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Brief Description of Aerial Sighting

Possible Cause

16 May 69	Time 0900 hrs GMT at Kokopo, New Guinea, Clear sky. Blue rocket shaped object with red or orange trail. Duration 30 minutes.	Satellite
16 May 69	Time 1900 hrs GMT at Tamaranga, New Guinea. Clear sky. Object appeared as an oval shaped light. Duration 30 minutes.	Satellite
11 Jun 69	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Rabaul, New Britain. Clear sky. Object glowing red and shimmering like a star. Duration 5 minutes.	Satellite
12 Aug 69	Time 1212 hrs GMT at sea - position 10°05'S 110°00'E. Dull glowing object passing from East to West.	Unexplained
7 Sep 69	Time 0308 hrs GMT at Subiaco, WA. Clear sky with cumulous clouds forming. Object appeared as a blue light. Duration just under 6 minutes.	Unexplained
14 Sep 69	Time 1945 hrs GMT in vicinity of 'Bang Bang' station Queensland. Object appeared as light in the sky. Its disappearance was followed, 3 minutes later, by a loud explosion.	Met balloon (from Mildura)
28 Sep 69	Time 0030-0045 hrs GMT at Henty, NSW. Clear sky. Carrot shaped object smokey grey in colour with orange glow at the front. Duration 10 seconds.	Substance from a meteorite
6 Oct 69	Time 1245 hrs GMT at Coorparoo, Queensland. Clear sky. Bright orange red light. Duration 55 seconds.	Unexplained
13 Oct 69	Time 0935 hrs GMT at West Heidelberg, Vic. Clear sky. Brilliant blue light. Duration 45 seconds.	Meteorite
29 Oct 69	Time 1110 hrs GMT at Koumala, Qld. Clear sky. Red and green light. Duration 50 minutes.	Aircraft
14 Nov 69	Time 1510 hrs GMT at Burnie, Tasmania. Clear sky with well broken cloud. Object very bright white light with red sparks falling from tail. Duration one minute.	Meteorite or decaying space hardware.
22 Jan 70	Time 1010 hrs GMT at Canberra ACT. Clear sky and bright moon. Dish shaped object with flashing red/white lights. Duration 5 minutes.	Unexplained
6 Feb 70	Time 1600 hrs GMT at Wingham NSW. Clear sky. Vivid red light. Duration 10-15 minutes.	Satellite
8 Feb 70	Time 1312 hrs GMT at East Bentleigh Vic. Clear sky. Large glowing luminous pink object. Duration less than 1 minute.	Reflection of motor vehicle lights.
11 Feb 70	Time 2055 hrs GMT at Toombul, Qld. Overcast sky. Object like dim white star. Duration 15 minutes.	Aircraft
12 Feb 70	Time 1530 hrs GMT at Mentone, Vic. Clear sky. Object appeared to be a flashing red and blue star. Duration 1-1½ minutes.	Satellite
3 Mar 70	Time 1000 hrs GMT at Springvale, Vic. Clear sky. Blinking light. Duration 5-10 minutes.	Aircraft
29 Apr 70	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Cabramatta NSW. No sighting made. Source reported loud whooshing noises passing over house.	Fireworks
11 May 70	Time 0935 hrs GMT 350 nm south of Darwin, NT. Brilliant white light flashing every 40 seconds moving west to east.	Satellite

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15 May 70	Time 1200 hrs GMT at 20 08S 12 942E on NT/WA border. Yellow flashing light.	Survey party
17 May 70	Time 0940 hrs GMT at Laverton, Vic. Flashing red/white light moving NE.	Met balloon
23 May 70	Time 0810 hrs GMT, 200 nm south of Townsville, Qld. High beam, static and vertical in western sky.	Unexplained
25 May 70	Time 1300 hrs GMT at 1048S 13555E. Falling green light.	Green flare.
3 Jun 70	Time 0905 hrs GMT at Townsville, Qld. Red glow over airfield.	Venus sighted through haze.
6 Jun 70	Time 0850 hrs GMT at Sydney, NSW. Bright light against red background.	Venus
15 Jun 70	Time 0750-0917 hrs GMT at Sydney, NSW. Bright white light disappearing over tree tops.	Venus
22 Jun 70	Time 1030 hrs GMT at Lussal Bay, New Britain. White light disappearing behind hills.	Meteorite
26 Jun 70	Time 0930 hrs GMT at Mildura, SA. Large object with two red lights rising vertically from the ground with whistling noise.	Unexplained
28 Jun 70	Time 0600 hrs GMT at Toowoomba, Qld. Large silver object descending vertically at high speed.	Glider
29 Jun 70	Time 0702 hrs GMT at Canberra, ACT. Black object traversing in front of Venus.	Unexplained
29 Jun 70	Time 0720 hrs GMT at Sepik River, NG. Five cigar shaped returns on radar screen 60 miles from aircraft. No visual sighting.	electro-meteorological phenomena.
12 Jul 70	Time 2205 hrs GMT at Tamworth, NSW. Orange object moving in controlled flight.	Aircraft
18 Jul 70	Time 1530 hrs GMT at Southport, Qld. Orange/white glow 'falling' in sky with smoke trail.	Space debris re-entry.
22 Jul 70	Time 1200 hrs GMT at 40 nm. SE of Katherine NT. Red and green flashing light seen from air. Object manoeuvred in area. Also observed by witnesses on the ground.	Aircraft
26 Jul 70	Time 1130 hrs GMT at Sale, Vic. Red/blue lights moving erratically towards SW.	Jupiter, Venus and 3 stars viewed at low elevation.
29 Jul 70	Time 110 hrs GMT at Dennington, Vic. Moving white light.	Venus viewed through car windscreen.
10 Aug 70	Time 0355 hrs GMT at Queanbeyan, NSW. Slow moving green light; circled and then moved away.	Aircraft
19 Aug 70	Time 0100 hrs GMT at Canberra, ACT. Two very bright white lights close together, moving North.	Aircraft
9 Sep 70	Time 0220 hrs GMT at Atherton, Qld. Fifty to 100 star-like objects in southern sky.	Unexplained

