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1 14	J. ATKINSON 30 SEP 73	QUANBEYAN NSW	15 OCT	10 DEC 73 ✓	UNKNOWN - POSSIBLY SIRIUS, RIGEL AND PROCYON.
2 12	W J. HANLEY 19 SEP 73	NEW LAMBTON NSW	15 OCT	14 NOV ✓	OAO-3 & BECHCRAFT MK
3 8	L. ROBINSON 31 AUG 73	EAST CROSFORD NSW (CCUFORD)	15 OCT	29 NOV ✓	LIGHT AIRCRAFT
4 13	C. MICHAEL ^(M23) 24 SEP 73	MARYVILLE NSW	15 OCT	2 FEB 74 ✓	LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND WEATHER BALLOON
5 3	R.A. CHILCOTT 8 JUL 73	NEW BRITAIN PNG	15 OCT	14 NOV ✓	VENUS
6 5	C. KANOCIO 23 JUL 73	SAIDOR PNG	15 OCT	14 NOV ✓	PEGASUS 2
7 6	R.B. CREAGH 25 JUL 73	SAIDOR PNG	15 OCT	31 OCT 73 ✓	MET BALLOON
8 2	K.W. POPOWSKI 12 JUN 73	ULVERSTONE TAS	18 OCT	31 OCT 73 ✓	RIGIL KENTHAIRUS
9 11	C. O'BRIEN 17 SEP 73	CAMPBELLTOWN TAS	18 OCT	31 OCT 73 ✓	AIRCRAFT
10 1	K. HIBBARD 15 MAY 73	HOBART TAS	18 OCT	26 OCT 73 ✓	PAGEOS I
11 7	G.A. DAVIS B.E. BOND 11 AUG 73	OTLANDS TAS	18 OCT	26 OCT 73 ✓	JUPITER
12 10	MRS ARCHER 13 SEP 73	KONGFORD TAS	18 OCT	24 OCT ✓	VENUS
13 9	R.L.S. DICKINSON 11 SEP 73	DONVANE VIC	24 OCT	26 OCT ✓	DC9 AIRCRAFT
14 15	J. BATES 14 OCT 73	ALDERLEY QLD	25 OCT	29 NOV ✓	MET BALLOON
15 16	D.G. TRONE 16 OCT 73	ARTHURS SEAT VIC	30 OCT	29 NOV ✓	VENUS
16 #	H.M. TGHIAN 22 JUL 73	KHUIENG N.I.	31 OCT	27 NOV ✓	VENUS AND OTHER MINOR STARS

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22 JUL 73

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SIGHTING #16

KAVIENG

MR. H.M. TOHIAN

NEW IRELAND



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FROM DEPAR (DAF.)	FILE 55011/P-31(11/1) 25 NOV 73	DATE 25 NOV 73	REFERENCES HONCFER 100-D1-11 (S1) OF 26 OCT 73
TO HOLDGFOR		ATTENTION MAJ JOYCE	
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNKNOWN A273-66-052-8064			

Enclosed, for your records, is copy of a letter from this Department to Mr H M Tshian in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosures Copy of letter to Mr H M Tshian.

SIGNATURE M J Joyce	NAME M J COLETTEN	RANK F.C. CEE	APPOINTMENT 12-3	PHONE NO 2601
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580/1/1 Pt3:1 (16a)

27 NOV 1973

Mr H.W. Tohian,
C/- Police Station,
Kavieng,
NEW IRELAND. PNG

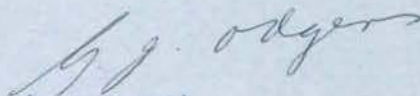
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 22nd July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the planet Venus sighted among other minor stars.

At the time of the sighting Venus would have been visible with a magnitude of -3.3 at an elevation of about 50° and on a bearing of 305°. The apparent increased magnitude of Venus and the other stars could feasibly have been caused by local atmospheric conditions prevailing at the time of the sighting.

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

Yours faithfully,


(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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27-11-73
to*

Telephone 56186

Quote in Reply

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DEPT. OF AIR
30/1/1
DAFF
A-10-73
Headquarters
Papua New Guinea Defence Force
Murray Barracks Free Bag
BOROKO PNG

26 Oct 73

DAFF
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2601


For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command RAAF Penrith.

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. DEPAIR 580/1/1 (File).

1. Enclosed one report of unusual aerial sighting.
2. The time delay on this sighting is three months. Also attached is our covering letter which was returned with the Questionnaire. Delays in this headquarters only account for several days.
3. The Air Almanac is now available at this headquarters.


(B.P. DOYLE)
Major
for Commander

Enclosure: Report of Aerial Sighting.

Telephone 56166

Quote in Reply

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Headquarters
Papua New Guinea Defence Force
Murray Barracks, Port Moresby
BOROKO PNG
PNG Defence Force
Central Registry



25 Jul 73

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109/D/11
Officer in Charge
Police Station
KAVLENG PNG

Dear Inspector Tohian,

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Your sighting of three objects in the sky on the evening of 22 July 1973 was referred to this Headquarters. It would be appreciated if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to this Headquarters.

Normally one of my officers would call on you, however, because of the distances involved this is not possible.

Yours faithfully,

(J. W. NORRIE)
Brigadier
Commander

Enclosure: 1. Questionnaire.

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PART ONE - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer HENRY MOLA TOHIAN Age 48

2. Address of observer P. POLICE STATION KAVIENG
KAVIENG
222
Phone 222
INSPECTOR I/C OF POLICE,
OFFICER IN CHARGE: KAVIENG POLICE STATION

3. Occupation of observer OFFICER IN CHARGE: KAVIENG POLICE STATION

4. Date and time of start of observation 22ND JULY, 1973 1845K

5. How certain is the date CERTAIN

How accurate is the time of start FAIRLY ACCURATE

5. Duration of observation APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES

How accurate is your estimate FAIRLY ACCURATE

6. Observers location at time of sighting IN THE GROUNDS OF
KAVIENG POLICE STATION

7. Weather conditions at time of observation VERY CLEAR, NO
CLOUD FORMATIONS

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

9. Where was the object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings IN THE WEST, APPEARED OVER
TREE TOPS

b. Angle of elevation APPROXIMATELY 45°

c. Compass angle bearing UNKNOWN

d. How accurate are these estimates REASONABLY ACCURATE

10. What first attracted observer's attention DUE TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF
UNUSUAL LIGHTINGS IN P.N.G. I HAD BEEN OBSERVING THE NIGHT SKY

Venus

11. If there was more than one light/object:
- How many were there SIX (6)
 - In what formation were they ... A "CROSS"
12. What was the brightness (Compared with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 metres)
- ALL OBJECTS WERE NOT AS BRIGHT AS STARS - ALL OBJECTS WERE UNBLINKING
13. What was the colour of the light or object WHITE
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- Relative to Venus LARGEST OBJECT AS LARGE AS VENUS. SMALLER OBJECTS WERE LARGER THAN STARS
 - Relative dimensions in inches at arms length (about 20 inches from the eyes) LARGEST OBJECT APPROX 1 INCH SMALLER OBJECTS APPROX 1/2 INCH
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 NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- NO SOUND
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)
- NOT KNOWN BUT OBJECTS SEEMED TO BE AT A GREAT HEIGHT
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)
- NOT KNOWN
20. Give duration of any stationary phases NONE
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres NO
22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen NONE
23. Where was the object last observed:
- Relative to your surroundings
 - Angle of elevation
 - Compass angle bearing NOT KNOWN ...

24. What was the manner of its disappearance
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence eg. fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radio activity, 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 APPROXIMATELY 10
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area
..... No
29. What natural phenomenon (phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation
..... NONE
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation
THE OBJECTS DID NOT BEAR ANY SIMILARITY TO ANY PHENOMENON I KNOW OF.
ALSO THEY DID NOT RESEMBLE SATELLITES
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 of Observer

N.M. Jones

Date

18/10/73

PART TWO - UNIT REPORT

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information Operations HQ PNG DF

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information DCA

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

Unknown

Source of information _____

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

Unknown

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

unlikely to be a met balloon

Source of information met morning

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

nil

Source of information _____

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

Temperature (dry bulb) _____ °C (wet bulb) _____ °C

Relative Humidity _____ % Cloud cover _____ Type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ Ft measured at _____ Hrs.
from _____

Wind direction _____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

Pollution level _____

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

*no weather
available
for that area*

16 OCT 73

8 2030

SIGHTING # 15

ARTUR'S SEAT

OG TRONE.

VIC

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 580.1/P 31(14) 3000 73	DATE	REFERENCES
TO HMC		ATTENTION INT 1	
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter from to Mr. D G Trone in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting

Enclosure Copy of letter to Mr. D G Trone

SIGNATURE M. G. Trone	NAME M. G. Trone	RANK FC OFF	APPOINTMENT 12 J	PHONE NO 3408
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29 NOV 1973

580/1/1 Pt31 (15a)

Mr D.G. Trone,
Bundora Parade,
MERTONHE. VIC. 3192

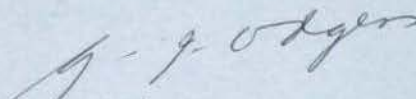
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 16th October 1973, the investigating team is of the opinion that the most probable cause was the planet Venus.

On the day of the sighting, Venus was at a magnitude of -3.7. When first sighted, the planet was at an elevation of about 75° on a bearing of about 45°. During the period of the sighting the planet gradually moved to an elevation of about 80° and a bearing of 360°. Although the planet was sighted during the afternoon employees of the Meteorological Bureau have confirmed that this is not an uncommon occurrence.

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

Yours faithfully,


(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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FROM	FILE	DATE	REFERENCES
HQSC	5/6/1 Air Pt 5(4)	25 OCT 73	
TO	ATTENTION		
DAFI IR-2 DEFAIR	DAFI IR 2		
SUBJECT			
UNUSUAL AERIAL OBSERVATION			



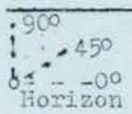
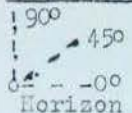
1. Please find enclosed an Unusual Aerial Sighting Report from Mr D.G. TRONE of MENTONE.
2. Forwarded for your information and action as deemed necessary



SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
	R.O. GIBBS	Flg Off	INT 1	7410.

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer TRONE, D.G. Age 34
Address BUNDARA RD MENTONE
40 P.O. BOX 30 CHELTENHAM State VIC Postcode 3192
Occupation RADIO TECHNICAL OFFICER (HOLD PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE)
Phone (home) 902763 (business) 906222
2. Exact location of observer ARTHURS SEAT
DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION RADIO STATION
3. Start of observation: Date 16-10-73 Time 2.00 am/pm
End of observation: Date 16-10-73 Time 3.00 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date ACCURATE Times ± 15 MIN.
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc SKY CLEAR
1/8 AC. WIND 270° ≈ 20 KTS
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?
At what angle to the horizon? 
≈ 020°M You 80°
(NORTH)
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?
At what angle to the horizon? 
≈ 360°M You 80°
Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
> 30,000 feet Cloud ≈ 10,000'
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Suspect ^{OBJECT} ~~1.~~ was a PLANET.

VISIBLE when standing in shade and still visible when stepping into sunlight.

Unable to obtain Visual fix on object when standing in sun.

Object was white and appeared to be round in shape.

Object moved in a due West direction.

Position and movement gauged by reference to the ground and a 150' tower.

ACCURACY OF ANGLES TO HORIZONTAL ^{BETTER} ~~LESS~~ THAN $\pm 5^\circ$.

ACCURACY OF BEARING. $\approx \pm 20^\circ$



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

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

4. OTHER WITNESSES.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 19-10-73

Signature Robert J. Lane

Part 2 - Unit Report

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information _____

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information _____

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

Venus

Exactly as described by Mr Trone

Source of information Air Almanac SEP-DEC 73

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

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

Source of information _____

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

Source of information _____

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

Temperature (dry bulb) _____ °C (wet bulb) _____ °C Relative Humidity _____ %

Cloud Cover _____ type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ ft measured at _____ hrs from _____

Wind direction _____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

Pollution level _____

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

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview _____
b. Place of interview _____
2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)
1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).
4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of ~~possible~~ cause(s).

Venus

HQSCU (Unit) R. O. Gibbs (Name)
25 OCT 73 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)

14 OCT 73

SIGHTING # 14

ALDERLEY
(P-1)

J. BATES

580/1/1 Pt31 (14a)

29 NOV 1973

Mr J. Bates,
P.O. Box 61,
ALDERLEY. QLD. 4051

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 14th October 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteorological balloon.

A balloon was released from Eagle Farm between 2.15 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the day of the sighting. Below 5000 ft, the general wind profile which was from the north east, would have initially carried the balloon towards your position. Above this height the general wind profile was southerly and would have carried the balloon to the north west away from you. It would gradually fade from view as it rose higher and was carried further away.

Your report of the movement of the object is consistent with that of a balloon. Additionally, the material used in the construction of these balloons is highly reflective, which would account for the brightness of the object sighted.

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

Yours faithfully,

C. J. Odgers

(C. J. ODGERS)

Director of Public Relations

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28 Nov 73

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FROM HQAMB	FILE 82w/59/AIR(52)	DATE 23 OCT 73	REFERENCES
TO DE PAIR	ATTENTION DAFI-1R		
INFO: HQOC	CIO		
SUBJECT UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING			

1. Forwarded is a report on an unusual aerial sighting by a RA J. BATES.

Enclosure: 1. Report Form, Report, and map.



