLE, 4810



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The Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
R.A.A.F. Base,
Garbutt,
TOWNSVILLE. 4810

U.F.O. SIGHTING: BURKETOWN - 18th June, 1971

I refer to your letter of 23³rd August, 1971.

I have had enquiries made and confirm that there were no known aircraft operating in the Burketown area at the time of the sightings.

F. E. GREGORY
AIRPORT MANAGER

Any ASI action?

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

5/40/Air(3)

23rd August 1971

Airport Manager
Townsville Airport
GARBUTT QLD 4814

Dear Sir,

UFO SIGHTING - BURKETOWN - 18JUN71

1. Enclosed are copies of a report from a sergeant of police at Burketown and a newspaper article, both of which claim that several people in the township of Burketown reported seeing a UFO on 18th June 1971.
2. Although the newspaper report states that DCA had no knowledge of any aircraft in the area at the time you are requested to verify this statement for us. Also would you provide information on the type of weather in the area at that time and whether the weather conditions could have caused the phenomena reported.

Yours faithfully,

RJ Salmon

(R.J. SALMOND)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

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SIGHTING PD 060630Z CMM J. DAY MILLAROO SIGHTED HORSE SHOE SHAPED
SMOKE OR CLOUD OVER CHARTERS TOWERS PD HT 14 TO 20,000 FT PD DIS-
SIPATED 2 OR 3 MINS

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TO RAYROP/HQOC

RAYWPP/DEPAIR

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R E S T R I C T E D AI35 FOR SO INTELL AND DAFI PD UFO SIGHTINGS

PD ALFA PD 031215Z TO 031230Z MR AND MRS KEN WRIGHT

CMM 14 BARTHOLEMW

ST CMM CRANBROOK CMM TVL REPORTED SIGHTING GOLD COLOURED OBJECT WITH RED AND GREEN LIGHTS ON EXTREMITIES PD FIRST STN THEN MOVED OFF HIGH SPEED PD BRAVO PD SAME TIME SAME PEOPLE SAME DETAILS EXCEPT MUCH HIGHER AND FURTHER AWAY PD INVESTIGATION BEING MADE

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW
4-6-71

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(37)

25 OCT 1971

DAFI Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a copy of a letter and report received from the undermentioned, together with a copy of our reply:

Mr Ray ALLSOP
Box 3998 GPO
SYDNEY NSW 2001

2. In view of the time lapse (1968) since the sighting no evaluation has been carried out.

John B. Laker
(J.C. LAKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

- Encls: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting
2. Copy of HQOC 5/15/1/Air(33) 18th October 1971





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18 OCT 1971

5/15/1/air(33)

Air Amy Kiltop
Box 3990 GPO
Wash DC 2001

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the detailed information on your unusual aerial sighting in February 1968. It is indeed unfortunate that my staff were not informed at the time, when a first-hand investigation would have been possible.

There is no record at this headquarters of any other reported unusual sighting around the time indicated in your letter. However, you may rest assured that your report will be passed to Department of Air for examination and comparison with the more detailed records held by that organization.

Yours faithfully,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

(W.B. TOWNSEND)
Air Vice-Marshal
Air Officer Commanding



RAY ALLSOP
F.I.R.E.E. (Aust.)

*SO. INT.
I believe this is in O.A.F.I.
form. Would you please
return and draft a reply for
AOC's signature*

MAIL ADDRESS:
BOX 3998, G.P.O.
SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001
AUSTRALIA
TELEPHONE: 46-2468

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7th October, 1971.

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Air Vice-Marshal W. E. Townsend, C.B., C.B.E.,
Headquarters Operational Command R.A.A.F.,
PENRITH, N.S.W. 2750.

Dear Sir:

Having pondered to some length in time
on where to deposit the enclosed I consulted my
old friend "Bunny" Hammond (no doubt known to
you) who suggested the R.A.A.F. and you in
particular.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Allsop

RAY ALLSOP

F.I.R.E.E. (Aust.)

MAIL ADDRESS:
BOX 3898, G.P.O.
SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001
AUSTRALIA
TELEPHONE: 46-2468

Re: U.F.O's.

Firstly, be it understood, I am open minded on the subject but, however, as peoples of our planet having developed means of visiting a heavenly satellite of planet earth, it is feasible greater intelligence centered in other parts of this universe, or beyond, has found means of escaping its local environment to explore that elsewhere.