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26 Oct 70	Time 1045 hrs GMT at Lyndale, Vic. Two alternately flashing, orange/white objects. Objects merged and parted at intervals.	Unexplained
28 Oct 70	Time 0800 hrs GMT at Binalong Bay, Tas. Aircraft shaped object with 2 small wing projections. Duration 10 minutes.	Unexplained
1 Nov 70	Time 2320 hrs GMT at Coonabarabran, NSW. A dense white horse-shoe shaped object. Duration one minute.	Unexplained
15 Nov 70	Time 2400 hrs GMT at 90 nm SE of Wewak, NG. Object was a white light which left a smoke trail. Duration 1 second.	Meteorite
18 Nov 70	Time 1130-1220 hrs GMT at Nimmitabel, NSW. Object appeared to have one red and one blue part. It first appeared as a bright yellow light in the Eastern sky. Duration 50 minutes.	Unexplained
9 Dec 70	Time 1435 hrs GMT at City Beach, WA. Tadpole shaped yellowish light. Duration 2 to 3 minutes.	Meteorite
16 Dec 70	Time 1212 hrs GMT at Rokeby, Tas. Slight cloud. Yellow/white pulsating light moving very quickly. Duration approx 15 seconds.	Aircraft
7 Jan 71	Time 1103 hrs GMT at Queenscliff, Vic. Red and blue light, approx 30 ft in diameter. Duration 15 minutes.	Unexplained
10 Jan 71	Time 1600 hrs GMT at East Preston, Vic. Weather fine and clear. One small white object travelling eastwards. No means of propulsion evident.	Venus
11 Jan 71	Time 1530-1545 hrs GMT at Glenelg, SA. Reddish/orange glow remaining in the sky for several hours.	Insufficient evidence
8 Feb 71	Time 1145 hrs GMT at Exeter, Tas. Flashing diamond shaped red lights on horizon.	Lightning reflection through clouds.
26 Feb 71	Time 1200 hrs GMT at Laverton, Vic. Light gray matter moving across the sky. Duration 7-10 minutes.	Searchlight reflection.
2 Mar 71	Time 1015 hrs GMT at 31 miles N of Kaniva, Vic. Orange coloured object changing to blue/green as it descended vertically. Duration 6 minutes.	Research rocket from Woomera
2 Mar 71	Time 1040 hrs GMT at Aspendale, Vic. A large round light beneath the moon. Duration 10 minutes.	Satellite Paganos I.
3 Mar 71	Time 1730 hrs GMT at Montagu Bay, Tas. Bright green/yellow light descending to ground. Duration 15 seconds.	Unexplained
19 Mar 71	Time 0935 hrs GMT at Dungog, NSW. Alternating scarlet and white lights. Duration 20 minutes.	Aircraft
2,9,12 Apr	Times 0230 hrs (2nd and 9th April) and 0045 hrs GMT (12 April) at Condoblin, NSW. Very bright object showing flashes of blue/green, yellow and white. Object appeared in the western sky and followed an erratic course.	Unexplained
24 Apr 71	Time 0932 hrs GMT at Mentone, Vic. One white constantly glowing object making constant circular movements at 1,000 feet. Duration 15 minutes.	Aircraft

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29 Apr 71

Time 0850 hrs GMT at Richmond, NSW. Oscillating light flashing red white/green white every 1 1/2 seconds. Duration 2 1/2 hours.

Unexplained

14 May 71

Time 1340 hrs GMT at Richmond, NSW. Extremely bright white-green-red object. Duration 34 minutes. 8 known witnesses.

Unexplained

26 May 71

Time 0754 hrs GMT at Williamstown, Vic. Bright white light appearing in the NW.

Landing lights  
of aircraft.

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TEACHERS AND MANY CHILDREN OBSERVED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED STAR LIKE  
OBJECTS IN SOUTH EASTERN SKY CMM ELEVATION THIRTY FIVE TO SIXTY  
DEGREES FROM 1220-1240 9SEP70 PD OBJECTS RESEMBLED STRIPS OF SILVER  
PAPER SUSPENDED IN AIR AT GREAT DISTANCE PD OBJECTS EVENTUALLY  
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1st September 1970

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CANBERRA ACT 2600

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Enclosed are the following reports of aerial observations:-

- a. Report by Mr Knees of Boorong
- b. Report by Mrs Edlington of Tharwa

Encls: 2 Reports

*M.E. Newman*  
(M.E. NEWMAN)  
Squadron Leader  
for Air Officer Commanding

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STATEMENT BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

Mr. Ralph Knees (aged 13 years) a high school student of BOORONG stated that he was bushwalking approximately one half mile from his home approaching dusk on Sunday 9th August 1970.

On looking above his home he stated that he observed a green light which appeared to carry out one orbit and then commence to move to the west and stop. On coming to a halt the light changed from green to white and became an unfocused white light cone shaped towards the ground. The light changed back to green and the object moved off at increasing speed until it disappeared. At no stage was there any noise associated with the object or efflux observed.

The witness although young appeared to be reliable and stated that he also observed an aircraft several minutes earlier which coincides with the aircraft mentioned in Part 2 of this report.

  
M.T. WINTER

Flight Lieutenant.

When was object first observed?

(a) Relative to your surroundings

(b) Angle of elevation

(c) Compass angle bearing

(d) How accurate are these estimates

10. What first attracted observer's attention?

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer *Paul H. Moore* Age *13*
2. Address of observer *47 Borden St. Quincy, Mass.* Phone *972-2225*
3. Occupation of observer *High School Student*
4. Date and time of start of observation *9 Apr 70 1750H*  
How certain is the date? *Definite*  
How accurate is the time of start *Accurate*
5. Duration of observation *30 Secs*  
How accurate is your estimate? *Approx 90% Accurate*
6. Observer's location at time of sighting *Approx 700-800 yds from home in Bismarck*  
How familiar is observer with this locality? *Familiar*
7. Weather conditions at time of observation *Fine*  
*(SUN APPROXIM. DOPPEL)*
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation *Nil*
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - (a) Relative to your surroundings *Above the home (SUN. APPROX 800 yds. 950 ft)*
  - (b) Angle of elevation *Approx 45° Ht. of approx 200 yds*
  - (c) compass angle bearing *Approx 170°*
  - (d) how accurate are these estimates *Average*
10. What first attracted observer's attention? *Nothing. Specimen*

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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? *GREEN/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). *DOUBLED THAN STREET LIGHT.*
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). *Approx. 1"....*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?  
*170° N. ....*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *NONE. OBSERVED.*
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)?  
*No. Obs. Excess. - - - - - Approx. 90° YES. No. Obs. Height ...*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances (*FASTER THAN APPROX. WITH APPROX. - - - - - SLOWER.*)  
*FASTER THAN APPROX. ....*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases *Short. Period. During White Light. Observed.*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres *Obs. Deviat. W. These*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen  
*..... Nil. ....*
23. Where was object last observed? :
  - (a) relative to your surroundings *Approx. 800 Yds. 200m*
  - (b) angle of elevation .... *Approx. 25°*

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- (c) compass angle bearing... *200° N. Approx.*.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *None. Out of Sight*
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? *1*.....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? *Yes. Former. Previous. Numerous. Sighting. Approx. 12 MONTHS AGO*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? .... *No. loco*.....
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. *ON BACK OF PAGE*

Signature *[Signature]* .....