SIGNATURE 	NAME R. A. Bertram	RANK Sgt Ldt	APPOINTMENT WIO	PHONE NO 2357
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

82W/5/9/11n (49)

(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. JOHN BATES Age. 26
2. Address of Observer. MT. NEBO RD. MT. NEBO
Post address - P.O. Box 61 ANDERLEY Phone. 56 54 55
3. Occupation of Observer. COMPANY MANAGER
4. Date and time of start of observation. 14th Oct 13 approx 2.30 PM
How certain is the date? 100%
How accurate is the time of start? within 15 mins
5. Duration of observation. 10 mins
How accurate is your estimate? within 5 mins
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 147 SOUTH PINE RD
ANDERLEY, BRISBANE
How familiar is observer with this locality? very
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. PERFECT
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. NONE
.....
9. Where was object first observed:
(a) Relative to your surroundings. T approx. above
the GRANGE
(b) angle of elevation. 75°
(c) compass angle bearing. SSE
(d) how accurate are these estimates. Not measured with instrument
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Chance looking
.....

RESTRICTED

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? SLIVER.....
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). REFLECTED SUN LIGHT.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon. although not round, in size approx same as Venus.....
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). 15' long, 6" diameter.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? 90° overhead.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? None.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. NO sound.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? From 75° - 55° to 60° - NW.....
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. Rate of from South to north about 10 min.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
23. Where was object last observed: faded out in the NW elevation approx 60°.....
- .../3

- (a) relative to your surroundings... *near Stallard*
- (b) angle of elevation... *60°*
- (c) compass angle bearing... *NW*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *falling to nothing*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... *—*
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. *4 years in RMR*
27. How many witness to the sighting? *3*
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? *perhaps a cylindrical balloon*
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.



*the object was this shape
floating from south to north
as if on the wind and occasion
tumbling and reflecting the
sun as I did.*

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.....(1).....(2).....(3)
 Heading.....T.....T.....T
 Height.....*NIL*.....,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).....(2).....(3)
 Heading.....T.....T.....T
 Height.....*NIL*.....,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.....*See map*.....Longitude.....

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.....
*NIL*.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *EAGLE FARM*.....

approx 04 05 - 04 30
 at.....*at 04 05 - 04 30* Colour.....*WHITE*.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile *ENE upto 4/5000' then SW to W.*

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

Was it known to have burst?.....*NOT KNOWN*.....

.....15.

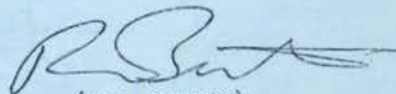
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of
°C atft, measured at.....Z hrs
 from.....*NIL*.....station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons,
 comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....
*NIL*.....
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include
 radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the
 aircraft lights were operating.....
*NIL*.....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*~~be~~^{cannot}
 be determined.
41. The object reported probably was*~~may have been~~* (delete
 as required)
*MET. BALLOON. RETURNED FROM FACTS. FARM.*.....

.....*82wiz*.....(Unit).....*R.M. BERTRAM*.....(Name)
*22 Oct 73*.....(Date).....*Sp-1st*.....(Rank)

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING BY

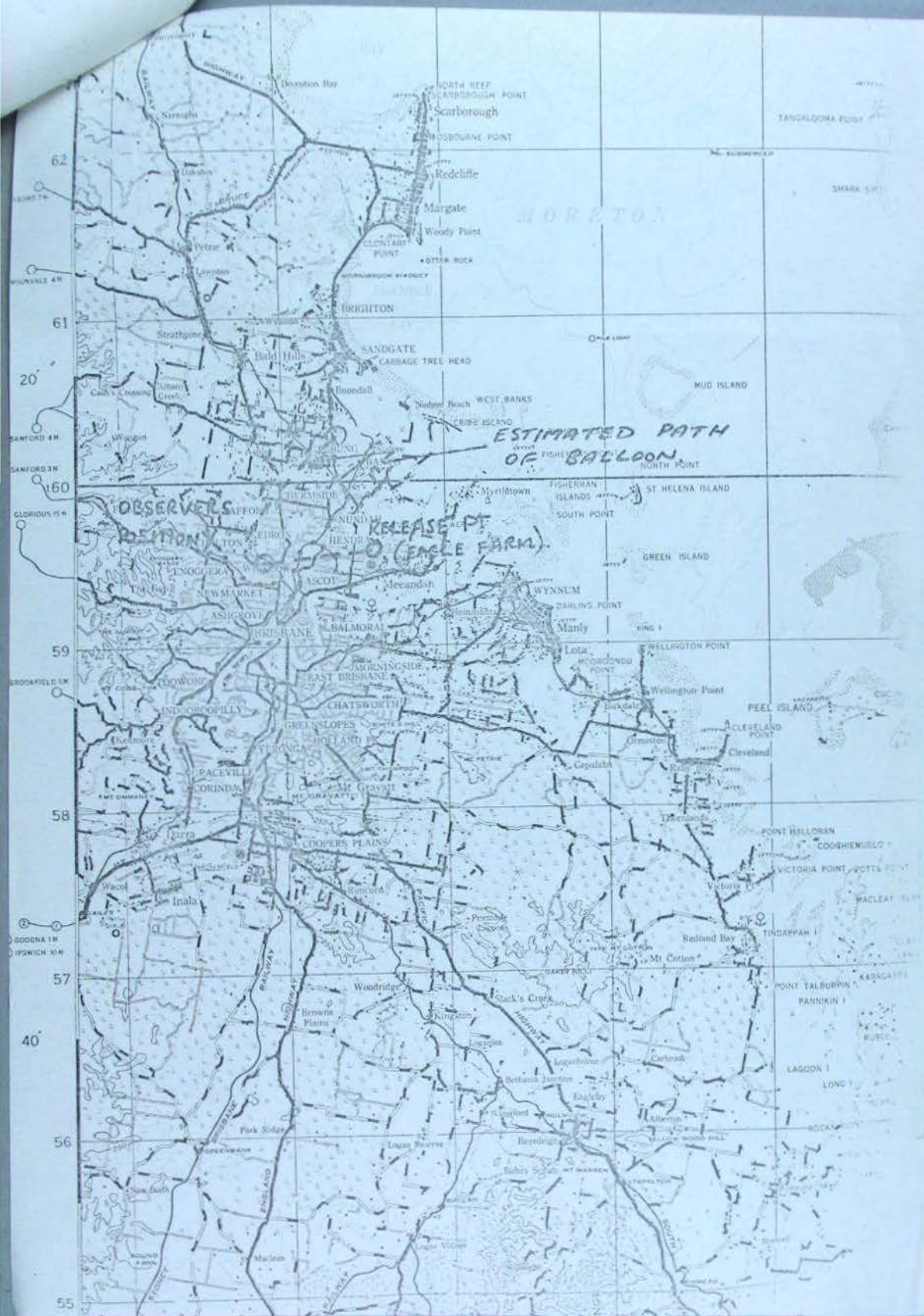
MR. J. BATES ON 14 OCT 73

1. In Mr. Bates' initial verbal report he stated that the object appeared to be coming towards him, and then turned away to the north. This movement coincides very closely to the movement that could be expected from a balloon released at that time.
2. The ENE wind up to 4/5,000' would have blown the balloon towards him initially. He probably saw it just before it began to turn. The SW and then W wind above that altitude would have turned it to the north initially, and then to the NE of his position. The average wind strength in the 5-15,000' band was about 25 kts during that period. This would have moved the balloon about 6 miles during the time of his sighting (10-15 minutes).
3. If the observer was not aware that the object was going away from him, he would have imagined that it had just faded away over the suburb of Stafford (shown on the map). Also, as the balloon rose higher, and drifted further away the sighting elevation angle could appear to stay the same or even decrease as was the case here.
4. The elongated shape would be caused by the apparatus and shiny radar reflector suspended from the balloon. The sun would certainly reflect from the radar reflector, and the tumbling effect could have been caused by oscillations of the reflector and apparatus.
5. Mr. Bates, in both his verbal and written reports, described the movement as that of a floating balloon. There seems little doubt that it was just that.



(R.M. BERTRAM)
Squadron Leader
Formation Intelligence
Officer

22 OCT 73



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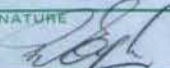
SIGHTING # 13

DONVILLE
V/C

R. L. S. DICKINSON

FROM DEPAIR	FILE 5806/1 PT 31 (HA)	DATE 29 OCT 75	REFERENCES
TO HQSC		ATTENTION CINTEL O	
SUBJECT UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING			

Enclosed for your records is the copy of the departmental reply to Dr RLS Dickinson concerning his UAS report.

SIGNATURE 	NAME A. EGLE	RANK SENIOR	APPOINTMENT DAFILO	PHONE NO 2408
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Dr R.L.S. Dickinson,
311 Springvale Road,
DONVALE, VIC., 3111

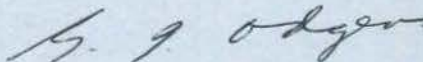
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 11th September 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was an aircraft.

At the time of sighting a DC-9 aircraft, VH-CZE, operated by Ansett Airlines of Australia was approaching Melbourne Airport from Brisbane, and its position was approximately 20 NM east-north-east of the airport approaching Epping Locator. The light seen was probably the landing lights of this aircraft and the inability to see the navigation lights could be due to the amount of daylight and/or the degree of atmospheric pollution present. The initial stationary period may be explained as the aircraft descending directly towards your observation point, and the acceleration towards the west would have occurred as the aircraft turned and tracked towards the airport.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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D.H.
25 OCT 73

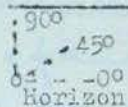
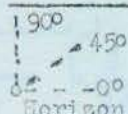
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26-10-73

1. Enclosed is unusual aerial sighting report from Dr. R. L. S. DICKINSON of DONVALE.
2. Forwarded for your information and action as deemed necessary.



REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer RONALD L.S. DICKINSON Age 47
Address 311 SPRINGVALE RD
DONJALE State VIC Postcode 3111
Occupation MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
Phone (home) 842 5353 (business) 89 7903
2. Exact location of observer AT HOME
3. Start of observation: Date 11.9.73 Time 6.55 am/pm
End of observation: Date 11.9.73 Time 6.58 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date EXACT Times WATCH CHECK.
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc CLEAR SKY, NO CLOUD
LIGHT NORTHERLY BREEZE, NOT QUITE DARK
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? NORTHERLY
060°
At what angle to the horizon? approx 30°
You  Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?
330°
At what angle to the horizon? approx 30°
You  Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
If an aircraft - 2 to 3 miles, 1500 - 2000 ft.
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

+ 5/6/78
C. H. B.

On arrival home from my surgery I alighted from my car and as I closed the door, noted a bright light in the northern sky. It was at that time apparently stationary and I thought at first it must have been a planet as it was at about the right elevation. It was a steady light, yellowish white and larger than any planet that I know.

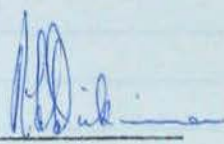
As I puzzled about it, it began to move to the west, quite slowly at first and then with increasing velocity. I began to realize that this was not quite a normal sighting and opened the car boot to get a pair of binoculars there. I could not get any better definition with these and so ran some 60 ft to call the children out to see what they made of it. In the meantime the light had accelerated quite considerably and shortly afterwards disappeared behind a belt of pine trees on a hill, effectively bringing the observation to an end.

There were no associated lights of any kind - no navigation lights. It was not bright enough for landing lights and the brightness did not vary during the duration of the sighting. There was no sound associated although there was a slight northerly breeze; the light was north of us.

I have been flying as a pilot for 29 years and hold a current pilots license ^{/10} but would not relate this light to an aircraft. The children also are all very aircraft oriented but would not offer explanation on this basis.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? NO
11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible) JULIE, JANE, RICHARD
FIVE - THREE OF MY TEENAGE CHILDREN
TWO TEENAGE COUSINS
ANTHONY, ROBERT BROOKES, 5 TRAFALGAR ST
MONT ALBERT
12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 19.9.73

Signature 

Part 2 - Unit Report

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA
Nil							

Source of information HQSC Ops

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

	Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA
ANA CZJ	DC9	For Eltham	locater		CANB		ML RY 34	1843
TAA TJO	DC9	.	.	.	CANB		.	1847
TJM	DC9	.	.	.	SYD		.	1855
CZE	DC9	.	.	.	BRIS		.	1857

Source of information RAAF ATC ML AIRPORT

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

Source of information _____

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

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

Source of information _____

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

Source of information _____

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

Temperature (dry bulb) 21 °C (wet bulb) 15 °C Relative Humidity 53 %

Cloud Cover 1/8 St Cu 5,000' 1/8 Cirr abt 25,000' type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ ft measured at _____ hrs
from LAV

Wind direction 010 @ 56 at 3,000 ft

350 @ 48 at 5,000 ft

340 @ 38 at 10,000 ft

320 @ 40 at 15,000 ft

Pollution level _____

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

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1. a. Date of interview _____
b. Place of interview _____
2. Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include phone numbers where applicable)
1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

3. Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their interest in subject matter).
4. Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

Probably the light illuminating the tail markings on VHCZE. Aircraft were being vectored from NE for RY34. Altho observer reports he is a pilot he may not be familiar with the tail illuminating lights now being used.