The following records an unusual event (a sighting) by me on the night of 25th. February, 1968.

My office/study at my home in Roseville, N.S.W., being situated high along a ridge (at "A" on attached plan) affords an unimpeded sweeping view from the mountain range (altitude 4,700') behind the Jenolan Caves area to the west, to the Jib at Bowral at the south-west, around to the highlands of the water catchment area along the south coast.

At about 9 p.m. on 25th. February, 1968, being a night of clear cloudless atmosphere, my attention was drawn to several lights in the sky on an approximate bearing indicated by the line drawn over the attached plan of the City of Sydney and environs.

At first glance I thought these were aircraft approaching Kingsfor-Smith airport but soon observed the lights remained in steady state, that is in the same position and brilliance, thus ruling out the possibility of the origin being normal aircraft.

Then the objects/lights, at first in line, stacked thus:-

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The maneuver conducted at a rate of speed definately ruling out the lights originated from conventional aircraft or even helicopters. The objects/lights remained in this position for some time - I estimate about five minutes - then vanished.

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Soon after the sighting I telephoned "The Sydney Morning Herald" to test if any reports had been received of similar experience by others, to be advised that numerous callers had reported seeing strange lights in the sky!.

The following morning, 26th. February, 1968, I made contact with Mr. Arthur Doubleday, Regional Director, D.C.A., N.S.W., who advised me that aircraft were not stacked over the Sydney area during the previous evening or were there any helicopters operating in the area at this time.

In concluding - I have accumulated some 2,500 passenger hours in aircraft from 1918 to the present day and being a mechanical, radio-electronic engineer of long standing (and having established the Design & Production Dept. of the R.A.N. for ASDIC and RADAR - 1940-45) I, therefore, possess some knowledge of aircraft operation.

I estimate the position of the objects/lights sighted at "B" on the attached plan and at an average mean altitude of 5,000 feet when in formation.

Ray Allsop.

(Ray Allsop)

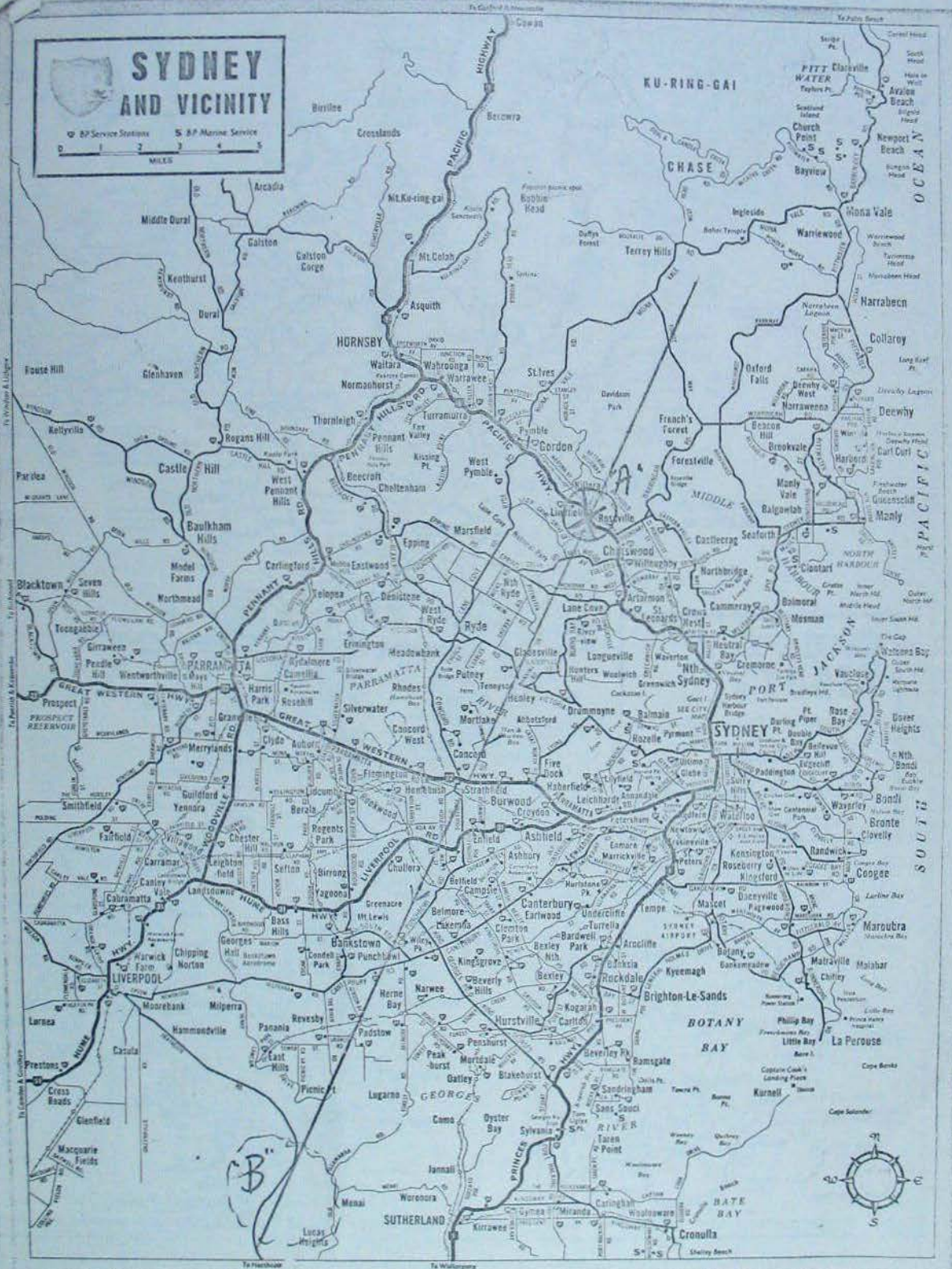
27th. September, 1971.

