

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 1 Jan 54	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Melbourne, Australia		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Inconsistent Data</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 01/0015Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 10 sec	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one (1)	<b>9. COURSE</b> N	
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Metallic mushroom shaped obj flying below minimum safety alt. 4 times as large as DC-4. Appeared to have an observation car hung underneath. Speed -- 700		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Object traveling in Northerly direction at 700 mph with reported detail given by witness would be visible longer than 10 seconds. Much data omitted.	

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>930PM 2130</u> GMT <u>15/1130Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE varied	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Faint whirring sound and then object dropped in front of observers at a distance estimated to be 300 ft. Obj looked like a mushroom with a short stem. Two small green lights underneath. obj descended to about 200 ft and remained stationary, green lights went out and noise increased. Remained for 10 minutes in this position. 150 ft in diameter. Had band around middle of bright metal about 12 ft wide. Rest of obj dull stem 20 ft diameter and 25 ft long total bottom to top 60 ft. Whirring ceased and obj rose accompanied by yellow gaseous light		11. COMMENTS Sighting descriptive of balloon which had a leak and descended, then rose and finally burst giving the appearance of rapid departure. coming from bottom of stem. Rose to above 3,000 ft and gas stopped. Green lights reappeared on sides of stem. Circled and appeared to be stationary at 3,000. Rise and circling took 10 min. Roar and yellow gaseous light and object disappeared climbing higher in NE direction	

13 JAN  
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Melbourne  
17th January, 1954

Intelligence Officer  
R.A.A.F. Headquarters  
Victoria Barracks  
St. Kilda Road  
Melbourne

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Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice the sighting of an object, which could be described as a "Flying Saucer". The sighting occurred while I was in the company of a lady, and although our association was harmless, the meeting was clandestine, and if known could be most embarrassing to the lady. Under the circumstances it was the lady's wish, and my undertaking to her that the sighting not be reported. However, after careful consideration I feel it my duty to report the matter fully, and to honour the lady's wish, I will refrain from mentioning our names which will obviate any risk of her identity and/or association with me, becoming known. Also, in writing to you, I feel more confident than if writing to a Civil Department, that the whole matter will be treated in confidence. You may, of course, regard this as just an anonymous letter, but in view of the foregoing I earnestly request that it not be treated as such, as please appreciate that I would hardly go to this trouble to mislead you, or anyone else.

Both me, and my companions were without watches, and therefore the times mentioned can only be approximate, but you could no doubt establish accurate times, if you so desired, from events that will be mentioned. Naturally any measurements given can only be regarded as approximate.

The sighting occurred on Friday last, the 15th. inst., and we were in a car parked

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near a Gravel Quarry at the Paps, which are two hills about 5 miles west of Mansfield. Entrance to the site is gained through a gateway off the Maroondah Highway, between Mansfield and Maindample. The sky was cloudless, and from our elevated position at the Paps, we had a clear view to the Eastward, and the street and house lights of Mansfield could be plainly seen in front of us. The car was facing East.

At about 9:30 pm we heard a faint whirring sound like the wind causes in telephone wires, but there was not a breath of wind, and as far as I know no telephone wires in the vicinity. Within a matter of seconds an object dropped into view directly in front of us at about 300 yards distant. In profile, the object looked like a mushroom, complete with short stem. We noticed two small green lights facing downwards on the underside of the mushroom. When about 200 feet above the ground, the object ceased to drop, and remained stationary, the green lights being immediately extinguished, and the whirring sound seemed to become louder.

For at least 10 minutes we had a full view of the object, which was circular, and at least 150 feet in diameter. In descent it looked in profile like a mushroom, but when stationary, we could plainly see that the profile was similar to two saucers with their edges together. The rim was in bright metal, like aluminium in appearance, and about 12 feet wide. The rest of the object, including the stem, was dull. The stem appeared to be about 20 feet in diameter, and about 25 feet in length. From the bottom of the stem to the top of the object seemed to be about 60 feet.

After the 10 minutes we heard the drone of a plane and having previously alighted from the car to have a better view of the Saucer, we saw the navigation lights indicating that the plane was travelling Northwards. Almost simultaneously the whirring sound from the Saucer ceased, and it made a rapid vertical ascent, emitting a yellow gaseous light from the bottom of the stem. We estimated that the time was then about 9:40 pm. On attaining about 3000 feet, the gaseous light from the stem ceased, and a similar light appeared on the side of the stem, and the Saucer then proceeded horizontally at a terrific speed in the direction of the plane. On completion of the circle, which was a wide one, the Saucer then headed towards us, and in the matter of seconds was again overhead at about 3000 feet. The green lights appeared under the Saucer, and on opposite sides of the stem, and the descent immediately commenced, and the Saucer became stationary in what appeared to us, to be the same position that it had occupied before leaving to pursue the plane, only a few minutes previously. We estimated the time to be about 9:50 pm.