Report received HQSC 23 OCT 73

HQSC

(Unit)

R. O. GIBBS

(Name)

23 OCT 73

(Date)

Flg Off

(Rank)

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SIGHTING # 12

HONCFORD
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MRS ARCHER

580/1/1 Pt30 (12a)

24 OCT 1973

Mrs Archer,
Brickendon,
LONGFORD TAS 7301

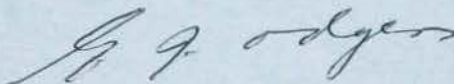
Dear Mrs Archer,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 13th September 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the planet Venus.

At the time of the sighting, Venus was visible with a magnitude of -4 on a bearing of about 260° and an elevation of about 15°. The planet was also on the decline, and it is the opinion of the investigating team that you sighted Venus for the four minutes prior to it disappearing below the Great Western Tiers.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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G. J. Odgers
DPR
23 Oct 73

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Royal Australian Air Force A273 Feb 70 MEMO		For use within the RAAF only Write or print clearly		OUR FILE 5801/1 P. 31	FOLIO 124
FROM DEPT (A273)		DATE 26 OCT 73		REFERENCES TASCIC 5/2/11/36 OF 50073	
TO TASCIC		ATTENTION			
SUBJECT Reports of Unusual Aerial Sightings					

Enclosed, for your records is a copy
 of a letter from this Department to Mr
 Archer in reply to his report of an
 unusual aerial sighting.

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Enclosure - Copy of letter to Mr Archer

SIGNATURE M. E. [Signature]	PRINTED NAME M. E. [Name]	RANK [Rank]	APPOINTMENT [Appointment]	PHONE EXT [Phone Ext]
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: 237686

Tasmanian Squadron Air Training Corps
RAAF
8 Fitzroy Place
HOBART TAS 7005

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(50)

15th October 1973

Department of Air (IR2)

DAFI (IR2)

For Information:

Headquarters Support Command (C Intel 0)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

- References:
- A. Headquarters Support Command ASI 3/3
 - B. TASATC 5/2/Air(48) of 1st October 1973

1. Enclosed are five Unusual Aerial Sighting Reports.
2. Full investigation of these reports has not been possible because of the remoteness of the areas of sighting and because of limited staff at this unit.
3. Five completed reports were despatched on 1st October 1973, Reference B, and two reports are currently being investigated.


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

- Enclosures:
1. Report from Mrs Archer of Longford
 2. Report from Constables Bond and Davis of Oatlands
 3. Report from Mr Hibbard of Hobart Airport
 4. Report from Mr O'Brien of Campbelltown
 5. Report from Constable Popowski of Ulverstone



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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. Archer Age 68
2. Address of observer Brickendon Longford, Tas.
Phone Longford 91 1111
3. Occupation of observer Farmer
4. Date and time of start of observation 13/9/73 8.40 p.m.
How certain is the date? CERTAIN
How accurate is the time of start? APPROX
5. Duration of observation Approximately 6 or 7 minutes
How accurate is your estimate? APPROX
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Home
How familiar is observer with this locality? lives there
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation Visual only -
binoculars
9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings Over Western Tiers. Due West.
b. angle of elevation NOT KNOWN
c. compass angle bearing WEST
d. how accurate are these estimates? APPROX
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Saw through back window
11. If there was more than one light/object : Strong middle light with
smaller light above at each end
a. how many were there?
b. in what formation were they?
12. What was the colour of the light or object? White

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*no aircraft
reported in this area*

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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)
Fairly bright, almost brighter than Moon.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :
a. relative to Venus or Moon Larger than Venus
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?
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No.
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
Not inside the house.
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? NOT KNOWN
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
Approximately 3 - 4 minutes.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Moved South
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen
23. Where was object last observed :
a. relative to your surroundings SOUTH WEST
b. angle of elevation NOT KNOWN
c. compass angle bearing SW
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? DISAPPEARANCE
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc) Saw bright light in front of house a few months ago.
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity
27. How many witness to the sighting? 2 others

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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?Not Known.....
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30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
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31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate,
sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your
surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature Date

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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
 Height000 ft000 ft000 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 ^{DC9}.....(1) ^{DC9}.....(2) ^{DC9}.....(3)
 Heading ^{144°} T ^{169°} T ^{329°} T
 Height ²⁷000 ft ¹³000 ft ¹²000 ft.
 Speed ⁴⁰⁰ K ³¹⁰ K ³⁰⁰ K
 ATD/ATA* ^{HB/9-13 p.m. K} hrs ^{HB/9-12 p.m. K} hrs ^{9-13 p.m. K} hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA

34. Observer's location : Latitude ^{41° 35'S} Longitude ^{147° 06E}

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 ^{Launceston Airport}
 at ^{1000 & 1040}Z Colour ^{White} Weight ¹⁰⁰gm
 Radio-sonde **/radar ** : ^{XXXXXX} Candle **/ battery** (** delete as required)
 General wind profile
 Maximum height tracked ^{12000/39}000 ft at ^{1020/1115}Z
 Was it known to have burst? ^{YES}

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ^{NIL}°C at ft, measured atZ hrs from 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

..... *NO RADAR TRACE (RADAR NOT AVAILABLE)*

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)

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Valencia

LAMINGTON AIRPORT

J.T.S. DORSON

..... (Unit) (Name)

13/1/73 (Date) (Rank)

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SIGHTING # 11

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C.A. DAVIS
B E BOND

DEPAHQ

5301h 2731(hh) 29 OCT 73

SPAR (56) 15 OCT 73

TASATC

REPORTS OF UNUSUAL MEDICAL SITUATIONS

Enclosed for your records are copies of letters
from this Department in reply to reports submitted.

Enclosures: 1. Copy of letter to Mr. K. Hibbard.
2. Copy of letter to Mr. E. E. Davis & Bond.

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Constables Davis and Bond,
C/- Police Station,
GATLANDS TAS 7205

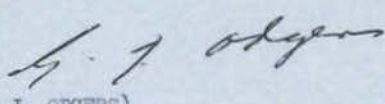
Dear Sirs,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 11th August 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the planet Jupiter.

At the time of sighting, Jupiter would have been visible at an elevation of 85° (nearly directly above) with a magnitude of -2. The flashing colours which appeared to emanate from the planet are often observed and are thought to be caused by variations in atmospheric density and pollution levels.

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

Yours faithfully,


(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Handwritten:
G. J. Odgers
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25 OCT 73

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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.)

GEOFFREY ALEC DAVIS

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1. Name of observer... BRIAN ERNEST BOND Age... 32
2. Address of observer... Police Station, Catlands, Tas. Phone... 42
3. Occupation of observer... 1st Class Constable of Police, and Constable
4. Date and time of start of observation... 11-50 P.M. Saturday, 11-8-73
How certain is the date?.. Date and time noted in duty diary
How accurate is the time of start? Noted at time
5. Duration of observation... 10 minutes
How accurate is your estimate? Time noted
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... One and half miles north of Catlands on Midlands Highway
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Clear at that location... Foggy in Catlands area
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... Nil. Visual sighting only
9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings... Approx. 12 miles east of Catlands
b. angle of elevation... Approx. 80 deg.
c. compass angle bearing... Not known
d. how accurate are these estimates? Personal estimate only
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Information received from 1st Class Constable Miller by police radio from Baden
11. If there was more than one light/object:
a. how many were there?.. One
b. in what formation were they? Flashing red, blue and pure white
12. What was the colour of the light or object?.. as above

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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)
 ...Extremely bright and clearly visible.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :
 a. relative to Venus or Moon...Size of ordinary star.
 b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)...Not noted.
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? East of Oatlands exact bearing not known, viewed from angle of approx. 80 deg.
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)? Remained same during period of observation.
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.
 Moved very slowly
20. Give duration of any stationary phases...XXXXXXXXXX
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...Over Padem 13 miles east of Oatlands
 b. angle of elevation...Not known.
 c. compass angle bearing...Not known.
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...Remained visible XXXXXXXX on course
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. Assessment only.
27. How many witness to the sighting? Three.
 (1) 1st Class Const. J.N. Miller, Bothwell Police Station.
 (2) 1st Class Const. B.E. Bond, Oatlands Police Station.
 (3) Const. G.A. Davis, Oatlands Police Station.

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

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

your observation?...A Planet.....

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

Because it was moving slowly.....

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.

Impossible to sketch what was seen, as all that was observed was
three colours flashing intermittently in the sky. Red, bluey green
then flashing white. Object ~~was not visible~~ moving slowly.

There was no aircraft in the vicinity at that time.

Signature.....

(B.E. Bond),

(G.A. Davis).

Date. 17th August, 1973.

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type.....(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.....(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.....Longitude.....

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

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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)
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Jupiter .
-2 mag.
90° elev.
North.

.....(Unit).....(Name)

.....(Date).....(Rank)

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SIGHTING #10

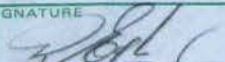
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K. HIBBARD

FROM DEPAHQ	FILE 530/11 P.31(11A)	DATE 29 OCT 73	REFERENCES 5/2 PMR (50) 15 OCT 73
TO TASATC			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed for your records are copies of letters from this Department in reply to reports submitted.

- Enclosures: 1. Copy of letter to Mr. K. Hibbard.
2. Copy of letter to Gen's Davis & Bond.

SIGNATURE 	NAME R. EGLE	RANK SENIOR	APPOINTMENT DATA	PHONE NO 2408
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530/1/1 Pt31 (10a)

26 OCT 1973

Mr E. Hibbard,
C/- Trans Australia Airlines,
Hobart Airport,
HOBART, TAS., 7001

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 15th May 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was the satellite - PAGEOS I.

Pageos I is a long lived satellite launched in 1966. Its orbit takes 180 minutes to complete, and the range varies from 5182 km to 3185 km to form an ellipse. At the time of observation this satellite was predicted to be visible from Hobart on a bearing of 118° and at an elevation of 39° .

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

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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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..... Kevin Hibbard + 2 Age..... —
2. Address of observer..... B.T.A.A. Hobart Airport
Tas. Phone 485 001
3. Occupation of observer..... AIRLINE EMPLOYEE
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 15 MAY 4.30 AM.
How certain is the date?..... Correct
How accurate is the time of start?..... Correct
5. Duration of observation..... ONE Minute
How accurate is your estimate?..... Reasonably
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... Outside TAA freight
hangar Hobart Airport.
How familiar is observer with this locality?..... Very
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... S/B 3500 CLOUD
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... Eyeballs
9. Where was object first observed? :
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... Very high to the SE
of H.B. Airport heading East.
 - b. angle of elevation..... Not Known.
 - c. compass angle bearing..... Approx 120° M.
 - d. how accurate are these estimates?..... Approx
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... bright moving light
in 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?..... white

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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)

1. Brighter than moon

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

- a. relative to Venus or Moon..... *Smaller than moon, ^{about} as Venus*
- 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?..... *N/Known*

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/Known*

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..... *Slow*

20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *None*

21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *NONE*

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

23. Where was object last observed :

- a. relative to your surroundings..... *into cloud S.E.*

- b. angle of elevation..... *N/Known*

- c. compass angle bearing..... *about 120 MAG*

24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *Behind cloud*

25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radiopactivity etc)..... *No*

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

27. How many witness to the sighting?..... *4*

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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? Similar to Satellite-Airplane
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? appeared larger than normal satellite.
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.....15/4/73.....

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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.....,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).....(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.....Longitude.....
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.....
- 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.....°C at
.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....
.....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

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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)
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.....(Unit).....(Name)
.....(Date).....(Rank)

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SIGHTING # 9

CAMPBELTOWN
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G. O'BRIEN

FROM DEPAIR	FILE 580/1/1 (96)	DATE 2 NOV 73	REFERENCES 5/2/1/1 (50) 15 OCT 73
TO TAS ATC			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed for your records are copies of letters from this Department in reply to reports submitted.

- Enclosures: 1. copy of letter to Mr. J. O'Brien
2. copy of letter to Mr. K. Paparski.

SIGNATURE <i>R. Eggle</i>	NAME R. EGLE	RANK SENIOR	APPOINTMENT DAFILO	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt31 (9a)

26 OCT 1973

Mr G. O'Brien,
P.O. Box 2,
CAMPBELL TOWN TAS 7210

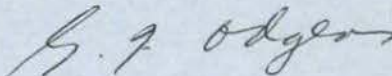
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 17th September 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was an aircraft.

Investigations have shown that at the time of sighting, a DC-9 aircraft was on descent into Launceston Airport having tracked via Tooms from Hobart. The aircraft landed at 8.24 PM. The inbound track to Launceston is 329°M and passes to the east of Campbell Town and thus, the lights seen would have been the port-wing navigation light (red), and the downward identification light (white). The humming noise heard would have been the engine sound which would be of low volume due to the reduced power setting on descent.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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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.)

- no aircraft reported in this area*
Officer
FLIGHT SERVICE
1. Name of observer Geoffrey O'Brien Age 17
 2. Address of observer Box 2 P.O. Campbelltown, Tas.
..... Phone Campbell Town 2.
 3. Occupation of observer Auto Assistant
 4. Date and time of start of observation 17/9/73 approximately 7.50 p.m.
How certain is the date? CERTAIN
How accurate is the time of start? from 7.45 p.m. - 8.05 p.m.
 5. Duration of observation Approximately 5 minutes
How accurate is your estimate? APPROX
 6. Observer's location at time of sighting Campbell Town
.....
How familiar is observer with this locality? Lives there
 7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear - cloudless
.....
 8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation naked eye
.....
 9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings a little East of Campbell Town
.....
b. angle of elevation approximately 70°
.....
c. compass angle bearing East
.....
d. how accurate are these estimates? APPROX
.....
None
 10. What first attracted observer's attention?
.....
 11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there? One
.....
b. in what formation were they? NIL
.....
 12. What was the colour of the light or object? Red and white lights

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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)
Bright
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?
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
A hum which sounded close
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Guess 1000 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 Guess more than 100 ft.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases Nil
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres Went in an arc towards Urney/ectina
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen Red irregular flash from rear
23. Where was object last observed :
a. relative to your surroundings Distant N.W.
b. angle of elevation 5° - 6°
c. compass angle bearing N.W.
Behind trees
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity
school physics
27. How many witness to the sighting? 2 other witnesses

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?
Yes
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to
explaining your observation? aircraft
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
lights and sound
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate,
sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your
surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.