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DAFI Secretary
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

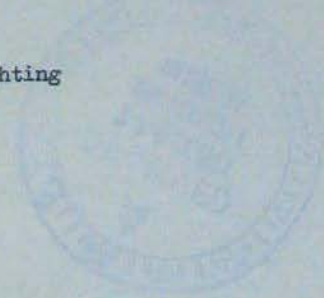
1. Enclosed is a report of a sighting by the undermentioned:

Mr L.R. Richardson
4 Bacon Street
GRAFTON NSW

2. It is considered that the light observed was the landing light of the East Coast Company Britton Norman aircraft en route Lismore to Grafton.

John G. Luker
(J.G. LUKER)
Squadron Leader
for Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting



5/15/11/Air (31)

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... Richardson, L.B......Age..... 60
2. Address of observer... 4 Bacon St., Grafton, N.S.W......
.....Phone 422540
3. Occupation of observer... Professor of Zoology (retired).....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 17.55 hrs. 12 SEP 71
How certain is the date? Refer to original report to Goffs Airport Control within ten mins.
How accurate is the time of start... 7.3 minutes
5. Duration of observation... approx. 5 secs. max: 3 to 5 sec.
How accurate is your estimate? slow count
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... Front porch, above address
.....
How familiar is observer with this locality? Closely
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Low full overcast settling dusk
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Visual
Subsequent check of bearing by marching compass
9. Where was object first observed:
 - (a) Relative to your surroundings... 140° magn. in the direction of Grafton Airport.
 - (b) angle of elevation... 30° initial, 20° final-- approx.
 - (c) compass angle bearing... 140° magn.
 - (d) how accurate are these estimates... magn. bearing, quite close
10. What first attracted observer's attention? A single small bright incandescent light, white, of high intensity, abrupt appearance, descending and curving in the path of its descent; abrupt extinction.
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - (a) how many were there?
 - (b) in what formation were they?

The sighting was suggestive of an aircraft in an emergency situation, and accordingly I advised Control at Coffs Harbour within ten minutes of the sighting, rechecked bearings etc., noted these, but did not record the date.

I take it there was no traffic in the area at the time of the sighting, and it is now in the U.F.O. category.

Cloud cover was complete. There was no precedent glare in the cloud. There was no electric storm at that time. The light appeared abruptly, apparently below cloud base, continued at the same intensity throughout the sighting as though an a/c landing light switched on prior to landing,; but exhibited such a rate of descent as suggested some difficulty in approach to the airport.