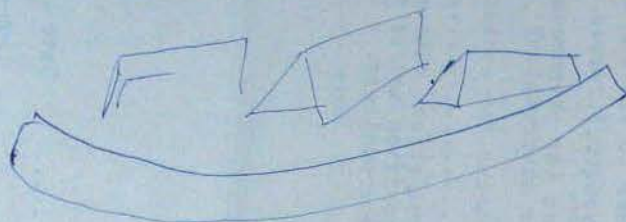
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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in  
of the reported UFO position at the time:
- A/C type ..... (1)..... (2).....  
Heading.....T.....T.....  
Height .....000ft.....,000ft.....  
Speed .....K.....K.....  
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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 .....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft  
Speed .....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
- A/C type *CESSNA*.....(1).....*C86*.....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....*Turn left*.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....*4000*.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....*110 K*.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
\* Give location of nearest ~~ATD~~ or ATA. *CB 1900K*
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.....  
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36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....*11*.....  
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight.....gm  
Radio-sonde\*\*/radar\*\*: Candle\*\*/battery\*\*(\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile .....  
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z  
Was it known to have burst?.....

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37. The first significant temperature inversion was of  
... *1.5/0* °C at *10000* ft, measured at *0.22700*.Z  
hrs from *0800* 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 ... *No Radar Trace* ...  
... *Pls. Identification Lights On* ...
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting *can*\*/  
cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably was\*/may have been\*  
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... *UNDETERMINED* ...

... *3554* (Unit) ... *[Signature]* (Name)  
... *18 AUG 70* (Date) ... *[Signature]* (Rank)

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NARRATIVE OF OBSERVATION AS TOLD TO INVESTIGATING  
OFFICER.

On the morning of 7th August 1970 I was travelling along Mugga Lane when I noticed two extremely bright objects in the sky directly in front of me. I first saw them at 11am and watched them manoeuvre for about 5 minutes.

At times these objects were stationary. They also disappeared and reappeared(after a short interval) several times. They finally disappeared as if each light was turned out.

STATEMENT BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

Mrs Edlington appeared to be a reliable witness who was very interested in UFO's and like objects. She is a member of the CANBERRA Astrological Society and appears to be quite engrossed in her hobby. She is equipped with a high power telescope and charts of the stars and is very interested in the results of this observation.investigation.

  
W.T. WINTER

Flight Lieutenant.

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer NES EDLINGTON Age 27
2. Address of observer THARMA VIA QUEANBEYAN N.S.W.  
26/20 Phone. 375114
3. Occupation of observer HOUSEWIFE
4. Date and time of start of observation TAUG 19 TO 1100H.  
How certain is the date? POSITIVE  
How accurate is the time of start Accuracy  $\pm 1$  min
5. Duration of observation 5 mins  
How accurate is your estimate?  $\pm 1$  min
6. Observer's location at time of sighting CAR NARRISBURG  
CANE AND MUGGA LANE  
How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY..  
FAMILIAR
7. Weather conditions at time of observation STRONG  
SOUTHERLY WIND - BRIGHT SUNLIGHT - NO CLOUD
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation  
NAKED EYE ONLY
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - (a) Relative to your surroundings DUE NORTH -  
(INDETERMINATE) - LONG DISTANCE (APPROX 200m)
  - (b) Angle of elevation 30° - 35° APPROX
  - (c) compass angle bearing NORTH
  - (d) how accurate are these estimates ELEVATION GOOD -  
DISTANCE UNSURE.
10. What first attracted observer's attention? NOTHING

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11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there? TWO  
(b) in what formation were they? LEVEL SIDE BY SIDE - SMALL SEPARATION
12. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards) BRIGHTER THAN AIRCRAFT REFLECTION
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:  
(a) relative to Venus or Moon SAME SIZE  
(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?  
BEG MOVED ANTI-CLOCKWISE APPROX SAME AS WIDTH OF TEL POLE AT 50 YDS  
ELEV NO CHANGE
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity NK
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?  
30-35° APPROX
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 SLOWER THAN MC AT SIMILAR DISTANCES
- .....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases STATIONARY FOR MOST PART OF OBSERVATION
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres APPEARED TO BE COMING TOWARDS OBSERVER AND MOVING LEFT
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen  
LIGHT ONLY
23. Where was object last observed? :  
(a) relative to your surroundings NORTH  
(b) angle of elevation 30-35° APPROX

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- (c) compass angle bearing... NORTH.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? SIMILAR TO TURNING  
LIGHT DAF
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such  
as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indenta-  
tions, 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 No TRAINING.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? 1.....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the  
area? YES.....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be near-  
est to explaining your observation? SHOULD BE ADDED: BRIGHTER  
THAN AIRCRAFT REFLECTION NO.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explana-  
tion? TOO BRIGHT.....
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 25 Apr 70.....

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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 *HOQUON* (1) *ROGON* (2) (3)  
Heading *COAST* T *COAST* T T  
Height *400* 000ft *500* 000ft 000ft  
Speed *80* K *80* K K  
ATD/ATA\* *OPERATING DURING OBSERVATION PERIOD* hrs

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

A/C type *F27* (1) *F27* (2) (3)  
Heading *TOWARD SYDNEY AFTER TURNING* T  
Height *CLIMBING* 000ft *CLIMBING* 000ft 000ft  
Speed *APPROX 150* K *APPROX 150* K K  
ATD/ATA\* *0057K* hrs *1100K* hrs hrs  
\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude *33° 20'* Longitude *149° 07' E*

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.  
*NOT APPLICABLE*

36. A meteorological balloon was released from *NOT APPLICABLE*  
at .....Z Colour ..... Weight ..... gm  
Radio-sonde\*\*/radar\*\*: Candle\*\*/battery\*\*(\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile .....  
Maximum height tracked.....,000ft at .....Z  
Was it known to have burst?.....

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37. The first significant temperature inversion was of  
..... 3 °C at ..... 5000 ft, measured at 062300Z Apr.  
hrs from ..... WAGGA ..... 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 .....  
..... NO RADAR .....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can\*  
cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported ~~probably was~~ /may have been\*  
delete as required)  
..... A CIVIL AIRCRAFT .....

..... 552N ..... (Unit) .....  ..... (Name)  
..... 20 AUG 70 ..... (Date) ..... PLT LT ..... (Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Enclosed are the following reports of aerial observations:

- a. Report by Mr Kerrison of Tamworth.
- b. Report by Mr Harrington of Sydney.
- c. Report by Mr Hibbert of Labradore.