Signature Date

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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
Height000 ft000 ft000 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 ¹⁰⁹.....(1) ¹⁰⁹.....(2)(3)
HeadingT T T
Height ^{on descent}000 ft ^{on climb}000 ft000 ft.
Speed ^{320 K} K..... ^{330 K} K K
ATD/ATA* ^{BB 1008 LT 1024 Z} hrs ^{LT 1013 BB 1027 Z} hrs hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA

34. Observer's location : Latitude ^{41° 37' E} Longitude ^{147° 30' 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

36. A meteorological balloon was released from
atZ ColourWeight.....gm
Radio-sonde **/radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** delete as required)
General wind profile
Maximum height tracked000 ft atZ
Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ^{Nil}.....°C at ft, measured atZ hrs from 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

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

..... *no radar available*

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

41. ✓ *SOY 80/81 on 1st localiser*
The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

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LABOURER AIRPORT
11/9/73

J.E.V. DODGE
S.S.C

.....(Unit)(Name)

.....(Date)(Rank)

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SIGHTING #8

LIVERSTONE
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K. W. POPOWSKI

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REPORTS OF UNUSUAL MEDICAL SIGHTINGS

Enclosed for your records are copies of letters
from this Department in reply to reports submitted.

Enclosures: 1. copy of letter to Mr. J. O'Brien
2. copy of letter to Mr. R. Paparski.

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R. EGLE SENIOR DAFNO 2408

580/1/1 Pt31 (8a)

Mr K.W. Popowski,
C/- Police Station,
ULVERSTONE, TAS., 7315

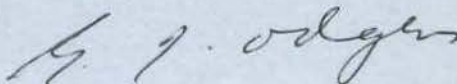
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 12th June 1973, the investigating team is of the opinion that the cause was the star RIGIL KENTAURUS.

During the time period of sighting on that particular night, Rigil Kentaurus would have been visible on a bearing of 200° with an elevation at 11 pm of 45° and at 3 am of 30° . The visual magnitude of the star was 0 (which is duller than Venus or Mars, but still conspicuous) and it would have been highly prominent due to the lack of other stars/planets in the vicinity. The apparent changes of colour are common and are attributed to the passage of light through varying layers of atmospheric density. During the period 3 am - 5 am the elevation of the star declined rapidly and by 4 am the line of sight would probably have been interrupted by the mountains to the south of the viewing positions.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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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.....Keith William Popowski.....Age.....25 years
2. Address of observer.....Police Station, Ulverstone.....
.....251522.....Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer.....Police Officer.....
4. Date and time of start of observation.....12/6/73 11pm.....
How certain is the date?.....Positive.....
How accurate is the time of start?.....Positive.....
5. Duration of observation.....between 11pm on 12/6/73 to 3pm on 13/6/73.....
.....(4 hours).....
How accurate is your estimate?.....good.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....south of Ulverstone.....
.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....very familiar.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
.....fine, good visibility, no clouds.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
.....nil.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings.....due south of Ulverstone township
directly in line with Lovett Street which runs north/south.
.....
b. angle of elevation.....approx. 30 degrees.....
c. compass angle bearing.....APPROX South.....
d. how accurate are these estimates?.....good.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....Various lights flashing.....
11. If there was more than one light/object : ..yes.....
a. how many were there?.....Three lights; possibly only one object.....
b. in what formation were they?.....very closely grouped.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....white steady light
red and green flashing lights
(flashing alternatively)

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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)
white light somewhat duller than street light; other lights
much brighter
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?.....
about 30 degrees estimated
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.....
no
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.....
no sound
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?.....
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.....
appeared to be travelling very slowly southward
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
nil
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.....
in approx. same position where first observed
- b. angle of elevation.....
- c. compass angle bearing.....
Still in sky at 3am
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....
Had disappeared at 4am check made
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 witness to the sighting?.....
two - also Const. T. Hambidge

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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?.....I came to the conclusion that it could only be a helicopter hovering in the same position for such a long period.
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.

Almost impossible to sketch.

Patrol made to Sprent and it appeared that we were getting closer to lights; and at that time would be at least an estimate 20 miles further south and well up in the sky. Appeared to be somewhere south of Nietta.

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Lights →

Lovett Street

Trevor Street

Signature.....*Keith W. Brown*.....

Date.....*1st June 1973*.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: *NIL.*
- A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)
- Heading.....T.....T.....T
- Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
- Speed.....K.....K.....K
- ATD/ATA.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: *NIL.*
- A/C type.....(1).....(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 *UNVERSTONE TOWNSHIP.*
34. Observer's location : Latitude *41° 10'* *146° 10' E* Longitude.....
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. *MARS NORTHEAST SKY ANGLE OF ELEVATION 30°*
JUPITER VERY HIGH ANGLE OF ELEVATION IN EAST NORTH EAST.
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....*NONE.*
- at.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm
- Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** delete as required)
- General wind profile.....*SSW*
- Macimum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z
- Was it known to have burst?
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....*NIL*°C at.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....station
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....*NIL*
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace

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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)

RIGEL KENTAURUS

Az. $200^{\circ} - 180^{\circ}$
El. $30^{\circ} \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$
Mag. ϕ .

PASCAL (LAUNCESTON) (Unit) M. G. HAKFELL (Name)
 20 SEP 73 (Date) R. L. L. (Rank)

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25 Jul 73

SIGHTING #7

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R B CREACH

FROM DEPAIR ✓	FILE 580/11 PFSI (76)	DATE 2 NOV 73	REFERENCES 109-DI-11(47) 9 Oct 73.
TO HQPNGFOR ATTENTION MAJ. DOYLE			
SUBJECT UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT			

Enclosed for your record is a copy of a letter from this Department in reply to a submitted report from Mr. R. B. Breagh.

Enclosure: copy of letter to Mr. R. B. Breagh.

SIGNATURE <i>R. Eggle</i>	NAME R. EGLE	RANK SQNLDR	APPOINTMENT SAFIO	PHONE NO 2408
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Mr R.B. Creagh,
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
SAIDOR, PNG

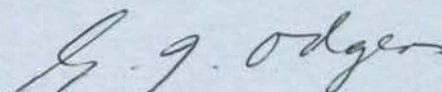
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 25th July 1973, the investigating team is of the opinion that the cause was a meteorological balloon.

The description of colour and movement of the object is identical to that of a radio-sonde balloon. This type of balloon is regularly released from Lae Airport to monitor atmospheric conditions, and it is believed that the object seen was a balloon released from Lae. During the period of sighting, it is assessed that the balloon would have gained approximately 40,000 feet of altitude and it would have moved with the prevailing winds.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

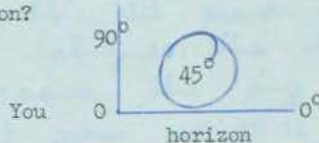
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

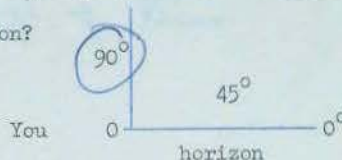
PART ONE - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer Richard Blakeley RENGH Age 35
Address Sub District Office, Saidor
Occupation Assistant District Commissioner
Phone (home) — (business) —
2. Exact location of observer Saidor Station
3. _____
3. Start of observation: Date 25/7/73 Time 8:45 am/pm
End of observation: Date ✓ Time 10:15 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date Exact times Exact
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc. Clear, slight S.E. Wind

6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? East
At what angle to the horizon?



7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? 90° Heading North
At what angle to the horizon?



8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer UNKNOWN

0515 Z.
1115
1715
2315

0245K
2245K

/8. Estimate

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



BRIGHT YELLOWISH-WHITE

FLASHING
WHITE

AT INTERVALS

The object was first seen at about 7.45 pm - it appeared to be large and was moving in a westerly direction. However it changed course on many occasions to the south, to the north and back to the west. It was moving slowly and had the movement of a weather balloon or similar type of object. It appeared to be 'dancing' in the sky. The object was round and appeared to have a smaller round object attached to the lower left hand arc which appeared to flash on and off at irregular intervals. Nil sound was heard and the speed was sluggish. The object seemed to gain height and became the size of a normal ~~big~~ star when last seen at 10.15 pm heading in a northerly direction. The object would be about 3 times the size of Venus.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

Nik

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

Arthur Mangus, Vitalis Rorosi, John Kasas,
Barbara Blakney Knepp, B. Navatia, all
of Skidoo

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Nik.

DATE

11/9/1963

SIGNATURE

Richard Knepp

PART TWO - UNIT REPORT

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information no aircraft RAAF ops.

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information No aircraft SCA

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

0' east.

Source of information see met.

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

0' east.

Source of information see met.

/4. Details

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

met. balloon released from base between 8-9 PM

Mossy Balloon released at 9 PM.

Source of information Mossy MET

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

Nic.

Source of information _____

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

Temperature (dry bulb) _____ °C (wet bulb) _____ °C

Relative Humidity _____ % Cloud cover _____ Type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ Ft measured at _____ Hrs.

from _____

Wind direction _____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

Pollution level Nic.

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

This sighting would indicate a
radio-sonde type balloon. The possibility
of such a balloon being released from
usults (Japanese Shantlers) cannot be
discounted. The transit time for a Rakant
or Mossy Balloon would be too great.

Mossy MET
ADVISED WITH
FOR MABANG AT
TIME OF SIGHTING
FINE (HAZY)
205/8 LOW CLOUD
PRECIPITATION
NO PRECIPITATION
WIND L/V.

25 Jun 73

SIGHTING # 6

SAUDOR
BLC

C. KALOGIO

FROM	DEPAIR (DAE)	FILE	58011 P. 31 (66)	DATE	16 Nov 73	REFERENCES	109-21-11(47) OF 9 Oct 73 100-21-11(49) OF 12 Oct 73
TO	HODGKIN FOR						
SUBJECT	REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS						

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters from this Department to Mr R A Chilcott and Mr Ciima Kalogo in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

Enclosures: 1 Copy of letter to Mr R A Chilcott
2 Copy of letter to Mr C. Kalogo

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
M. CRETTON	M. CRETTON	FLIGHT	R-2	2408

15 Nov 1973

580/1/1 Pt 31 (6a)

Mr Gina Kalogo,
Public Health Department,
SAIDOR, PNG

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd July 1973, it has been determined that the object seen was the satellite PEGASUS 2.

Pegasus 2 is a long lived satellite launched in 1965. Its orbit takes 95 minutes to complete, and the range varies from 602 km to 469 km to form an ellipse. At the time of sighting, this satellite was predicted to be visible from Port Moresby heading from west to east at an elevation of 55°.

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

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

9 Nov 73

*info A.
Dear Sir DMC
14.10.73*

Telephone 56166

Quote in Reply

109-D1-11 (47)



DEPT. OF AIR
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Headquarters
Papua New Guinea Defence Force
Murray Barracks Free Bag
BOROKO PNG

9 Oct 73

DMF1
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2601


For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command RAAF Penrith

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. Depair 580/1/1(File)

1. Enclosed are two reports of unusual sightings initially passed to this headquarters by the PNG Administration.
2. Satellite tracking information is now being received and will greatly assist us with our future investigations, the information supplied is for Boroko at sea level, although sightings are reported from other areas of the Territory.
3. There has been some difficulty in obtaining Air Almanacs. A copy has now been requested through 38 Squadron Detachment A for use by this Headquarters.


(B.P. DOYLE)
Major
For Commander

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART ONE - REPORT BY OBSERVER

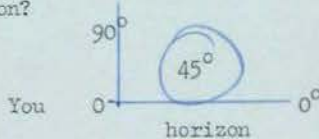
1. Name of observer GIMA KALOGO Age 30
Address P.H.D. Sador
Occupation Malaria Assistant
Phone (home) _____ (business) _____
2. Exact location of observer Sador
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 8.30 am/pm Approximate
End of observation: Date _____ Time 8.32 am/pm only
4. Accuracy of date EXACT times WITHIN 10 MINUTES
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc. Clear
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? _____
At what angle to the horizon?



Diagram description: A vertical line is labeled 'You' at the bottom. A horizontal line is labeled 'horizon' at the bottom. A circle is drawn in the upper right quadrant, with a line from the vertical axis to its center labeled '45°'. The top of the vertical axis is labeled '90°' and the right end of the horizontal axis is labeled '0°'.
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? _____
At what angle to the horizon?


Diagram description: A vertical line is labeled 'You' at the bottom. A horizontal line is labeled 'horizon' at the bottom. A circle is drawn in the upper right quadrant, with a line from the vertical axis to its center labeled '45°'. The top of the vertical axis is labeled '90°' and the right end of the horizontal axis is labeled '0°'.
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer Unknown

/8. Estimate

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

Brilliant white object 3 times size of Venus -
moving fast west-east. Round, no sound, no idea
of speed. Disappeared over eastern horizon.

