PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Jan 54	2. LOCATION Blackburn, Australia	12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Possibly Balloon Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraf
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1555 GMT 03/0555Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION B Ground-Visual Ground-Radar Air-Visual Air-Intercept Radar	
S. PHOTOS CY CRNo	6. SOURCE Civilian	O Possibly Astronomical O Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute	ODE SE	Other Reflection Insufficient Date for Evaluation Unknown

ID. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

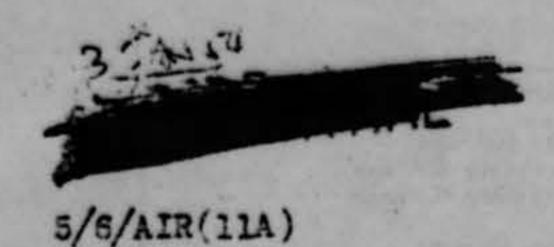
Witness heard sound of a/c and attempted to locate. Saw obj in vicinity of sun (42 deg elev). Object was silver and highly reflective. Appeared to be stationary, then moved in direct flight over the horizon to the SE in about 1 min. Oval possibly, no details, no tail. Had a whip motion, disappearance was behind trees on hill.

11. COMMENTS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF

Observer located object in vicinity of sun, then followed object to point behind trees on hill, description including circumstance of sighting in location near sun indicates that the witness probably saw reflection from the a/c that he was attempting to locate, however, could not distinguish features of this a/c due to the briefness of the sighting.

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Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne S.C.1.,
Victoria

(Attention D.A.F.I.)

Mr. J.M. COWDEN BLACKEURY - 3rd January 1954

- 1. Herewith report of a sighting by Mr of Blackburn of an usual aerial object 1555 hours 3rd January 1954.
- 2. Four other observers have reported to Department of Civil Aviation sighting similar objects at about the same time on 3rd January 1954 but it has not been possible to correlate these sightings as yet.
- 3. Mr. The writer visited Manager after work on 3th January 1954 and obtained the attached report. Mrs. Who was beside her husband at the time of sighting, saw nothing. Mr. Depeared quite genuine and had no previous interest in "flying saucers" or other aerial phenomena. In fact he objected to the term "flying saucers" as applied to his sighting and regrets having mentioned his sighting because of subsequent ridicule from his neighbours.

(sgd.) (L.L. JOHNSTON)

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OFSERVED

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

1. Mr.

Blackburn

3. Silversmith

- 4. 3 Jan 54 at 1555 K hrs
- 5. 1 minute
- 6. Home (37°45' S 145°08' E) Ground to Air naked eye. No equipment used.
- 7. In the vicinity of the sum
- 8. Noise caused observer to look for an aircraft
- 9. Definite object
- 10. One
- 11. Highly reflective (silver)
- 12. No tail. Possibly oval.
- 13. No details.
- 14. No
- 15. No sound overhead but sound originally attracted attention.
- 15. Sum 1600 hr position Elavation 42º Bearing 272' T.
- 17. Sum to SE horizon 1 min. Originally appeared stationary.
- 18. No special knowledge.
- 19. From west to ESE horizon
- 20. Straight path with whip motion
- 21. No
- 22. Behind trees on hill
- 23. H11
- 24. Fine, clear sky, good visibility, temperature 75°.
- 25. Light aircraft in vicinity at time stated, operating from MOCRABBIN
- 26. Melbourne

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