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

Enclosures: 3 Reports

(2) REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

(a)

(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... L. F. KERRISON Age 48
2. Address of observer... 2 DOUGLAS AVE  
TAMWORTH TAM. Phone 41-2184
3. Occupation of observer... SENIOR POSTAL CLERK (ASST POSTMASTER)
4. Date and time of start of observation... 8-AM MONDAY 12th JULY 1950  
How certain is the date?... PRECISE  
How accurate is the time of start?... WITHIN LIMITS 8-AM TO 8-AM
5. Duration of observation... APPROX 30-40 SECONDS  
How accurate is your estimate?... WITHIN 10 SECS + OR -
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... IN FITZROY ST TAMWORTH  
How familiar is observer with this locality?... HAVE LIVED WITHIN 200 YDS OF SIGHTING POINT FOR 19 YEARS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE SUNNY MORNING NO CLOUD IMMEDIATE VICINITY CALM
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NIL OTHER THAN USE OF BUILDINGS AS CHECKPOINT
9. Where was object first observed:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings... In sky at a position of approx 1000ft from the house (vertical position) i.e. high in the sky
  - b. Angle of elevation... SE. H. (SW) about 60°
  - c. Compass angle bearing... First sighted approx due west. bearing about 280°
  - d. How accurate are these estimates?... Approx 10%
10. What first attracted observer's attention? It is my custom to reside in the blue of the sky in the early morning & it was during such a scan that the object was noticed.
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. How many were there?... One
  - b. In what formation were they?... Not applicable
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Brownish orange
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
As bright & clear as a motor car in morning sunlight at a distance of 100 yards
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
  - a. Relative to Venus or Moon... Not applicable
  - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... Estimated about 10 to 12 inches long & extremely thin (possibly) & possibly 6 to 8 inches wide
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... Elevation 60°. Bearing assessed  
Bearing was negative based on house
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... NIL

17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
*Completely soundless*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *Height estimated 1000' to 1200'*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances. *Speed estimated in minutes of 100-150 mph. Based on observation of plane movements.*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. *Nil*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. *Nil. Course did not vary.*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. *Completely free of any type of exhaust.*
23. Where was the object last observed:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings. *Disappeared into sky in a NNW direction*
  - b. Angle of elevation. *Over hills on horizon*
  - c. Compass angle bearing. *About 320° magnetic*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Traced through distance*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). *Absolutely nil.*
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? *Two. Self + 8 year old son*
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? *No others known*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? *There is absolutely no natural explanation*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? *It was clearly an aircraft in controlled flight*
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.....

Date.....

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2 Douglas Avenue,  
Tamworth.  
27th July, 1970.

Lieut. H.W. Kaufman,  
Headquarters, RAAF Base,  
WILLIAMTOWN. 2301.

Dear Mr. Kaufman,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter and questionnaire concerning the sighting of an aerial object by myself, and son, at Tamworth on 13th July, 1970.

I have completed your questionnaire and shown hereunder is a statement outlining the incident.

"At 8-5am on Monday 13th July, 1970, in company with my eight year old son, Trevor, I was walking down Fitzroy Street, on my way to the office, when I noticed an object in the sky in the immediate vicinity.

At the time of first sighting the object I judged it to be immediately above a point approximately 200 yards in front of me, and the angle of elevation to be about 65 degrees. Based on the known height of the Oxley Lookout above the town (800') I estimated the height of the aircraft to be in the order of 1000' to 1200'.

The object was following a course almost parallel to Carthage Street, and based on this it is estimated that the heading was about 320 degrees magnetic. (Carthage Street bears 312 degrees).

The object was not travelling fast. In my opinion the speed was within the limits of 100mph to 150mph.

The craft was following an unvarying course - without deviation, undulation, or any change whatsoever. From point of sighting to final loss through distance it followed what I judged to be an unvarying course both in direction and height.

The shape of the aircraft was cylindrical, i.e. it was shaped precisely similar to a length of outside water pipe. There was no tapering towards the ends, nor was there any variation in shape over the entire surface of the vehicle.  
*NOTE. The craft did not have wings.*

Colour was a brownish orange. I saw no sign of variation in colour even though the object was clearly visible in sunlight.

There was no sound audible, nor was there any sign of exhaust emission.

The rear end of the craft showed the typical round outline which may be discerned when viewing a piece of pipe, or a culvert from a distance. This showed dark against the object and gave the impression that the rear end was open in entirety. I did not see the forward end as the object had passed my position prior to sighting."

It is hoped that this information, together with that shown on your questionnaire, is of assistance in your investigation. In the event of any further point needing discussion I would be pleased to give assistance.

I would also be most interested to know if you receive other reports of sighting this aircraft together with any conclusion you may reach.

Yours sincerely,  
J. J. [Signature]

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer. Mr HARRINGTON P. J......Age 33.....
2. Address of observer. 209 Cooper Rd YAGOONA SYDNEY.....  
.....Phone SY 703730.....
3. Occupation of observer. Pilot Chieftan Aviation.....
4. Date and time of start of observation. 222130 local.....  
How certain is the date? Positive.....  
How accurate is the time of start. Very accurate.....
5. Duration of observation. 10 to 12 minutes.....  
How accurate is your estimate? Very accurate.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 40NM South east of Katherine.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Not familiar.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Clear sky.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. Visual.....
9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings. South west of the A/C - A/C was tracking 325M at 8500' QNH at 150kts.....  
(b) angle of elevation. Same level.....  
(c) compass angle bearing. 270 relative.....  
(d) how accurate are these estimates. Very accurate.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? The brightness of the object.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there? Two for two minutes.....  
(b) in what formation were they? One vertical above the other.....

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- What was the colour of the light or object? Alternating red and green
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards). Similar to A/F Beacon at 20NM
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon. Planet size
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). 1"
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? Visual assessment - approx level + 1000' - converged and moved towards rear
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity Nothing heard
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 9500 - 7500
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. Thru 10° in 20 seconds
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 2 minutes. Relative to A/C
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Dive/climb circle
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Light - as above
23. Where was object last observed: Disappeared 20 miles SE KATHERINE  
Reappeared 5NM KATHERINE for 30 seconds
- (a) relative to your surroundings seconds
- (b) angle of elevation Disappeared level Appeared lower
- (c) compass angle bearing Disappeared 270° Rel. Appeared 360° Rel.
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Light went out - as if light switched off.
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or or radioactivity etc) Nothing

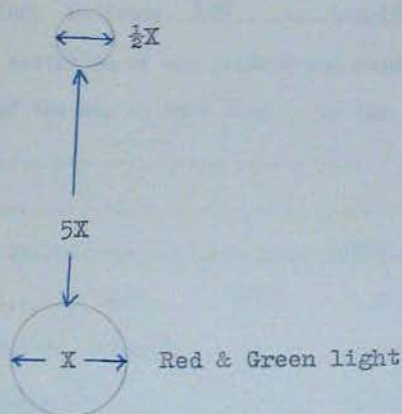
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- State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... 3500....  
Flying hours.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?... 2.... Self and 2nd Pilot.....
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?... Only as reported by DCA official.....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?... Another A/C in vicinity.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?... Behaviour - different to what expected from an A/C in transit. Sudden changes of altitude and heading.....
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.