PEGASUS 2
satellite.

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

No.

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

Only two.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Nil.

DATE

11.9.73

SIGNATURE

Yvonne Kaloogo per

Sheila Bergh.

401.

PART TWO - UNIT REPORT

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information no A/C flying - Operations HQ/ACB

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information no A/C flying in area SCA

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

Source of information _____

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

Possible satellite. Satellite information was not available in this HQ at the time.

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

Doesn't agree with normal release times
from Rahaul and Mureshy

Source of information Mureshy net

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

Nil

Source of information _____

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

MABANG WATUB

FINE - LIGHT O'CAST

M/L CLOUD

HAD RAINED

EARLIER

OTHER DETAILS

UNKNOWN

Temperature (dry bulb) _____ °C (wet bulb) _____ °C

Relative Humidity _____ % Cloud cover _____ Type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ Ft measured at _____ Hrs.

from _____

Wind direction _____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

Pollution level _____

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

Observer did not state if object was
to the north or south. It takes too
long to request additional info. So
the position of Sander I would suggest it
was to the north as there are high mountains
to the south. The information was
interpreted by the local Dist DC.

8 JUL 73

SIGHTING # 5

NEW BRITAIN
PNG

R.A. CHILCOTT

14 NOV 1973

580/1/1 Pt31 (5a)

Mr R.A. Chilcott,
Ablingi Plantation,
South Coast New Britain,
P.M.B. RABAU

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of an unusual aerial sighting on 8th July 1973, the investigating team has determined that the most probable cause was the planet Venus.

At the time of observation, Venus was situated due west of your position at an elevation of 30° and was highly prominent with a magnitude of -3. The orange-red appearance of Venus would be caused by upper atmospheric variations in density and probable smoke pollution, and the orange glow which was imparted to the surrounding area was more likely to have been caused by the moon as it was directly overhead your position. The white object seen at 2000 hours overhead and slightly northeast would have been the star VEGA which had a magnitude of 0.

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

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

NOA
Recd by DPK
14.11.73



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580/1/1
DRAFT 973

Headquarters
Papua New Guinea Defence Force
Murray Barracks Free Bag
BOROKO PNG

Telephone 56166

Quote in Reply

100-D1-11(49)

12 Oct 73

DAF
Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2601


For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command RAAF PENRITH

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Reference: A. Depair 580/1/1 (File)

1. Enclosed one report of unusual aerial sighting.
2. There has been considerable delay from the dispatch of the questionnaire to the observer and its receipt by the Intelligence Registry at HQ PNGDF. The cause of the delay cannot be determined and has made the task of completing the unit report more difficult, for instance, it has taken five days to check with Survey Squadron to eliminate the possibility of an Iroquois helicopter operating in the area at the time of the sighting.
3. Satellite tracking data for the 8 July 73 is not available here and the Air Almanac is still not available.


(B. P. DOYLE)
Major
For Commander

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

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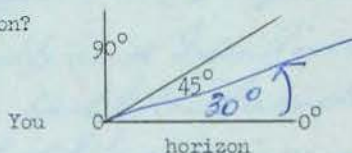
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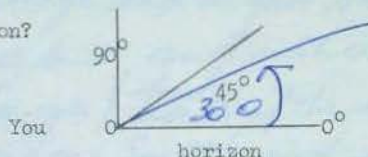
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PART ONE - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer REGINALD ANTHONY CHILCOTT Age 25
Address ABLINGI PLANTATION, SOUTH COAST
NEW BRITAIN, P.M.B. RABAU
Occupation PLANTATION MANAGER
Phone (home) ABLINGI RADIO RABAU (business) N/A
2. Exact location of observer MANAGERS RESIDENCE, WESTERN
3. POINT, ABLINGI ISLAND, S/C NEW BRITAIN
3. Start of observation: Date 14 8/7/73 Time 1845 am/pm
End of observation: Date 8/7/73 Time 1930 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date exactly times exactly
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc. NO WIND, NIL Cloud cover
Visibility excellent
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? Due West
At what angle to the horizon?



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



8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer _____

Distance EST 12-15 miles
Altitude EST 500 feet

/8. Estimate

VENUS

MAIN Sighting

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

The light (a brilliant orange-red fluctuating light) was at first thought to be a star. However, the light illuminated the whole harbour surroundings and a ship at wharf in quite a strong orange glow and remained stationary for the period indicated as the house power went and ships' Auxiliary engine were going. There was no opportunity to hear any sound. The object would have been ^{just} over land or very close to the sea.

The size would have been about 4 times bigger than the largest star, shape undistinguishable.

After a while my wife and I went inside for dinner and on coming back to the Verandah at 2000 hours the light had disappeared. I was intrigued at this stage and began scanning the sky with binoculars, and noticed (a) a vapour trail (single) ^{East} ~~North~~ of the moon in a straight line NORTH-South and undispersed as if quite recent.

and (b) a bright white object overhead and slightly to the North East. It was extremely high and had 2 smaller lights above and to the right ^{as indicated} below. the main object was round.

o°° Approximate comparative sizes.
?? (Was this a star) ??

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations?

Nil

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

DIANE ELIZABETH CHILCOTT

Address As Before.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

The ship at wharf M.V. "Kabili." When questioned later the Skipper and engineer both stated that they had been sitting down to dinner and had retired early as they had been sailing all day - they had seen nothing. When questioned, the local people said that they had been in the middle of a "sing sing" and had not noticed anything. I did not have a camera but reported the sightings to O.C. Gasmata Patrol Post W.N.B. and ADC Kandrian W.N.B. a couple of days later. Only after subsequent sightings at Talasea Moesby and Kilauea was I asked by the ADC KANDRIAN to fully identify.

DATE

16.8.1973

SIGNATURE

D. Chilcott

PART TWO - UNIT REPORT

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information 148 Png DF Operations

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information DCA. Port Moresby.

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

unknown.

Source of information _____

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

Satellite information not available at this time.

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

no balloons for that time

Source of information *Post morning met.*

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

nil.

Source of information *HQ PNG DF OPS*

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

Temperature (dry bulb) _____ °C (wet bulb) _____ °C

Relative Humidity _____ % Cloud cover _____ Type _____

Temperature inversion of _____ °C at _____ Ft measured at _____ Hrs.

from _____

Wind direction _____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

_____ at _____ ft

Pollution level *Nil*

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

ABLINGA ISLAND 0619S 15005E

Post morning met advise no obs for the area of sighting. nearest met. was at Lae or Lahaul. From the chart, the weather would be pretty much as described by observer.

24 SEP 73

SIGHTING # 4

MARYVILLE
NSW

MRS C MICHAEL

FROM DE FAIR	FILE 580/1. P 31/4a	DATE 4 Mar 74	REFERENCES HOWLM 5/2/72 (26) OF 800 73 - 5/2/72 (21) at 15 Nov 73
TO HOWLM		ATTENTION FIO	
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, is copy of a letter to Mrs C. Michael in reply to her reports of unusual aerial sightings

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs C. Michael

SIGNATURE M. G. Miller	NAME M. G. Miller	RANK Flight Lieutenant	APPOINTMENT 12 J	PHONE NO 2408
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From your reports and copies of other communications forwarded to this Department, your interest in certain objects appearing in the sky at night is noted. In view of this, Department of Defense (Air Force) authorities are requested to report any sightings you may have of objects in the sky. Between January 1976 and December 1977, 425 reports were investigated. Of these, 200 were classified as "unusual" and 225 as "normal". The normal reports are classified as such because they are not of objects which are not normally seen in the sky. The unusual reports are classified as such because they are of objects which are not normally seen in the sky.

580/1/1 Pt31 (4a)

28 FEB 1974

Mrs C. Michael,
75 Estelle Street,
MARYVILLE, N.S.W. 2293

Dear Mrs Michael,

Your reports of unusual aerial sightings on 24th September and 29th October 1973 have been received. The investigating team has concluded that the most probable causes were a light aircraft in the first instance and a weather balloon in the second.

At about 9 p.m. on the 29th October, a weather balloon was released from Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamstown. The light attached to this balloon could have been visible to you at the time of the sighting. The wind profile on that day was generally south-east to south, which would carry the balloon along a path closely corresponding to that described in your report.

Although no civil or military aircraft were reported in the area at the time of your sighting on the 24th September, private light aircraft have been known to fly in the area without advising local authorities. Some of these aircraft are fitted with a brilliant white light which serves as an anti-collision indicator at night. As the aircraft manoeuvres, these lights can present the observer on the ground with a confusing pattern of movement. For example, when the aircraft is heading towards the observer, the light would appear to be stationary, but when the aircraft changes heading, the relative movement of the light increases rapidly. Furthermore, a change in aircraft direction can obscure the strobe light from view and present the ground observer with a distorted view of the red navigation light on the port wing of the aircraft. This could account for the amber light described in the report when associated with the smoke haze present at the time.

Under the clear weather conditions prevailing at the time of both sightings, any unusual lights in the sky would normally be sighted by other people. There have, however, been no other reports by independent witnesses of unusual aerial sightings on either of the dates to substantiate the evidence in your reports. Additionally, there were no unusual radar traces recorded at Williamstown to suggest that anything other than normal flying objects, such as aircraft or weather balloons, were in the area at the time.

From your reports and copies of other correspondence forwarded to this Department, your interest in flying objects appears to extend over a number of years. In view of this, Department of Defence (Air Office) statistics on reported unusual aerial sightings may be of interest to you. Between January 1960 and December 1972, 623 reports were investigated. 93 percent were explainable by present scientific knowledge, six percent did not provide sufficient information to permit proper evaluation and one percent were attributed to unknown causes.

The probability of the one percent of the unexplained sightings originating from visits by extra-terrestrial beings is considered extremely low. Space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory that life exists within our solar system and any extra-terrestrial beings would, therefore, have to come from another solar system. The nearest visible star to Earth is Alpha Centauri, which is about 25 million million miles away. If life forms existed on this star and were capable of space travel at speeds currently known to man i.e. about 25000 m.p.h. it would take about 115,000 years to reach Earth.

We trust that these explanations are satisfactory and the supplementary information is of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

G. J. Odgers

(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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Kings
H. J. O.
29 Feb 74
Desp by SP2
28.2.74



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65-1221

Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(35)

15th November 1973

~~DAFI~~
Department of Air

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CC Intel O)


REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQWLM 5/2/Air(26) of 8th October 1973

1. Reference A covered an unusual aerial sighting report from Mrs Christina Michael of 75 Estelle Street, Maryville NSW 2293. Attached is a further report from the same lady, concerning a sighting on 29th October 1973. The writer received a telephone call from Mrs Michael during the sighting and close study of the sky failed to reveal any trace of the object. "The bright yellow star", Mars, was very visible and was thought to be the source of the sighting at that time. A weather balloon was released at 2100 hours local, but would have been at 13-14,000 feet and therefore completely out of sight at the time mentioned.
2. No RAAF or civil aircraft were active in the area over the time span. Mars, Jupiter and Venus were visible at AZ55 EL30°, AZ270 EL35° and AZ240 EL15° respectively. Weather conditions were: wind direction 040 at 4 knots, lightning in the north west, $\frac{1}{2}$ strato - cumulous at 4,000 feet, temperature 19°C. No temperature inversions were recorded. No satellites were visible.
3. No explanation is offered for the sighting, however my impression is that Mrs Michael is prone to making such sightings.
4. With reference to the earlier sighting, no meteorological balloon was released to co-incide with this, and upper winds were steadily to the north.

Forwarded for your further investigation.




(A.F. BLACKBURN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

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... CHRISTINA MICHAEL Age 44
2. Address of observer... 75 ESTELLE STREET
MARYVILLE, NSW 2293 Phone 61-2490
3. Occupation of observer... BOOK KEEPER/TYPIST
4. Date and time of start of observation... 9.27 P.M. 29/10/1973
How certain is the date? NTH. DEGREE
How accurate is the time of start? - DITTO -
5. Duration of observation... 22 MINUTES (INTERVAL AT 9.34.5 PM)
How accurate is your estimate? EXACT BY 2 CLOCKS
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... ABOVE ADDRESS
BACK YARD
How familiar is observer with this locality?... RESIDENT
AND KNOW THE AREA WELL
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... FACING NORTH-OBJECT
APPEARED FROM OVER HOUSE MOVING TOWARD COAST.
b. Angle of elevation... 12 O'CLOCK - HIGH
c. Compass angle bearing... SW TO W TURNING ARC N
d. How accurate are these estimates?... SPOT ON
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... LIGHT, COLOUR,
MOVEMENT AND ABSENCE OF SOUND
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?... YELLOW
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source
at a stated distance eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
..... 40 WATT GLOBE - 15 FT AND RECEDING
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach: TWICE SIZE OF NEAREST
a. Relative to Venus or Moon... 8TH DAY 1ST QTR STAR.
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches
from the eyes)..... 1 1/2 INCHES (APPROX 375 cms) OVERHEAD
(1 1/2)

This object travelled slower than a helicopter, hovered for extended periods drifted slightly Eastward then resumed flight path North. When almost out of sight it returned and appeared to be following the coast line. At an angle from my vantage point the vehicle made a tremendously fast, vertical ascent, apparently using BHP steelworks as a marker for trajectory.

One significant feature in the sky at this time was a bright yellow star, almost the same colour as the F.O., slightly to the West of my observations. Naturally, save allowances for Earth's rotation, it did not move.