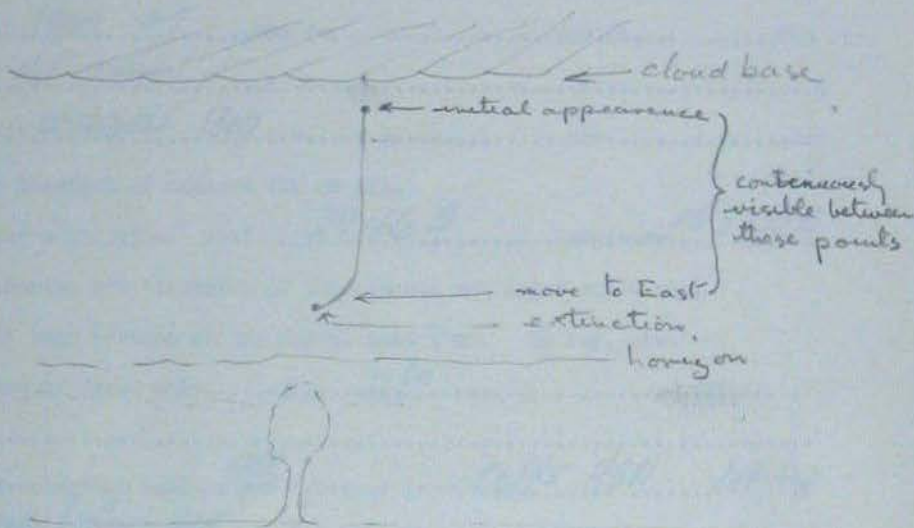
I would not have reported the matter excepting the sudden extinction of the light at altitude, which if an a/c light could only read as an abrupt turn of an a/c already on final, and in steep descent.

Direction, duration and cloud cover, rule out falling stars, planets, etc. Absence of glare in the cloud, low brilliance, a vertical drop with then a slow drift to the East, hardly seem compatible with a meteorite below cloud base.

Since there was no traffic in the vicinity, it is most probable that some ^{body} fired off a ^{white} flare. This would be compatible, but not to be expected in these parts.

12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....White.....
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).... Aircraft landing light at distance; or fuel tank on fire; flare......
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).....1/16th. inch. or slightly less.
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..Bearing- in line with a tree across the road-- checked immediately with compass.
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Elevation, approx., by protractor.
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)?...30° initial, 20° final-- the latter, close above the skyline to the south.
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.....
a/c in rapid descent
.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....nil.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....initial, vertical descent, then slow turn or drift to East......
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....nil.....
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23. Where was object last observed: same bearing
- (a) relative to your surroundings.....Same bearing.....
- (b) angle of elevation20° which might be a bit high....
- (c) compass angle bearingsame bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....abrupt.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....no.....
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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 ample bush and sea experience; one time, P.P.L.
27. How many witness to the sighting?..... none that I know about.
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?..... meteorite ~~entry~~ sighting
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
..... Seen below cloud base and not bright enough
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..... L.R. Richardson Date..... Oct. 12/71

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).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....T.....T
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

NO KNOWN

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

A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....T.....T
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

BRITTON NORMAN
LISMORE TO GRAFTON
1000 FT
NOT KNOWN
SCHEDULE 1840

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....

29 46 S 153 02 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.....

N/A

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....at.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm

ARE COFFS HAR DAILY
0900 / 1500 HRS

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

General-wind profile.....

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

Was it known to have burst?.....

N/A

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

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

.....station.

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

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating HAD ONE LANDING LIGHT INADVERTENTLY LEFT ON AND REPORTED THE SAME WHEN IN CIRCUIT OF CRATON TO DCA FLIGHT SERVICE AT COFFS 40K.

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)

EAST COAST COMMUTOR SERVICE AIRCRAFT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON.

HQOC (Unit) John G. [Signature] (Name)
19 OCT 71 (Date) SEN LTR (Rank)

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AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND
RAAF
PENRITH 1W NSW
11th October 1971

TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(

file please

Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Enclosed are six reports of unidentified flying objects from the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" of Adelaide, together with a copy of a letter from Headquarters Edinburgh which is self-explanatory.