Red & Green  
or Orange



Received by phone.

Signature..... (D.W. PICTON)..... Date. 22 JUL 70.....

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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...G447D...B7Q7.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading...347M.....T.....T.....T  
Height...35.....000 ft.....000 ft.....000 ft  
Speed...TAS 460Kts.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*~~DAR~~ 221239Z.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
TDL 221215Z
- \* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's location: Latitude...15S.....Longitude...13245E
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..DARWIN.....  
at..221130.....Z Colour...White.....Weight...100 gm  
Radio-~~sonde~~\*/radar\*\*:~~Canale~~\*/battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile..SE/15 to 7000' W to SW/10.15 to 18,000'  
SE/10.15 to 35,000' S/15 to 39,000' E/22.40 to 53,000'  
Maximum height tracked.....57.....000 ft at..221225.....Z  
Was it known to have burst?...Yes.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....2.....°C at  
4000 to 5000.....ft, measured at..222300.....Z hrs from.....  
DARWIN.....Station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting. ....

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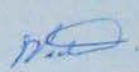
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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... Not applicable .....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~/cannot\* be determined.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

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Mr John MIDDLETON, DCA KATHERINE, received an earlier report, from 4 or more witnesses, by phone from a work club social. He reported that the witnesses sounded sober and reliable. He will attempt to get names on 23JUL70.

Base Squadron RAAF Base DARWIN ..... (Unit) .....  (D.W. PICTON) ..... (Name)  
22nd July 1970 ..... (Date) ..... Flight Lieutenant ..... (Rank)

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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 none.....(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: Operating in area.  
 A/C type Agricultural A/C.....(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 the time. By day, give location of Venus only. No details
36. A meteorological balloon was released from Williamtown at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm  
 Radio-sonde ~~\*\*/delete as required/battery\*\*~~ (\*\*delete as required)  
 General wind profile Westerly  
 Maximum height tracked.....No details.....,000 ft at.....Z  
 Was it known to have burst?.....Unknown
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.....none
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating  
Unknown
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).  
Unknown

.....Williamtown.....(Unit).....Robertson.....(Name)  
 .....30 Jul 70.....(Date).....1st Lt.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... Michael Lindsay HIBBERT ..... Age. 26 yrs
2. Address of observer. 13. Cleander Avenue, LABRADOR. .....  
..... Phone. 37-1636 .....
3. Occupation of observer... Machinist (2nd Class) (Water Valves, etc)
4. Date and time of start of observation. Sunday 19th July 1970. 0130 hrs.  
How certain is the date?... Positive. .....  
How accurate is the time of start. Fairly Accurate (within 10 minutes)
5. Duration of observation.. Approximately Thirty (30) Seconds. .....  
How accurate is your estimate?... Fairly Accurate. .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. 200 yards south of .....  
Intersection of Pacific Highway and Tedder Avenue, Main Beach, Southport. .....  
How familiar is observer with this locality?.. Very familiar with area. .....  
Travels that route six (6) days per week during course of employment.
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. Light rain falling at .....  
observer's location. .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.. None? .....  
.....
9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings.. Directly ahead. .....  
.....  
(b) angle of elevation... Approximately 30 Degrees. .....  
(c) compass angle bearing.. Between North West and 330 Degrees. .....  
(d) how accurate are these estimates... Reasonably accurate. .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.. Orange/White Glow. .....  
Travelling in a downward irregular direction. .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there?... One (1) only. .....  
(b) in what formation were they?... One (1) only. .....

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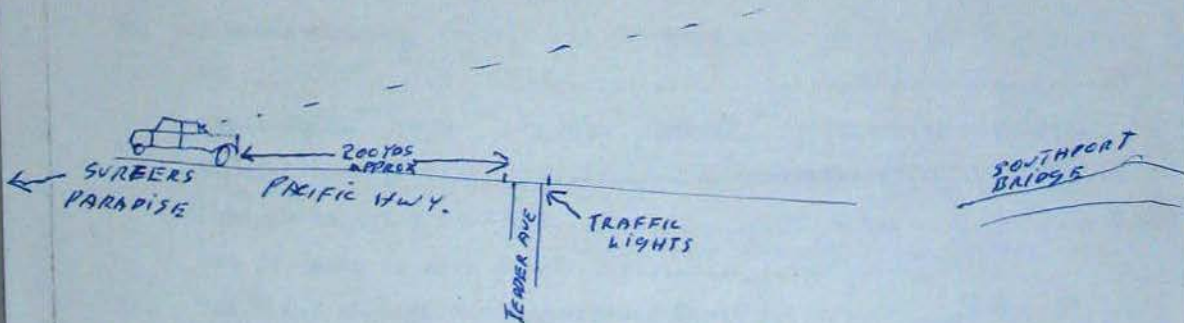
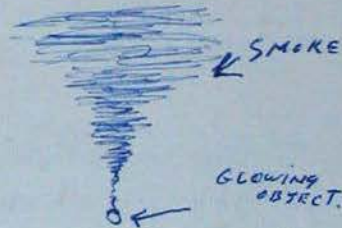
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Orange/Whitish colour.
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards).... Ordinary street light at a distance of three (3) miles.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon. Approximately size of a Star......
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). Approximately 3/32".....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? As answered on 9(b) and 9(c).  
Values assessed at later date by Compass......
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? None obvious......
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity.... No sound heard......
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? Between 20 and 30 degrees from Ground Level......
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. Seemed to be travelling at a speed of about Eighty (80) miles per hour comparing with speed of motor vehicles......
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. Not Stationary at any time.
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Slight movement from half left to half right in downward direction.
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. Smoke seen in a Conical Shape behind falling object......
23. Where was object last observed: Between Helensvale and Hollywell.
- (a) relative to your surroundings. At angle of approximately 20 degrees.
- (b) angle of elevation... 20 degrees......
- (c) compass angle bearing. Between 310 and 345 Degrees......
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Faded like a dying ember.
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). Do not know of any......

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. No professional training. Merely a Hobby.
27. How many witness to the sighting? Two (including observer) other Kevin O'BRIEN, 31 Little Norman St, S'port.
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
None known.
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? A Falling Flare.
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed.



Signature Michael L. Hillbert Date... 31st July 1970

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
- A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)
- Heading.....T.....T.....T
- Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft
- Speed.....K.....K.....K
- ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
- A/C type.....NIL.....(1).....(2).....(3)
- Heading.....T.....T.....T
- Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft
- Speed.....K.....K.....K
- ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
- \* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude 27° 58' 15" S Longitude 153° 25' 35" E
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....N/A.....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from EAGLE FARM at 1.00 <sup>18 JUL 70</sup> Z Colour.....Weight.....gm
- Radio-sonde \*\*/radar \*\*: Candle \*\*/battery \*\* (\*\*delete as required)
- General wind profile.....LOWER LEVELS WSW. Backing WNW AT HEIGHT.....
- Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z
- Was it known to have burst?.....WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL OUT OF THE AREA.....
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....N/A.....°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.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... N/A. .....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can~~ /cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably was\*/may have been\* (delete as required)  
POSSIBLE SPACE DEBRIS? .....