We then decided to leave, and immediately the car lights were turned on, a green light appeared momentarily facing us, and from the edge of the Saucer, in the middle of the bright band. There was a sudden roar at the same time, and the Saucer departed leaving a stream of yellow gaseous light, being emitted from the side of the stem. With what seemed to be only the fraction of a second, the Saucer was on the outskirts of the town, and only then did it commence to climb to a higher elevation, and then disappeared in a North Easterly direction.

In discussing the whole matter with my friend, she told me that there had been previous sightings in Mansfield, and these had been in the vicinity of the Golf Links, and the Saucer had been seen resting on the ground.

Such reports may have already reached you and other Authorities investigating this matter, but if not, I hope this one is of interest.

I would like to add that the Saucer in flight does appear to be of a bright metal, but from my observation the bright metal exists only as described in this letter.

1343401/00152 Melbourne Australia

1 Witness

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SEEING A METALLIC MUSHROOM SHAPED OBJECT FLYING BELOW MINIMUM SAFETY  
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X OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT FOUR TIMES AS LARGE AS A D C FOUR WITH WHAT  
APPEARED TO BE AN OBSERVATION CAR HUNG BENEATH IT X ALTHOUGH BARKER  
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AVIATION TO REPORT AND NOT FEAR RIDICULE A GREAT MANY SIGHTINGS OF  
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SOME OF WHICH COINCIDE WITH  
THE REPORT OF [REDACTED] OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING AND A REPORT OF  
FINDINGS WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP SGD [REDACTED]

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2 January 1954  
Athens, Texas

INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

March 24, 1954

The Flying Saucer Information Department  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Gentleman:

Enclosed are two clippings which I  
thought you might want for your collection.  
The date and source are given for each.

Cordially yours,

*Robert W Strain*  
Robert W. Strain, C.L.U.  
Instructor in Insurance

RWS:rlf

Enclosures

**Strain - Business**  
After 10 days, return to  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY,  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.



The Flying Saucer Information Department  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

# Murchison Citizens Report Sighting "Flying Saucers"

For the third time in as many days reports from persons, who said they had observed "strange metallic-colored disks" in the skies near Athens, came in Thursday.

Mrs. T. M. Taylor, Murchison postmistress, stated that she had seen one of the objects on Tuesday prior to the time that Mrs. A. L. Skinner, Athens housewife, made the first reported sighting.

Mrs. Taylor said she saw the object from her back yard as she was hanging out clothes and said that she was certain what she saw was not a reflection. She said the object was shining brighter than any plane reflection she had ever seen.

She said there was no vapor trail, as is sometimes left by jet-planes, or no sound of engines. Mrs. Taylor said she sighted the object between 12 and 1:00 o'clock Tuesday, and thought that she watched it three or four minutes.

She said she could not determine the shape of the thing but that it definitely was not moving, just hovering in the north at approx-

imately a 90 degree angle in the sky.

Mrs. Taylor said she ran toward her house to call her husband but that when they returned the object had gone.

Mrs. Skinner's sighting was also made while she was hanging out clothes but she was able to give a more accurate description of what she saw and it is believed from the accounts of the incident that Mrs. Skinner's sighting was at a closer range.

Another sighting made the same day as Mrs. Skinner's but also unreported at the time was made by a man who lives about five miles northeast of Murchison. He requested his name be withheld from the account.

He said he made his sighting at 9:15 in the eastern part of the sky and apparently at a great distance away. He said his first thought he had seen a jet because of haze or vapor trails in the vicinity.

He said he watched the object for some time, however, and

became convinced that it was not a plane because of the rapid speed at which the thing was climbing. The man, who is a former serviceman, said the gleaming object was going straight up at an apparently tremendous rate of speed. He said he knew that the Air Force have some jets that will fly faster than the speed of sound but that they don't appear to be moving so fast when observed at a great distance.

He said the object "shot" straight up for a time and then headed into the east and quickly disappeared.

Phil Dibert, a Tyler Morning Telegraph reporter, reported seeing an unidentified object near Winona Wednesday morning. His description fitted the one given by Mrs. Skinner, although it was not as detailed. He said that one disappeared in the same manner as the one seen by Mrs. Taylor.