John B. Laker
(J.B. LAKER)
Squadron Leader
For Air Officer Commanding

Encls: ✓



OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.
Name MISS SALLY E. J. Age 24
Address _____ Occupation COMPUTER PROGRAMMER
State S. AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
20 MILES N.W. OF MORGAN, 4 MILES E. OF DISUSED POWERLINE

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? VERY CLEAR, NO CLOUD

* Object was first observed: Date WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 1971 Time 8:30 a.m./p.m.
Overhead From behind a hill: Over-horizon: From the surface:

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light Noises: Movement: Other reasons
FOUR FLASHS 3 YARDS FROM UNITED SPINTEX GYM, LYING GAZING AT STARS -

* Object appeared as: (A light) Solid object: Changing shape. 5 SECONDS LATER.
Duration 7 SECONDS No. of objects 1 Formation? ?
OF 1-SECOND DIMINISHING FLASHS TIL TOO FAINT TO SEE

Opinion of Propulsion: _____

Details of structure and shape? _____
ESTIMATE: Speed 2000 MPH Height (Alt.) AT LEAST 1000 FEET Size? ?
Distance BY GROUND Sound NONE Colour WHITE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

(1) LIGHT SOURCE ACCEPTED AS 5-10 TIMES AS LARGE AND AS BRIGHT AS BRIGHTEST
TO STAR. CHOICE OF BRIGHT STARS WAS STARR.

(2) COULDN'T DISCERN SHAPE, INSTEAD OF AT LEAST 1000 FT, THOUGH ALSO VERY BRIGHT

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: In mid-air behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise

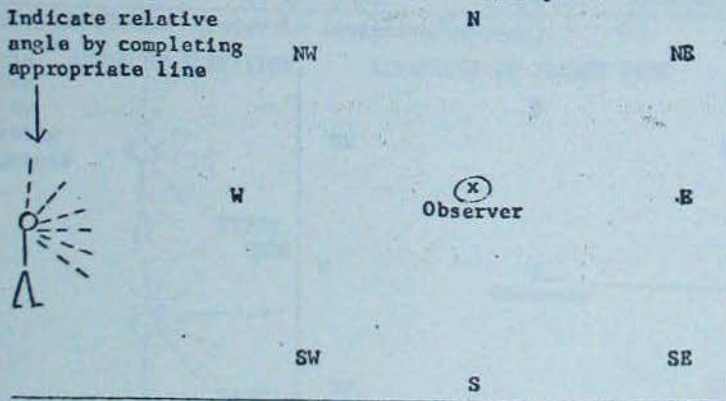
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others:
YES - FIRST

Are you a member of any aerial study group? NO

Organisation's name and address: _____

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:
MR BRIAN ... (SYDNEY)
MR ANDREW ... (ADELAIDE) } 3 witnesses



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sightings

- 1/ 2 THOUGHT THEY SAW SIMILAR PHENOMENON NEXT NIGHT AT ANGLE TO ONE SIDE (20° ABOVE HORIZ), THIS SIDE OF LOW CLOUD
 - 2/ ATTITUDE: (1) METEOR, BOUNCING OFF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE TIL CONSUMED TO SANDY SIGHTING OR (2) INTELLIGENT POWERED OBJECT, DRAWN BY OUR 6" DIAMETER RING OF FIRE AT TWENTY MILES FROM NEAREST OTHER LIGHT.
 - 3/ SPEED - WOULD BE STATIONARY, OR COULD BE VERTICAL, TAKING 7 SECONDS TO DISAPPEAR VERTICALLY.
- NOTE: WEATHER BUREAU & WERE DENIED KNOWLEDGE.
- I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/wi thholding my name, and all others.

Date: 9th August 1971 Signature: Sally E. J.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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Indicate by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Arthur E. Jenke Age 46
Address 10 Laurence St Occupation Driver
Endurda. State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)

Sutherlands, flat country East of Endurda

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Calm, no cloud.

* Object was first observed: Date 18/8/71 Time 6:40 a.m.
p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 10 minutes. No. of objects 1 only. Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: No apparent means of propulsion.