(PART 1 OF THIS REPORT WAS COMPLETED  
BY THE SOUTHPORT POLICE.)

No. 82 Wing  
RAAF Base  
AMBERLEY QLD.

.....(Unit)..... S. J. Wilson (S. J. Wilson) (Name)  
..... 6 Aug 70 ..... (Date) ..... FLY LT. ..... (Rank)

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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(28)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Forwarded are reports by Mr & Mrs M. Sayers of Stradbroke VIC concerning an unusual object sighted near Sale on 26th July 1970. Investigation was carried out from RAAF Base East Sale and the report is also attached.

(E.K. KILDEY)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosures: 2 reports of sighting  
with Investigator's report

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... Mrs M. SAYERS ..... Age Not Admitted
2. Address of observer... "Dalerway" Frouds Road STRADBROKE VIC (Near Sale) .....  
..... Phone 68233
3. Occupation of observer... Housewife .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 26th July 1970 2130 hours .....  
How certain is the date? Positive .....  
How accurate is the time of start? Within 5 minutes .....
5. Duration of observation... 1.5 hours .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... From rear of house in garden .....  
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... Cloudless, good visibility .....  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... No aids .....  
.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings... In the sky between two bright stars .....  
and through gap in trees .....
  - b. angle of elevation... 10°-15° .....
  - c. compass angle bearing... 285° .....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? Fairly good .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Red light in sky .....  
.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. how many were there? Two .....
  - b. in what formation were they? On the same level but appearing to rotate .....  
horizontally
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Red and Blue (both seen) .....  
At one time the lights were extinguished completely for approximately  
3 seconds before resuming normal intensity. The lights appeared to  
shimmer rather like stars.

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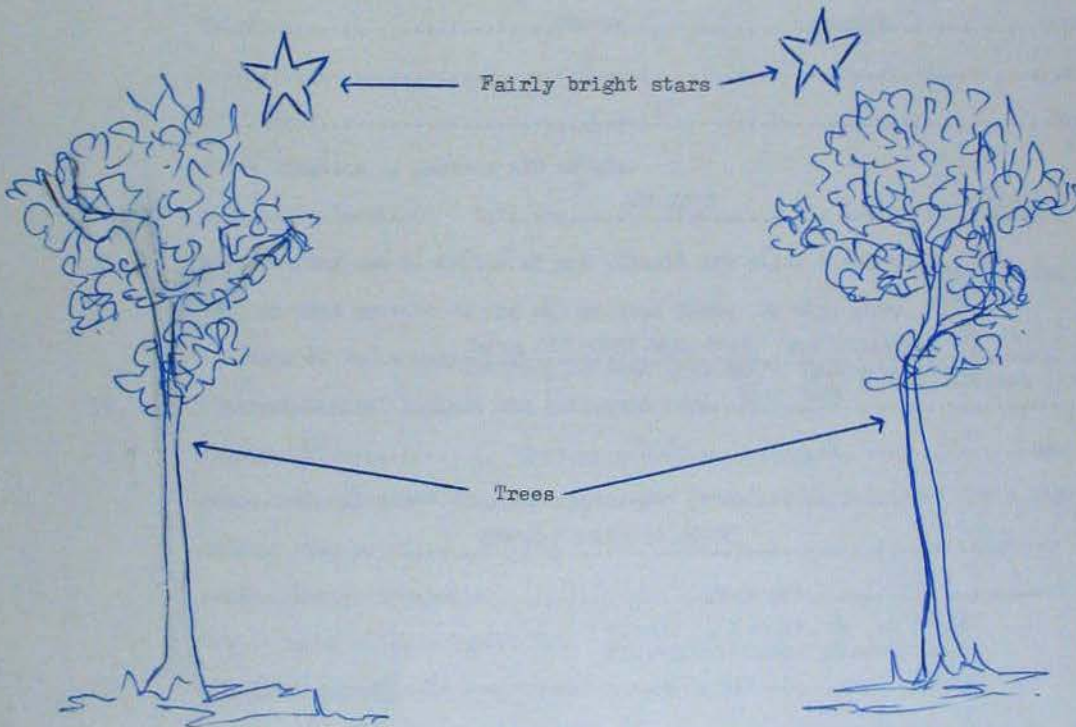
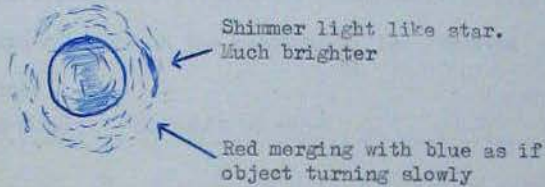
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) Quite bright but not the intensity of the brightest star
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon size of Venus  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) 2" circular
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? 10°-15° varying a few degrees. Using clothes line and trees.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? No
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity None heard
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 10°-15°
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. Very slow moving in both horizontally and vertically over short distance.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases Approx 3 secs during each phase of movement.
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. Describing + type manoeuvre (up, down left, right)
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. None
23. Where was object last observed:  
a. relative to your surroundings Moved away to SW beside bright star...  
b. angle of elevation slightly higher in sky - approx 20°-25°  
c. compass angle bearing 220° approx
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? It appeared to travel away. I didn't wait to see it disappear - it only showed a blue/green
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, small light. photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc) None
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity None. I cannot estimate angles well
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? Two

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? No, only husband
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? I did think it could be a helicopter
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? None, however.. it appeared to be a man made object. It wasn't a shooting star or an aircraft
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 P. Margaret Sayers

Date 28th July 1970

P. Margaret Sayers

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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.....No military (1) aircraft in the (2) area.....(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.....No known civiliar (1) aircraft in area (2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
\*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's location: Latitude.....38° 18'S Longitude.....147°02'E
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give Moon rising in East  
location of Venus only Venus 15° elev Brg. 280°T from observer (Spica )  
Jupiter 45° elev Brg. 280°T from observer (Deneboca )  
East Sale (Gienah )
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....East Sale  
at.....1115.....Z. Colour.....White Weight.....645.....gm  
Radio-some\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*: \*\*\*\*\*/Battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required) White Light  
General wind profile.....290°/12 knots at 4000'  
Maximum height tracked.....4,000ft at.....1123.....Z  
Was it known to have burst? No. Cloud: 3/8 Strata Cu. at 3500'  
Visibility: 10nm in smoke haze
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at  
.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....  
.....station. Nil inversion
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting,.....no knowledge
29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....no known aircraft

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40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can\*/cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably was\*/may-have-been\*(delete as required)  
A combination of Jupiter, Venus and three other bright stars which were in the sky to the west of the observers, at a low elevation. The smoke haze possibly combined with moonlight from behind the observer caused the colour effect, the shimmering and the apparent movement.
42. Further Report from Mrs M. Sayers.
- a. At 1345 hours on Wednesday 29th July 1970, Mrs M. Sayers rang the investigating officer to say that the same phenomena had been observed by herself and some friends the previous night, Tuesday 28th July 1970. The same movement and colour effect had been noted and the position of the object was virtually unchanged. The observers concluded, very apologetically, that the object in question was a planet or star.
- b. Following this report the investigating officer considers the explanation in para 41 correct.