The F.O. underwent a rapid colour change when ascending, from a dull yellow-orange to brilliant silver-white.

Drift of industrial pollutants from steel works indicated strong westward air flow

N.B. My sense of direction at error:

BHP is N.W of my area.

However, northerly directions remain true.

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... PASSING OVERHEAD WEST TO EAST
CHECKED BUILDING ALIGNMENTS AND COMPASS.....
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)?... NOT POSSIBLE TO ASSESS.....
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. ERRATIC COURSE AND
... VARIABLE ALTITUDE - VERY SLOW.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases... APPROX 30 SECONDS.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... DRIFTING N.N.E......
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... NONE.....
23. Where was the object last observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... 60° N BY E (OVER BHP)
b. Angle of elevation... 60° +
c. Compass angle bearing... N.N.E......
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?... VERTICAL AND
INCREDIBLE ACCELERATION.....
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... RACING/RALLY
DRIVER & WORLD WAR II AIRCRAFT SPOTTER.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?... SELF ONLY.....
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?... WEATHER BALLOON.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?... VARIATIONS
IN COURSE, OBSERVATION OF PREVAILING WINDS......
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.

Signature... E. Michael.....

Date... 2/11/1973.....

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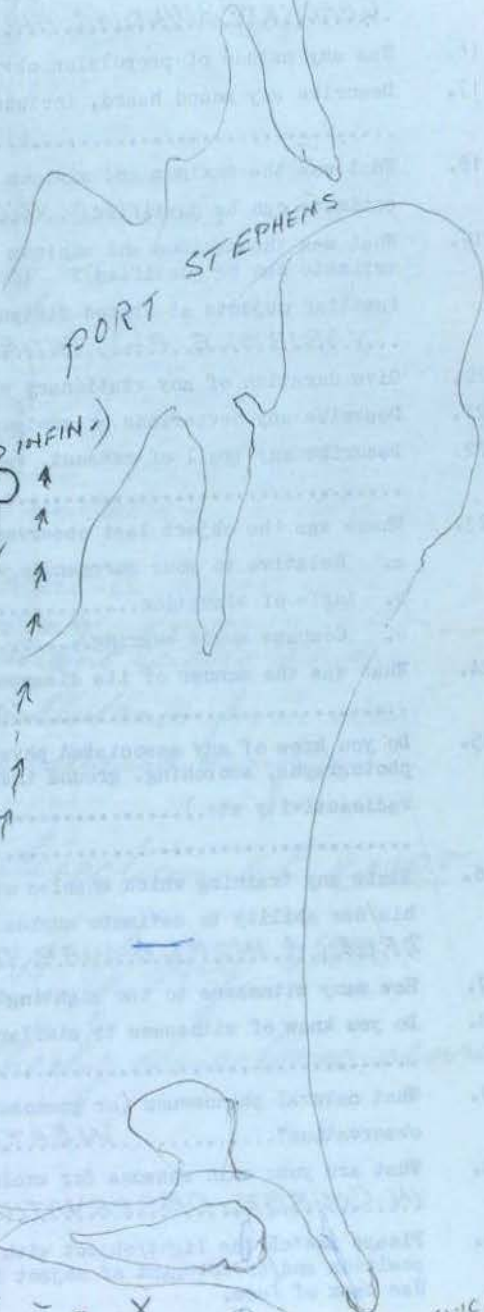
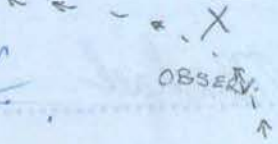
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Port Stephens

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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.....*N/A*.....(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.....*N/A*.....(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° 55'*.....Longitude..*151° 45'*
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus only
- Mars A2 55 EL 30° JUPITER A2 270 EL 35*
VENUS A2 240 EL 15
36. A meteorological balloon was released from..*WILLIAMTOWN*
 at..*1000*..Z..Colour..*WHITE*.....Weight..*500*..gm
 Radio-sonde**/radar**; Candle**/battery** (** delete as required)
 General wind profile..*040 @ 445*
 Maximum height tracked.....*60*.,000 ft at..*1000*..Z
 Was it known to have burst?..*YES*.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at
ft, measured at..*1000*.....Z hrs from..*WILLIAMTOWN*
station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, 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 ~~was~~/cannot* be determined.
- ~~41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (*delete as required)~~
- H. B. L. M.*.....(unit).....*A. F. B. L. M. B. U. R. N.*.....(Name)
15 NOV 73.....(date).....*PLT LT*.....(Rank)

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RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314



IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(26)

8th October 1973

Department of Air

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For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CCINTELO)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting reported by Mrs Christina Michael of 75 Estelle Street, Maryville NSW 2293 and observed on 24th September 1973 from 1828 hours local for about 5 minutes. Mrs Michael was interviewed at her home, and appeared to be a very level headed, capable woman. When asked of any previous sightings she volunteered that she had made similar sightings to this one on quite a few occasions. The attached letters are copies of originals, loaned to the writer to support this contention. (See also statement on back of Part I, first page). I did not get the impression of an attempted hoax or practical joke. The other witness to the sighting was allegedly her 6 year old son who was absent at school. The observer completed the Part II on her own, after the interview, and mailed it to the writer.
2. "Start Engines" for night flying on 24th September was 1825 hours, which effectively disposes of service aircraft as the source of the sighting. No civil aircraft were scheduled in or out of Williamtown at the time in question. Jupiter was visible at A260 EL60, as was Venus at A2270 EL45. At 1830 hours local, the weather was; calm, visibility 12NM, some smoke haze, $\frac{1}{8}$ cumulus nimbus at 3500 feet, $\frac{1}{8}$ cumulus at 3000 feet and $\frac{2}{8}$ strato cumulus at 7000 feet. Air Temperature was 18° at 2100 hours local, a surface inversion of 2° from 0-500 feet was recorded. No satellite sightings were forecast.
3. The only explanation that could fit even a portion of the description, is the strobe light on a civilian aircraft, however no details are known in this respect.
4. Forwarded for your further investigation.



(Signature)
A.F. BLACKBURN)
Flight Lieutenant
For Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 1. Report and copies of letters

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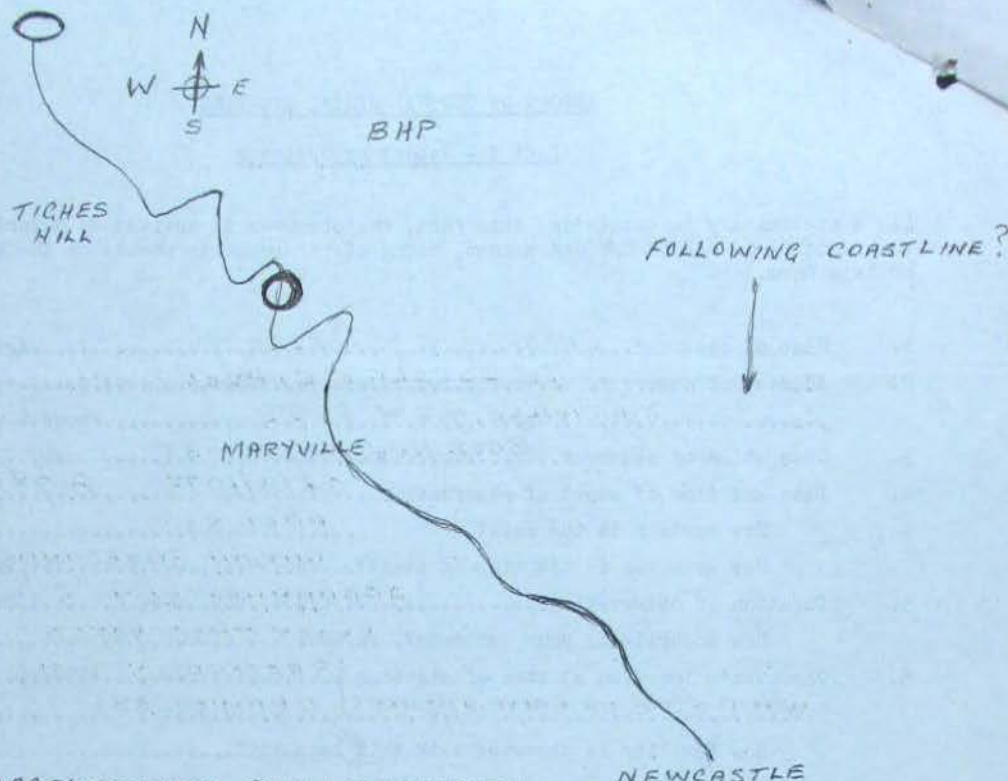
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

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... CHRISTINA MICHAEL Age. 44
2. Address of observer... 75 ESTELLE STREET,
..... MARYVILLE, N.S.W. 2293 Phone. 61-2490
3. Occupation of observer... BOOK KEEPER / TYPIST
4. Date and time of start of observation... 24/9/1973 6.28 P.M.
How certain is the date? PRECISE
How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN 30 SECONDS
5. Duration of observation..... APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate? EXACT TIME NOTED
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... (REASONABLY WELL)
..... WEST SIDE OF ABOVE ADDRESS / (DOMICILED)
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... ATMOSPHERE CLEAR
..... AND FINE. HAZE READING 50% N16
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE
.....
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... APPROACHING FROM N/WEST
.....
b. Angle of elevation..... RISING AT 45°
c. Compass angle bearing..... N.N.W.
d. How accurate are these estimates?..... EXACT
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... SOUNDLESS FLIGHT
..... AND UNUSUAL BRILLIANCE
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?..... BRILLIANT 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)
..... SIMILAR TO A STAR - CHANGING TO PALE AMBER
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon... TOO LARGE FOR STAR & TRAVELLING
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches
from the eyes)..... SIZE OF SMALL ORANGE (2"3") FAST



ON ACCELERATION BRILLIANT WHITE,
CHANGING TO PALE AMBER AT REDUCED SPEED.
DEVIATIONS FROM COURSE AT APPROX. 3x ORIGINAL SPEED,
ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASED BRILLIANCE, THEN CHANGING
TO AMBER AT DIMINISHED SPEED RETURNING TO ORIGINAL
COURSE.

PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS AT LOWER ALTITUDES ACCOMPANIED BY
ELECTRO STATIC WHINE, VERY HIGH PITCHED, (SIMILAR TO HIGH SONICS
EMITTED BY SOME TELEVISION RECEIVERS) AND HISSING OR
SWISHING OF AIR DISPLACEMENT. DISTURBANCES TO AUDIO
VISUAL EQUIPMENT, SHUDDERING COMPASS NEEDLE AND FALTERING
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - COINCIDENTAL? THESE HAVE BEEN INTENSE
OR MINIMAL ACCORDING TO ALTITUDE, BUT OBSERVED ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS.

L. Michael

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....90° BEYOND THIS ANGLE THE OBJECT PASSED OVER HOUSE IN S.S.E. DIRECTION.....
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)?.....BUT DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE - VEHICLE SIZE UNKNOWN.
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...AVERAGE JET SPEED WITH BURSTS OF ACCELERATION X 3# AT MANOEUVERING E.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....NONE.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres...3 EASTERLY DEVIATIONS & RETURNS
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen...NONE.....
23. Where was the object last observed:
- a. Relative to your surroundings...HEADING S.S.E. OVER NEWCASTLE
- b. Angle of elevation...APPROX. 25° - 30°
- c. Compass angle bearing...S.S.E.
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...FADER INTO DISTANCE.....
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...RACING / RALLY DRIVER, AIRCRAFT SPOTTER, WORLD WAR II.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?...TWO.....
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?...AN INTELLIGENTLY DIRECTED FLYING MACHINE
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?...VARIATIONS IN LIGHT INTENSITY - VARIABLE FLIGHT PATTERN - BURSTS AND COLOUR OF UNACCOUNTABLE ACCELERATION
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.

Signature.....G. Michael.....

Date...25/9/1973...

RESTRICTEDPart 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
 A/C type.....*N/A*.....(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.....*N/A*.....(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° 55'*.....Longitude..*151° 45'*
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus Only
JUPITER AZ 60 EL 60; VENUS AZ 270 EL 45
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....
 at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm
 Radio-sonde**/radar**; Candle**/battery** (** delete as required)
 General wind profile.....
 Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ
 Was it known to have burst?.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *2* °C at
0-500 ft, measured at *1140* Z hrs from.....
WILLOW TOWN station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting...*None Visible*
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) *the*
the light on a civilian aircraft
- H.B.W.M.*.....(unit) *A. F. BLACKBURN*.....(Name)
8 OCT 73.....(date) *FLT. LT.*.....(Rank)

2-27am SAT 11-2-1967

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CHRISTINA ^{MICHAEL}~~1234~~ (MRS)

SIGHTING NUMBER III

54 NORTH STREET,

NUMBER OF OBJECTS - UNDETERMINED.

LEICHHARDT, N.S.W.