Details of structure and shape: cigar shaped

ESTIMATE: Speed app 200 Height (Alt.) 2000 ft app Size 60 ft app
Distance 2 miles away Sound NIL Colour fluorescent white

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

I was travelling at 50 mph, and estimate object travelling at 4 times that

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? No

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
~~3. Over horizon.~~ 4. Or otherwise

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? ~~YES~~/NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / ~~NO~~ If not, give details of others: _____

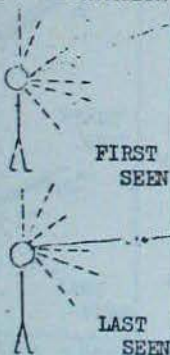
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

My son. Robert Jenke 10 Laurence St Endurda

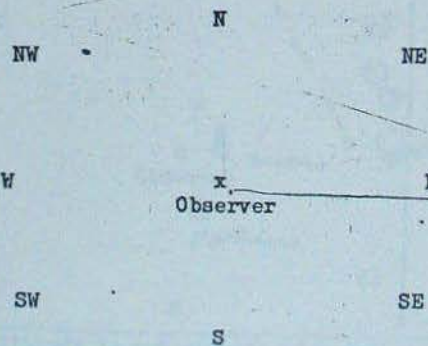
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:

ANGLE OF ELEVATION



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Object was slightly tilted, was visible whole time while I covered a distance of 8 miles in vehicle.

I the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 18/8/71

Signature: Arthur E. Jenke

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Date by encircling appropriate answer File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name JOHN GREENSHAW Age _____

Address Box 171 Occupation FARMER

Mathias 5573 State SOUTH AUSTR.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
NEW PMG COMMUNICATION TOWER (200 ft) (WATER SUPPLY TANKS)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? LOW CLOUD AROUND THE HORIZON

* Object was first observed: Date 22 Aug 1971 Time 6.50 P.M.

1. In the sky 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light 2. Noise. 3. Movement 4. Other reasons:
RED FLASHING (2 BEATS TO THE SECOND)

* Object appeared as: 1. A light 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 30 MIN No. of objects ONE Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: NOISE

Details of structure and shape: NOISE

ESTIMATE: Speed _____ Height (Alt.) HARD TO EST Size _____
Distance _____ Sound _____ Colour RED

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed: _____

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? -

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

FLASHING LIGHT DISAPPEARED INTO THE DISTANCE OR CHUD.

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: _____

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: LAST SEEN

Indicate relative angle by completing appropriate line:	ANGLE OF ELEVATION	DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH	SKETCH OF OBJECTS
	<u>15°</u>		<u>WATER TANKS</u> <u>FIRST SEEN</u>

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:
FIRST SIGHTED IN THE AREA OF THE TOWER & WATER TANKS THEN TRAVELLED IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION.

I the undersigned state that the above shall may be published using my own name.

Date: 22.8.71

Signature: John G. Greenshaw

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by encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Leonard Altree
Address 12 Dickerson St.
Barnwood

Age 63
Occupation Store Manager
State South Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Holdogla Dams, Power lines mil.

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Fine & cloudless sky.

* Object was first observed: Date 18th August Time 6-30 a.m.
p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.
Duration 15 minutes No. of objects 1 Formation _____

Opinion of Propulsion: Jet

Details of structure and shape: Object leaving a vapor trail

ESTIMATE: Speed 500 approx. Height (Alt.) 20,000 Size _____
Distance 10 Sound nil Colour Russet, caused by rising sun

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:
Regular daily jet service Sydney Adelaide.

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Yes, vapor exhaust.

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise
Over horizon

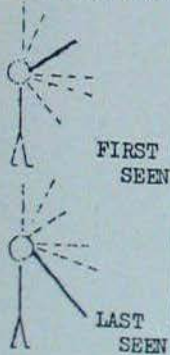
Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / NO

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: Have reported to Radio stations of sightings from rocket. Was involved in location of Karoonda meteorite in the 1930's

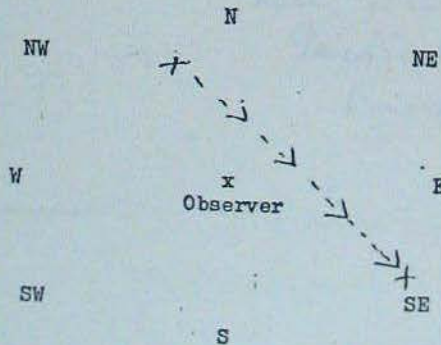
Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



SKETCH OF OBJECTS

Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting:

Could not work out why any regularly known earth service should be travelling in the direction described.

I the undersigned state that the above ~~shall not~~ may be published using/withholding my name.