Headquarters RAAF Base EAST SALE (Unit) ..... *B. J. L. H.* ..... (Name)  
29th July 1970 ..... (Date) ..... Flight Lieutenant ..... (Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer.....MALCOLM SAYERS.....Age Not Admitted.
2. Address of observer...."Telarvan" Froude Road STADEPOKE VIC. (near Sale)..  
.....Phone 68233.....
3. Occupation of observer.....Dairy Farmer.....
4. Date and time of start of observation..26th July 1970 2130 hours.....  
How certain is the date? ..Positive.....  
How accurate is the time of start?.....+ 5 minutes.....
5. Duration of observation..5 hours.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..Outside rear of house.....  
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..Mil cloud - Good visibility..  
..and it had not been raining.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation..Mil. but wears glasses  
.....
9. Where was object first observed?:
  - a. Relative to your surroundings..I was called to look at the object by  
..my wife, it was in the sky to the west.....
  - b. angle of elevation..not more than 45°.....
  - c. compass angle bearing..285°.....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates?.....very approximate.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....my wife.....  
.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
  - a. how many were there?.....two.....
  - b. in what formation were they?.....They were not distinctly separate but  
..appeared to merge together most of the time.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....Red and white.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). ~~Brighter than a normal star~~ **probably about double intensity....**
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
- a. relative to Venus or Moon... ~~approx size of Venus~~ .....
- b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes). **2"** .....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? ~~Unknown but less than 45°~~ .....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ~~No.~~ **but lights definitely moving very slowly in irregular pattern over a relatively small area of sky**
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- .... No noise but probably too far away.** .....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? **Max. 45° Min. 20°** .....
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. **Approx. 10° per second.** .....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. **of 3 minutes observed, 2 minutes were stationary**
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. **Completely irregular pattern but... appeared to be continually rotating.**
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. **None** .....
23. Where was object last observed:
- a. relative to your surroundings... **Still to west of house in sky.** .....
- b. angle of elevation... **unchanged.** .....
- c. compass angle bearing... **approx. 285°** .....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? **still there when I left scene** ..
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... **None** .....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... **None** .....
- ...poor at geometry** .....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? **Two** .....

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A merging of red and white light, mainly white.

Date.....28th July 1970

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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.....No military (1) aircraft in the (2) area.....(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.....No known civilian (1) aircraft in area (2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
\*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's location: Latitude.....38° 18'S Longitude.....147°02'E
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give Moon rising in East  
location of Venus only Venus 15° elev Brg. 230°T from observer (Spica )  
Jupiter 45° elev Brg. 280°T from observer (Denebola )  
East Sale (Gienah )
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....East Sale  
at.....1115.....Z. Colour.....White Weight.....645.....gm  
Radio-sound\*\*/under\*\*/Candle\*\*/Battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required) White Light  
General wind profile.....290°/12 knots at 4000'  
Maximum height tracked.....4,000ft at.....1123.....Z  
Was it known to have burst? No. Cloud: 3/8 Strata Cu. at 35000'  
Visibility: 10nm in smoke haze
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at  
.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....  
.....station. Nil inversion
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting,.....no knowledge
29. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....no known aircraft

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41. The object reported probably was\*/may-have-been\*(delete as required)  
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- b. Following this report the investigating officer considers the explanation in para 41 correct.

...Headquarters RAAF Base EAST SALE (Unit)..... *B. J. J. J.* ..... (Name)  
..... 29th July 1970 ..... (Date) ..... Flight Lieutenant ..... (Rank)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT  
OBSERVED ON SUNDAY 26TH JULY 1970

Introduction

1. At approximately 2130 hours on Sunday 26th July 1970, Mrs M. Sayers and her husband sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky to the west of their farmhouse, situated at Stradbroke, Victoria, near Sale. The object took the form of two bright coloured lights which appeared to move around a small area of sky in an irregular pattern. After approximately 1.5 hours the object had moved further to the South West and finally was seen to disappear as it travelled away from the observer. As Mrs Sayers was unable to explain what she had seen she reported the matter to the RAAF Base, East Sale, on the Monday-morning 27th July 1970.

Quality of Evidence

2. The two witnesses were interviewed separately. They both gave the impression of being well educated and sincere in their efforts to do their duty. The quality of evidence was quite good and differed only in the colour of the lights observed and their intensity.

Investigations

3. A number of possible causes were investigated in an effort to explain the phenomena:

- a. Aircraft. From the evidence it seemed likely that an aircraft or more particularly a helicopter was the cause. The helicopter base at Longford was not flying that night and the authorities in Melbourne were not aware of any military or civilian aircraft flying in the vicinity on the night in question.
- b. Television Masts. The television masts situated on top of the Strzeleskie mountains are 2796 feet above sea level. They bear 255°(T) and are line of sight 22 nautical miles from the observers farm. However the masts are unlit and are therefore excluded.
- c. Meteorological Balloon. A white meteorological balloon carrying a small white light was released from RAAF East Sale at 2115 hours on Sunday 26th July. The wind at 4000' was 290°/12 knots when it was last observed by a meteorological observer using binoculars. Although the balloon might well have carried into the area, it is considered unlikely to be the cause. The light was too low an intensity to be seen by the human eye above 4000' and in any case would hardly compare with the "bright light" observed. It is also unlikely that it would have remained virtually stationary in the area for so long.
- d. Esso Gas Plant. The Esso Gas Plant is excluded as it is well to the North of the reported observation.
- e. Visible Satellites. No Satellites are known to be visible at the time of the observation and in any case the duration of the sighting would rule the possibility out.
- f. Meteorites. The possibility of a meteorite cannot be entirely discounted as they are known to do very strange things. However once again the time factor makes it highly improbable and both observers discounted this idea as they had observed them before.