Further reports had been received by The Athens Review Friday morning but an interview with the observers had not been arranged at press time.

The Athens Review - ATHENS, TEXAS

8 JAN 1954

Headed Toward Tyler

## Saucer-Like Object Seen Here Monday

JAN 1954  
The Athens Review  
ATHENS, TEXAS

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An object resembling publicized Flying Saucers was observed hovering in the sky on the outskirts of Athens in the immediate vicinity of the Tyler Highway by Mrs. A. L. Skinner, Jr., who resides about a half mile from where she first sighted the phenomenon.

Mrs. Skinner, who was hanging out clothes in her back yard at the time, said she first saw the silver, metallic-gleaming object, completely surrounded by a shimmering haze, approaching from the south. She said she started at it and tried to determine its nature.

It stopped, Mrs. Skinner said, hovered for a moment and then seemed to bank and slide back in a northeastern direction without making a full turn. She described the turn as being a "tilting and sliding" motion.

Mrs. Skinner, who said the object resembled a "large tea galloon hat" when one observed the haze surrounding it, said she saw no smoke, heard no engines nor saw none of the colors which sometime are reported by persons as accompanying the "ships."

Mrs. Skinner said the haze seemed to be heavier at the "crown of the hat" and much thinner around the lower part or brim. She said the object had the appearance of a hat when it made its strange turn.

The thing then appeared to be circular in construction and the high top took on a dome-like appearance. She said she could not determine the speed, size or height of the object but that she thought she observed it for about five minutes before it passed from her view toward Tyler at a speed which appeared to be slower than an airplane flying at about the

same distance away.

The sighting was made by Mrs. Skinner at about 3:30 p. m., Monday, and she said after watching the object for a time she ran to a neighbor's house nearby and called to her.

Mrs. Skinner's neighbor was unable to get outside of her house in time to see the object, however, but Mrs. Skinner said she hoped that someone else near Athens or along the route seemingly taken by the object may have seen it and would report it as soon as they learned that someone else had observed it, too.



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<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local <u>1120</u> GMT <u>14/0150Z</u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 5 seconds	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> West	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Flat square object, silver, in flight to West. Finally rose vertically at great speed.			<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Awaiting further reported similar sightings.  INSUFFICIENT DATA.

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Air Attache, Australia

13 Feb 54

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George A. Uhrich, Lt Col, USAF

RAAF

Further reports on unusual sightings submitted to RAAF.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Air Attache

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supporting evidence: no

24. Weather conditions experienced at time of observation: Fine and hot with a little cloud.
25. Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting: Civilian Dakota on instrument flying. Civil Dakota en route Parafield to Kangaroo Island.
26. Location of any meteorological stations in the general area: Adelaide Meteorological stations in the general area: Adelaide Meteorological Bureau, West Terrace, Adelaide.
27. Any additional information: The time given by the observer is not completely accurate. At 1127 a Wirraway took off from RAAF Mallala, circled, and departed for Whill, Victoria.

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Questions 25, 26 and 27 to be answered by interrogator. 

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Headquarters Home Command  
Penrith, N.S.W.  
New South Wales

22nd January, 1954

Secretary,  
Air Board,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, S.C. 1. Vic.

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL OBJECT

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a report on a sighting of an unusual object in accordance with your SEC. 002/2(54A) 16th November, 1953. The Report was forwarded to this Headquarters from R.A.A.F. Mallala.

(Sgd.)  
for (F. HEADLAM)  
Group Captain  
for Air Officer Commanding

Encl.

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Name of Observer: [REDACTED]
2. Address of Observer: [REDACTED] Mallala, S.Aus.
3. Occupation of Observer: Electrician
4. Date & Time of Observation: 14 Jan 54 at 1120 hours
5. Period of Observation: 5 seconds
6. Manner of Observation: Visual. Position 130°30'E 34°27'S
7. Where was object first observed: Up and in front of observer
8. What first attracted observer's attention: Nothing in particular
9. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object: Definite object
10. How many: One only
11. Color of light or object: silver
12. Apparent shape: flat and square
13. Any detail of structure observable: no
14. Any method of propulsion obvious: no
15. Any sounds: no
16. Height, or angle of elevation: 025° above horizon
17. Speed, or angular velocity: not able to estimate
18. Any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about the answers given to 16 and 17: No particular experience
19. Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass: Appeared in position 180°T from observer's position & traveled in a general western direction.
20. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate or manoeuvre at all: Appeared to rise and descend and move in a general westerly direction until it rose vertically at a great speed.
21. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen: no
22. Where did object disappear, e.g. in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon: in mid-air.