Date: 18-8-71

Signature: L Altree



12 Robinson St
Buenos Aires 571
12-2-71

Dear Sir,
This morning I went out in the search for mushrooms after recent rains. At 6:30 A.M. I noticed an object in the sky and I followed its course for 15 minutes approx. It gave the appearance of a normal jet aircraft with a vapor trail. Direct on bearings was N.W. to S.E. at a maximum alt. level of 30°. The brilliant color (Russet) was no doubt caused by the dawnning sun. However, I contacted our A.B.C. radio station 5MV at Remmark, who during the day contacted the Dept. of Civil Aviation who in reply stated that no aircraft would have been flying in this direction at that hour.

I have once before picked up a jet vapor trail which I attributed to the new service from Singapore to Mollamara (Vic). I believe that the sighting this morning was a jet on the same route, but why didn't P.C.A. know anything of this flight? Or was it a jet. I await your reply.

Yours truly,

Len. Albee

District Fire Officer.

Buenos Aires E.F.S.

OFFICIAL FLYING SAUCER (U.F.O.) REPORT FORM

File No. _____
Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name John Glennon Age 16 1/2

Address 16 Brooklen Tee Cavandilla Occupation Student
Adelaide State S. Aust.

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Western Industrial Area

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? Reasonably Clear Weather Calm

* Object was first observed: Date 2/8/71 Time Approx 7:00 pm, p.m.
Overhead: From behind a hill: Over horizon: From the surface.
45 angle

* Observer's attention attracted by: Light/s: Noise: Movement: Other reasons

* Object appeared as: A light Solid object: Changing shape.
Duration 4 mins No. of objects 2 Formation straight line

Opinion of Propulsion: Possibly Magnetic as Object was hovering

Details of structure and shape: Oval Shape Apparently solid and very light

ESTIMATE: Speed None Hovering Height (Alt.) Just same as passing aircraft Size
Distance about 2 miles Sound None Colour Orange

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

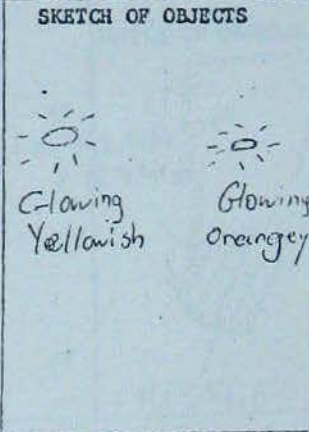
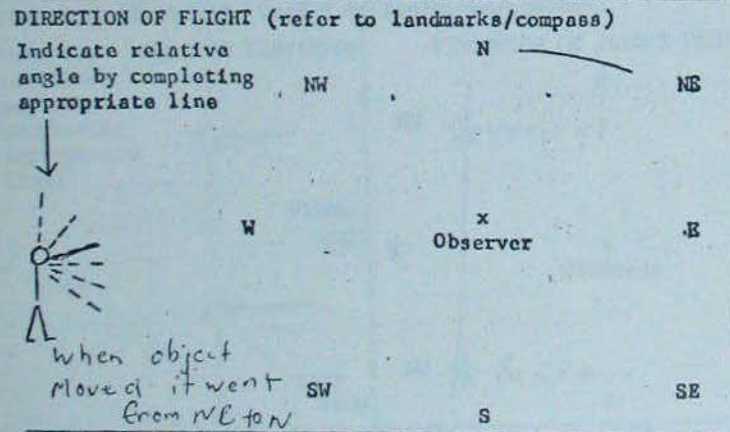
Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? Object Glowed with orange light

* Object disappeared: In mid-air: behind a hill: Over horizon: Or otherwise
1st Object disappeared while I was getting field glass 2) Move of slowly

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? Yes / NO
Is this your first sighting? If not, give details of others: I sighted a similar object (white) in the same area travelling up at an angle of about 45

Are you a member of any aerial study group?
Organisation's name and address: No

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.: Mrs. N. E. Povers
16 Brooklen Tee Cavandilla



Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sightings

Object 1 seemed to be taking object 2 to a certain position. Having done this it left the second object. I doubt sincerely that the objects were illuminated weather balloons. the undersigned state that the above shall not/may be published using/withholding my name.

* Indicate by encircling appropriate answer.

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By encircling appropriate answer

File No. _____

Tape Recording _____

Local U.F.O. Group _____

The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society - Adelaide.