WEATHER CONDITIONS - FINE AND CLEAR. A LITTLE, LIGHT VAPOUR CLOUD AT SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET, DISPERSING. ALL ASTRAL CONSTELLATIONS CLEARLY VISIBLE. PARTICULAR AREA OF OBSERVATION FROM NORTH, NORTH WEST OF SOUTHERN CROSS TO SOUTH AND EAST OF SCORPION AND ADJACENT STARS. TRAVELLING AT APPROX. "JET SPEED", ONE LARGE, YELLOW DISC APPROACHING FROM S.E.W., WITHOUT SOUND OR "TRAIL" TO BE SEEN. UNACCOUNTABLE VARIATIONS IN SPEED ACCOMPANIED BY CHANGES IN COLOUR - TO ORANGE WHEN CHECKING, BRIGHTENING ON ACCELERATION. COURSE SOMEWHAT ERRATIC - ZIG-ZAG PATTERN, THEN A SMOOTH ARC PAST SOUTHERN MOST STAR OF CROSS, PAST NEAREST "POINTER", DEVIATING A LITTLE FURTHER SOUTH, THEN E.S.E., COMMENCING TO GAIN ALTITUDE AND SPEED, CHANGING COLOUR TO WHITE. FILLED AN OPEN POSITION IN HOVERING FLEET. ALL MOVED AWAY S.S.E., UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT. MOST MARKED PHENOMENA - NO LIGHT REFRACTION WHATSOEVER, AS IS DISCERNABLE WITH FIXED STARS. SIZE OF FLYING DISC DIFFICULT TO ASSESS BECAUSE OF UNKNOWN ALTITUDE. (COMPARABLE TO A FULL SIZE ^{10"} DINNER PLATE WHEN HELD AT ARMS LENGTH)

C. Michael

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
INVESTIGATION CENTRE227 BAY STREET, BRIGHTON LE SANDS
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
PHONE: 66-122180 Wentworth Park Rd.,
GLEBE PT., N.S.W.
21st June 1966.
660-2729Mrs. C. Hupf,
54 North St.,
LEICHHARDE, NSW

Dear Madam,

Referring to yours of 16th. inst., Ac- & de-acceleration. These craft can assume any position whatsoever, mechanically this could be effected by the whole interior being suspended on the same principle as the ship's gyroscopic compass, see photo enclosed, which please return.

The occupants must be masters of anti-gravitational force first, and it is believed the methods of propulsion are two, attractive when approaching a planet & repulsive when departing, how it is done we do not know. *SIMPLE- POLARITY OR REPOLARITY (MAGNETIC)*

The "metal" at times appears translucent, and fragments analysed by different people are reported to contain known elements also have at least two unknown elements not occurring on this planet. Your reference to Electromagnetic drive, suggests a motor or similar. There is none such, & there are no mechanical reciprocating parts (machinery) at all.

Laser beam or similar is used in the form of a torch pointed at a human being causing muscular paralysis, but no injurious after effect.

We do not know how the sudden changes are caused, so we cannot explain them.

A prototype might be constructed using thought controlled motors, as demonstrated by a contemporary of Edison, as developed in South Africa, and as demonstrated more recently by a woman in the U.S.S.R.. Scouts may use some form of stored energy, derived from the Mother ships. But the Mother ships draw free energy shall we say from the *(air)* Chemistry as we understand it does not enter into the propulsion etc., entrance and exit of sound barrier is cushioned by what maybe for want of a better term a "magnetic" envelope, this has been registered on film. be called

Outer perimeter, blades & vents? These apertures are only opened in our (or maybe other) planet atmospheres, closed between planet travel.

The Canadian Government tried to construct one, they called it project "Magnet" in charge of Wilbert Smith, he died & what happened to the project is not known. Wayne who in U.S. formed a company, collected & spent 140,000 dollars, failed, & got 4 years gaol, for false pretenses, tho' it was a genuine effort, nothing succeeds like success you know. Reminds one of Rheinhold Schmidt who said he saw a UFO & talked with the crew inside for 20/30 minutes at Kearney Nebraska - he was run round to the local asylum, was let out after a fortnight - so he demanded & got a certificate of sanity. H

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Have his tale on tape, if you have a reproducer. Albany - got a 3" tape report, sketchy - have you anything detailed? What date? Thanks lot for SAE.

(Mr.) T.V. Roman, Recording Off.

31 AUG 73

SIGHTING # 3

EAST GOSFORD
NSW

L. ROBINSON

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 550111P-51(36)	DATE 3 DEC 73	REFERENCES
TO HOWLM		ATTENTION FIO	
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING			

Enclosed for your records, is a copy of a letter to Mr. L. Robinson in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting

Enclosures Copy of letter to Mr. L. Robinson

SIGNATURE M. L. L. L.	NAME M. L. GRET-ON	RANK FLG OFF	APPOINTMENT 12 3	PHONE NO. 2408
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580/1/1 Pt31 (3a)

29 NOV 1973

Mr L. Robinson,
4 Adelaide Street,
EAST GOSFORD. N.S.W. 2250

Dear Sir,


With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 31st August 1973, the opinion of the investigating team is that the object seen was a light aircraft.

The orange white diffused light and green tail are thought to have been the exhaust emission from a reciprocating engine, as fitted to the majority of light aircraft, and the low dull humming noise heard supports this theory.

Light aircraft often track over Broken Bay and Brisbane Waters when travelling on the coastal route between the Sydney area and Newcastle.

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

Yours faithfully,


(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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J. Odgers
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28 NOV 73

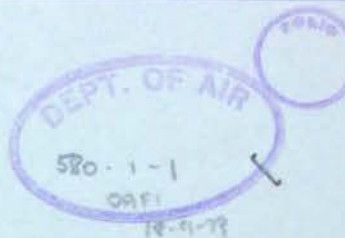
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The Secretary
Department of Air

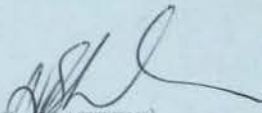
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For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CCINTELO)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting, observed by one Lee Robinson, gender unknown, and forwarded under the auspices of Mr H. Griesberg of the Central Coast UFO Research Bureau. The sighting was made from Peaks Point on 31st August 1973 at precisely 1950 hours local time, over Brisbane Water.
2. No Service aircraft were active at the time of sighting, nor do civil aircraft schedules co-incide with the sighting. Jupiter was visible at A290 EL58 and Venus at AZ275 EL20. Weather conditions were; light winds, visibility 15NM, some haze, no cloud. Temperature was 12°C. A 3°C surface inversion from 0-600 feet was recorded at 2100 hours local. There were no satellite forecasts relevant to the sighting. No explanation is offered for the sighting.
3. Forwarded for your further investigation.


(A.F. BLACKBURN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report on sighting





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... *Lee Robinson*... Age... *17*..
2. Address of observer... *4 Adelaide St East Gosford*...
..... Phone... *242349*
3. Occupation of observer... *Student*.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... *31-8-73*... *7:50 pm*.
How certain is the date?..... *precise*.....
How accurate is the time of start? *precise*.....
5. Duration of observation... *Five Minutes*.....
How accurate is your estimate?..... *accurate to within 2 Minutes*.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... *Peaks Point*.....
..... *East Gosford*.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
..... *Very Familiar*.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....
..... *Crystal clear*.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
..... *NONE*.....
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... *Above Brisbane Waters*.....
..... *Between Pt. Frederick and Pt. Clare*.....
- b. Angle of elevation... *70°*.....
- c. Compass angle bearing... *W.S.W*.....
- d. How accurate are these estimates? *elevation within 10°*.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... *A low dull*.....
..... *humming noise above me*.....
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? *Orange white with green tail*
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light
source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
..... *The object was as bright as half moon yet it*.....
..... *retained its light to a small area*.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon... *The object was the size of Half 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?... *Bearing: South Elevation: 45°*
..... *by approximation*.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... *No*... *Only a green tail*...

On the night of the 31st I was proceeding ^(walking) on
my way to a friend's place, when my attention
was caught by a low humming noise above me.
I looked up to see an orange-white object moving
across the sky. My first thought was that it may
be a meteor, but I became gradually alarmed at
its prolonged appearance. I admit ~~I~~ ^{being} scared
but I stood transfixed ~~at~~ watching the object.

The street lights ~~had gone out~~ were not working
in the vicinity and the sky was clear so I had
good visibility for the object. It moved in
front of me, gradually working its way lower
until it was above Green Point where it remained
stationary for 15-20 seconds. Then proceeding North
and finally streaking off in an easterly direction.

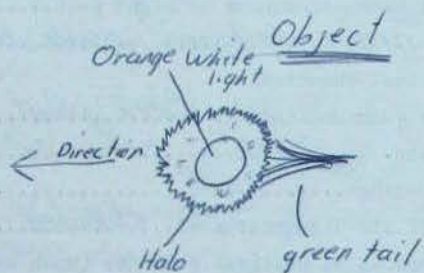
I then ran to my friend's place where I checked
the time and tried to contact the local Radio station.

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
...*A low humming noise, i. pitch steady, getting louder as it neared.*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?...*70° max... 10° Min.*
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.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases....*15-20 seconds.*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres *After stopping, proceed North then back East.*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....*A small ^{hot} green tail was visible behind it.*
23. Where was the object last observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings....*Green point.*
 - b. Angle of elevation.....*10°*
 - c. Compass angle bearing.....*East*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?...*streaked off.*
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.....*Have been Amateur Astronomer for 3 years.*
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? *I don't know apart from myself.*
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?.....*It is like nothing I have ever seen 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,

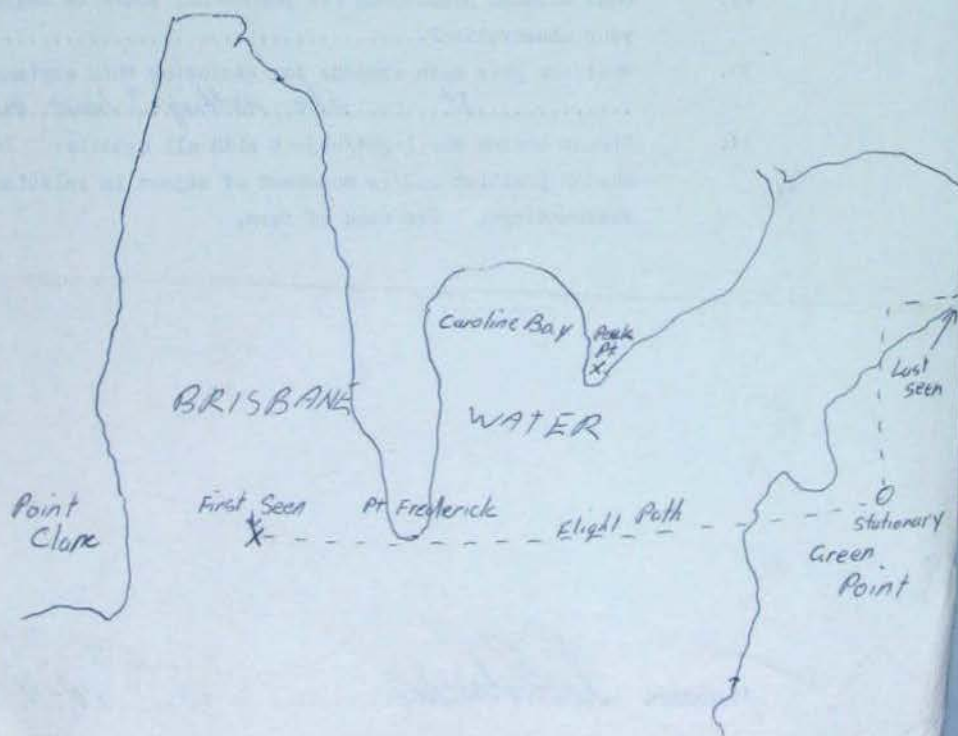
Alan Paton

Signature... *La Polina*

Date... *13-9-73*



Movement of Object



RESTRICTEDPart 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
 A/C type.....*N/A*.....(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.....*N/A*.....(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..*33° 25'*.....Longitude..*151° 20'*
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus Only
JUPITER AZ 90 EL 58; VENUS AZ 275 EL 20
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.....
 Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ
 Was it known to have burst?.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *3* °C at
0-600 ft, measured at *1100* Z hrs from.....
WILLIAMSTOWN station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting..*none relevant*.....
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)

HAWKIN.....(unit) *A.F. BLACKBURN*.....(Name)
8 OCT 73.....(date) *FLT LT*.....(Rank)

19 SEP 73

SIGHTING # 2

NEW LANGSTON
NSW

W. J. HANKEY

580/1/1 Pt31 (2a)

14 NOV 1973

Mr W.J. Hanley,
76 Grandview Road,
NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS NSW 2305

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 19th September, the opinion of the investigating team is that you in fact saw two separate objects - the first being space debris, and the second being an aircraft.

The initial sighting was probably of the OAO-3 rocket (No 1972/65B) which was associated with a space launch in 1972 and is presently on an orbit which takes 99 minutes to complete with an apogee of 779 Km and a perigee of 695 Km. This rocket was predicted to be visible at the time of sighting on a low elevation from Newcastle at azimuth of 330° and heading 062°. Coincidentally as the rocket faded from view, a Beechcraft aircraft operated by TAA departed from Williamtown. This aircraft initially headed to the west then turned back over Williamtown from where it proceeded to Sydney at low level along the coastline. During the initial phase of flight the aircraft would have had the anti-collision (red) light and landing lights illuminated.

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

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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Resp by DOR
14.11.73

FROM DEPAIR	FILE 5801/1 P. 31(25)	DATE 16 Nov 73	REFERENCES HOWLM 5/3/AIR(25) OF 9 OCT 73
TO HOWLM		ATTENTION FIO	
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed for your records, is a copy of a letter from this Department to Mr W J Hawley in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosure Copy of letter to Mr W J Hawley

SIGNATURE M. C. R. T. T. T.	NAME M. C. R. T. T. T.	RANK F. O. C.	APPOINTMENT 12-2	PHONE NO 2402
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65-1221

Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314



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9th October 1973

Department of Air


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For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CCINTELO)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Forwarded herewith is a report on an unusual aerial sighting observed by Mr W.J. Hanley of 78 Grandview Road, New Lambton Heights on 19th September at 1920 hours (\pm ten minutes).
2. No Service aircraft were active at the time of the sighting. A TAA Beechcraft was due out of Williamtown at 1910 hours local time, bound for Mascot. Jupiter was situated at A260 EL60. Weather conditions were: visibility 20NM, wind direction 310° at 8 kts, no cloud, temperature 24°. A 2° surface inversion from 0-1000 feet was measured at 2100 hours local time. OAO-3 Rocket was visible at A2330 EL26 HDG62.
3. A probable resolution is that the first sighting was the OAO-3 Rocket, followed by the Beechcraft taking off from Williamtown.
4. Forwarded for your further investigation.


(A.F. BLACKBURN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

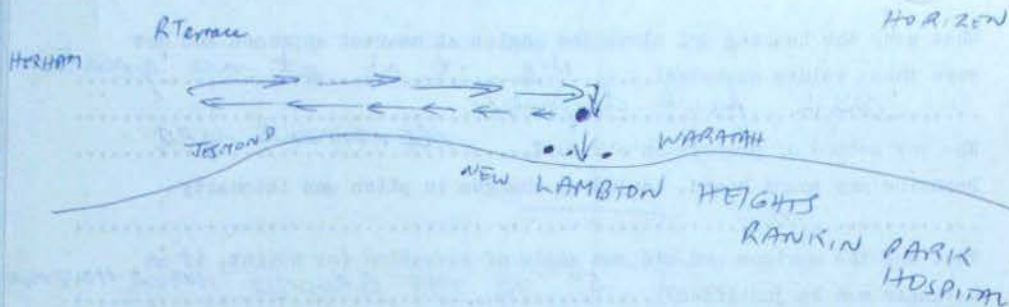
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..... HANLEY WILLIAM JAMES Age..... 31
2. Address of observer..... 78 GRANDVIEW RD
NEW LAMBTON HTS.....Phone. 570508
3. Occupation of observer..... PHARMACIST
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 19TH SEPTEMBER 7-20PM
How certain is the date?..... DEFINATE
How accurate is the time of start?..... ± 10 MINUTES
5. Duration of observation..... FIVE MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate?..... DEFINATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... BACK VERANDAH OF
THE ABOVE ABOVE LOOKING N/E
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....
HOME ADDRESS OF 6 YEARS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... CLEAR WITH
GREAT STELLAR VISIBILITY
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..... VISUAL
WITH A WITNESS
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings..... FROM BACK
VERANDAH VIEWING THE NW-N-NE
HORIZON
b. Angle of elevation..... 5°
c. Compass angle bearing..... N/E
d. How accurate are these estimates?..... ACURATE
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... A VERY BRIGHT STAR
BEAMING THIS WAY VERY LOW ON HORIZON
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?..... BRIGHT YELLOW 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)
FOUR TIMES STREET LIGHTS AT 5 MILES
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon..... RELATIVE TO A LARGE STAR
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... RELATIVE TO LARGE STAR

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... N/E TO N at no greater than five degrees.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... Movement yes
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)?..... 5° TO THE GROUND AFTER MOVEMENT
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 PROPELLER FLIGHT
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... 4 MINUTES
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... MOVEMENT TO WEST AND RETURN
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... MOVEMENT TO WEST ACCOMPANIED BY FLASHING RED & RETURN LIGHT
23. Where was the object last observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... AT ORIGINAL SIGHTING
 - b. Angle of elevation..... 5° MOVED TO GROUND
 - c. Compass angle bearing..... N/E.
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... DISAPPEARED BELOW HILL HORIZON POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY YELLOW FLASHES
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc.)..... NIL
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... University Degrees.
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... One - Mrs Hanley
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?..... LOW AEROPLANE WITH SEARCHLIGHT HOVERING
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... LIGHT WAS INTENSE - POSITION HELD FOR LONG TIME
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.

Signature..... [Signature]

Date..... 24-9-73



Observed bright star very low on horizon — brought it to attention of wife observed brilliant light for considerable time summarized various explanations of the phenomena when it faded slightly and apparently taken over by an object with a flashing red light which progressed slowly to the West turned about returned to first point of observation then red light disappeared to move to ground — possible light flashes behind the hill — watched for a while but no further observations.

[Signature]

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
 A/C type.....*N/A*.....(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 747*.....(1).....(2).....(3)
 Heading.....*South*.....*T*.....*T*.....*T*
 Height.....*-*.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft
 Speed.....*-*.....*K*.....*K*.....*K*
 ATD/ATA*.....*Williamstown 19/10*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
 * Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....*32° 58'*.....Longitude.....*151° 42'*
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at the time. By day, give location of Venus Only
Jupiter 60° Az 60° EL
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.....
 Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ
 Was it known to have burst?.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of*2*°C at
P-1000.....ft, measured at*1100*.....Z hrs from.....*Williamstown*
station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....*OAO-3 Rocket @ 1905 hrs local Az 330 El 26 62*
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)
OAO-3 rocket initially, then Boeings N. & E. off
*H&WLM*.....(unit)*A. F. BLACKBURN*.....(Name)
*8 OCT 73*.....(date)*FLT LT*.....(Rank)

30 SEP 73

SIGHTING # 1

QUANG BRYAN
NSW

J. ATKINSON

FROM	FILE	DATE	REFERENCES
DEFAIR (DAS)	580/11 P.31 (1a)	10 DEC 73	HOFBN 5/4 A.R. (42)
TO	ATTENTION		
HOFBN	ADMDSO		OF 12 OCT 73
SUBJECT			
REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter to Master J. Atkinson in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting.

Enclosure Copy of letter to Master J. Atkinson

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO.
M. GRETTON	M. GRETTON	FLC OFE	123	2408

(AIR OFFICE)

500/1/1 Pt31 (1b)

10 DEC 1973

J. Atkinson,
29 McDonald Street,
YARRALUMLA. A.C.T. 2600

Dear John,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 30th September 1973, thorough investigation of the report has not been successful in positively determining the cause. The investigating team is of the opinion, however, that the lights sighted by you could possibly have been the stars SIRIUS, RIGEL and PROCYON.

On the morning of the sighting, these stars were visible in the Eastern sky at magnitudes of -2, 0 and 0 respectively. Atmospheric conditions prevailing at the time could have caused the stars to appear with increased magnitude and also account for the apparent movement of the lights as described in your report. We regret, however, that we are unable to confirm that these stars were the cause of your sighting but consider that this is the most logical explanation.

As you appear to have an interest in the subject of U.F.O.s we recommend to you the book 'Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects' by Dr Edward U. Condon, as excellent reading on the study and evaluation of U.F.O.s.

Yours sincerely,

G. J. Odgers

(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Not
Resp by DMR
10-12-73
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FROM	HQFBN	FILE	5/4/4R (42)	DATE	12 Oct 73	REFERENCES
TO	DAFI DEAIR ✓	INFO:	HQOC	ATTENTION	DAFI	
SUBJECT	REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING					

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DAFI 15-9-73
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Attached is a report by Pt Off G. N. HOSKING
34 SQN following his investigation of an
alleged unusual aerial sighting.

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
Gordon	D. J. Gordon	WG Csk	Admin	248



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. JOHN ATKINSON.....Age. 15...
2. Address of Observer. 29 N. POMER ST. WASHINGTON
.....Phone Number. 812413.
3. Occupation of Observer. STUDENT.....
4. Date & Time of Start of Observation. 20 APR 73 0830 - 0905
How certain is the date?..... PRECISE
How accurate is the time of start?..... PRECISE
5. Duration of Observation..... 1 to 1 1/2 hrs
How accurate is your estimate?..... START TIME ACCURATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. WHITE ROCKS,
4 MILES SOUTH EAST OF QUINCY, ILL.
How familiar is observer with this locality?..... FAMILY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
NIL.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
a. Relative to your surroundings. 1/2 MI. S. OF OBSERVER'S
POSITION
.....
b. angle of elevation..... 30° - TO THE HORIZON
c. compass angle bearing..... /
d. how accurate are these estimates?..... OWN ESTIMATE
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... THINK ABOUT
NEED WHEN ONE APPROACHED TO THE AIR
11. If there was more than one light/object :
a. how many were there?..... 3 (initially one, found by 2 more)
b. in what formation were they?..... NIL SEE

- What was the colour of the light or object? *WHITE; OLD FLASH on top*
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)
..... *APPROX. BRIGHT*
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 eyes).... *10-15 INCHES* *APPROX. 1 INCH*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
..... *50° N. OVER RIVER. WASH. WAS LIGHTED BY THE OBJECT*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?.... *NIL*
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)?
..... *1.5° N. HORIZ.* *2000' VERT.*
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... *OBJECTS MOVED APPROX. 1 MIN. IN IRREGULAR*
..... *PATH IN APPROX. 1-2 SECS., ALSO MOVED*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases... *10-15 SECS. (1st 1 OBJECT)*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... *NO REGULAR PATH HOWEVER MOVED NORTH & SOUTH OF THE OBSERVERS.*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
..... *SOMETIMES PATH WAS SEEN AS OBJECT MOVED*
23. Where was object last observed? :
- a. relative to your surroundings... *EAST*
- b. angle of elevation..... *30° TO THE HORIZON*
- c. compass angle bearing..... *+*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *THE 3 OBJECTS*
..... *MOVED OFF TO THE EAST IN NO PARTICULAR FORMATION*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)
..... *NIL*

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?... *4*

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

PAUL MALONE (5-4 AIRLIN(400) SAW THIS OBJECTS BEFORE BUT HAS NEVER REPORTED THIS

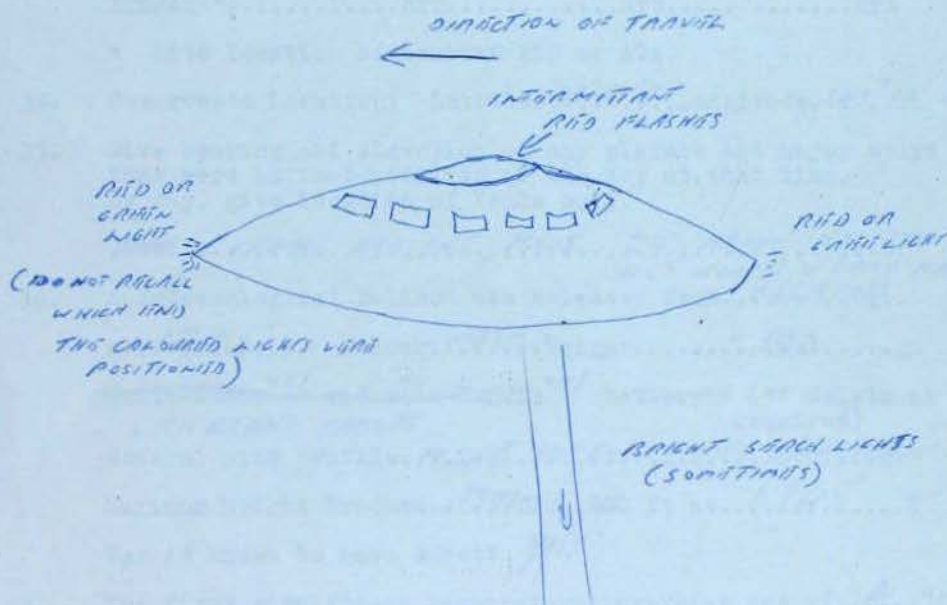
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?

..... *—*

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

OTHER OBJECTS. AIRCRAFT. NO KNOWN AIRBOONE. CRAFT...

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 *John Atkinson* Date *11.10.73*

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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:

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude *35° 25' S* Longitude *149° 12' E*

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

~~STAR~~ *VENUS. MAG. SAT. MAGS. 30° ABOVE EASTERN HORIZON. 40° NORTH & VERY BRIGHT.*

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *CAMP HARRIS*

at *1715* Z. Colour *WHITE* Weight *100* gm

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

WITH RADAR TARGET
General wind profile *515 UP TO 10000' SW ABOUT 10000'*

Maximum height tracked *13000' 000* ft at *1745* Z

Was it known to have burst? *YES*

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of *10* °C

at *5000* ft, measured at *291700* Z hrs from.....

CAMP HARRIS station. *CLOUD 291700 P 3/4 CIST*

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

NIL

/39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.
 ... *NA. RACR. WKS. OPERATING (SEEN)*
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)

... *THE REPORT. THAT. OR (AND) A METEOR,*
 ... *HOWEVER. THE OBSERVATION RESEMBLED A UAPD IMAGINATION.*

The last informant appeared to have a vivid imagination and could not explain why the four of them were in a panel-van on the outskirts of Queenberry at the early hours of Sunday morning. He said that definitely did not go up then specifically to watch stars, but they had been talking about UFO's for some time before they spotted the first object. He said the object hovered over the creek nearby for about 15 mins and the intensity of the light it emitted was much greater than the sun. The light illuminated the area around the object; however, although it was difficult to look at the object, the observer did see some searchlight beams come from below the object to illuminate the ground below. From the contents of the observer's report I think much of the sighting was an imagination, as stars were reported to be extremely bright in that part of the sky at that time.

..... *24542* *11 OCT 73*
 (Unit) (Date)

..... *C. W. HOCKING* *PAT OFF*
 (Name of (Rank)
 Investigating Officer)

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