Name Jeff Trisler

Age 14

Address 4 BAKER AVENUE

Occupation STUDENT

MORNINGTONVILLE 5093

State SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Place of Sighting: Include details of terrain (dams, powerlines, etc. in vicinity)
Widex "The Footbridge" Morphettville (over street creek)

Weather conditions, per cent of cloud cover? 80% clouds

* Object was first observed: Date Monday 26th July Time _____ a.m.
1971 _____ p.m.

1. In the sky. 2. From behind a hill, house, tree etc. 3. Over a horizon. 4. From the surface.

* Observer's attention attracted by: 1. Light/s. 2. Noise. 3. Movement. 4. Other reasons:

An orange light moving in the sky at an incredible speed

* Object appeared as: 1. A light. 2. Solid object. 3. Changing shape.

Duration 1/2 minutes No. of objects one Formation ---

Opinion of Propulsion: Energy (ball of fire which could form energy)

Details of structure and shape: a round ball of fire

ESTIMATE: Speed 200 mph Height (Alt.) 500 feet Size SMALL
 Distance 3 miles Sound (too far away) Colour ORANGE

State any experience which qualifies observer to judge height and/or speed:

Was trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? NO

* Object disappeared: 1. In the sky. 2. Behind a hill, house, tree etc.
 3. Over horizon. 4. Or otherwise

It disappeared by going out of site behind a cloud

Do you have any fragments, photographs or supporting evidence? YES / (WITNESSES)

Is this your first sighting? YES / NO If not, give details of others: I saw

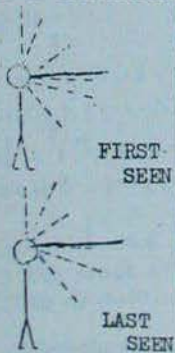
3 green lights shoot through the sky one night

Names and addresses of other witnesses etc.:

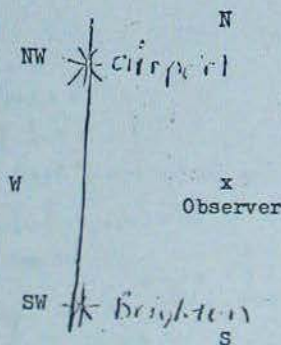
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DIRECTION OF FLIGHT (refer to landmarks/compass)

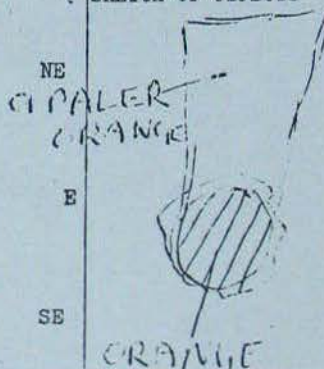
Indicate ANGLE OF ELEVATION relative angle by completing appropriate line:



DIRECTION OF FLIGHT PATH



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Additional information - Include attitude to and effects of sighting: (appeared to)

When I saw it it was over Brighton Somerton (BE ABILL OF way and when it disappeared it went behind FIRE, a cloud, so it may have come from further away and kept on going. in the background was a red sunset so the UFO

I the undersigned state that the above shall ~~not~~ be published May have been red for camouflage using ~~my~~ my name.

Date: 29th July 1971

Signature: J. Trisler



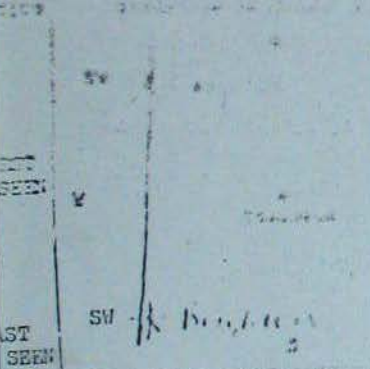
Other

Witnesses

① Brett Chilman
 1 Wilcox Avenue
 Morphettville
 South Australia 5043

② Mr ?
 Wilcox Avenue
 Morphettville
 South Australia 5043

I went to the second witnesses house
 several times but no one was home.



Include attitude to not effect of ...
 it was ever brighten ...
 disappeared it went behind
 may have come from further ...
 in the background was a red ...
 state that the above shall ...
 using my name.
 July 1971 Signature: [Signature]