/s. Meteorological

- g. Meteorological Conditions. The sky was virtually clear there being 3/8 Strata Cumulus reported. Visibility was 10 nautical miles in smoke haze but no inversion was present. The meteorological officer considered that atmospheric reflection was a slight possibility.
- h. Reflections. The area to the west of the observers farm house was thickly covered with high trees. Another farmhouse is about one mile to the west but this could not possibly have produced reflections to produce the reported phenomena.
- i. Celestial Bodies. Several bright planets and stars were visible in the sky where the unidentified object was reported:

  - (1) Venus. Elevation 15°, Bearing 280°T from observer.
  - (2) Jupiter. Elevation 45°, Bearing 280°T from observer.
  - (3) Spica, Deneboca and Gienah. All are bright stars in this area.

5. The investigating officer considers after studying the evidence that the reported Unidentified Flying Object observed on the night of 26th July 1970 was either or both the planets Jupiter and Venus, the size, brilliance, distortion and apparent movement being due to the smoke haze and a little imagination on the part of the observers.

6. Further Report from Mrs M. Sayers.

- a. At 1345 hours on Wednesday 29th July 1970, Mrs M. Sayers rang the investigating officer to say that the same phenomena had been observed by herself and some friends the previous night, Tuesday 28th July 1970. The same movement and colour effect had been noted and the position of the object was virtually unchanged. The observers concluded, very apologetically, that the object in question was a planet or star.
- b. Following this report the investigating officer considers the explanation in para 5 is correct.

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9AUG70 OBSERVED SLOW MOVING GREEN LIGHT CIRCLING AT HEIGHT OF 300 TO  
450 FT PD GREEN LIGHT DISAPPEARED TO BE REPLACED BRIEFLY BY WHITE LIGHT  
FOLLOWED AGAIN BY THE GREEN LIGHT PD OBJECT THEN MOVED SWIFTLY AWAY  
PD NO NOISE HEARD PD SIGHTING ALSO WITNESSED BY TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF  
MR HANS FAMILY PD FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

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The Secretary,  
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We wish to forward for your information a report that we received from the Administration of Papua and New Guinea.

2. On 29th June, 1970 at 1720 hours E.S.T. Captain E.N. Keog, pilot-in-command of F.27 aircraft VH-FNE made the following observations from the aircraft radarscope:-

"Crossing the Sepik River on the Madang-Newak track, on descent from 12,500 feet he noted echoes appearing on his radar from 60° green to abeam the aircraft. The radar scale was set at 180 nautical miles and the echoes appeared to be about 60 nautical miles from his aircraft and keeping station with him. There were five cigar shaped objects. With the radar scanner on maximum depression or elevation the echoes disappeared."

3. The Department of Civil Aviation has no record of any aircraft in the area at the time.

(F. S. Evatt)  
 for Secretary



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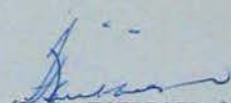
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING 29 JULY 1970  
BY MR & MRS P. GANNON OF PT FAIRY VIC

Reference: A. HQLAV Signal A329 29th July 1970

Herewith is report investigated by Flg Off D.J. Maguire of Laverton, concerning the sighting advised by Reference A.

  
(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure 1. UFO pro-forma

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of observer MR & MRS PHILIP GANNON Age 30 & ?
2. Address of observer REGENT ST. PORT FAIRY VIC  
..... Phone .....
3. Occupation of observer EDITOR PORT FAIRY GAZETTE
4. Date and time of start of observation 8.10 K 29 JUL 70  
How certain is the date? DEFINITE  
How accurate is the time of start? W/ST WATCH
5. Duration of observation .....  
How accurate is your estimate? .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting IN MOTOR CAR TRAVELLING  
WEST FROM WARRAMBOOL ON PRINCES HIGHWAY BETWEEN DENNINGTON  
AND ILLONGA  
How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation DARK & CLEAR  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE  
.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings IN SKY NORTH SIDE (INLAND) OF  
PRINCES HIGHWAY
  - b. Angle of elevation VARIED
  - c. Compass angle bearing .....
  - d. How accurate are these estimates? .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? PREDOMINANT WHITE  
LIGHT
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 LIGHT WITH  
RED, BLUE & GREY EXTRAS

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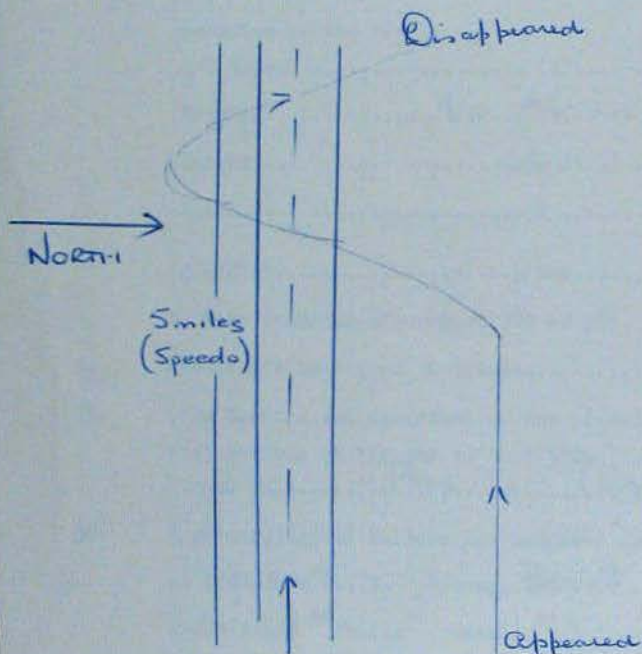
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- What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). WHITE  
LIGHT LIKE CAR HEADLAMP LIGHTED
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. Relative to Venus 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? ..... NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
..... NONE HEARD
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ..... KA
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 ..... AT PEAK SPEED  
APPEARED FASTER THAN LIGHT ACFT
20. Give duration of any stationary phases ..... NONE
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ..... PAGE 3
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ..... NONE NOTICED
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. Relative to your surroundings .....  
b. Angle of elevation .....  
c. Compass angle bearing .....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ..... INSTANTANEOUS
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc) ..... NOT KNOWN & NOT INVESTIGATED
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ..... TWO

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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? .....
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.



Observers passed information to Sgt Constable WADE (13804), Port FAIRY police, who relayed information to Sgt TERRY (10994), D24. Telephone 662 0911 Ext 242. Sgt TERRY passed information to O/O and duty controller at RAAF LAVERTON.

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)
- Heading.....T .....T .....T
- Height ..... NONE ft. KNOWN 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..... NO KNOWN TRAFFIC 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..... PAGE 5 (LIST) .....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from..... LAVERTON .....
- at 290945 Z. Colour..... BROWN .....Weight..... 350 gm
- Radio-sonde \*\*/radar \*\*: Candle \*\*/battery \*\* (\*\* delete as required)
- General wind profile..... NORTHERLY STREAM BACKING WESTERLY
- Maximum height tracked..... 55 ,000 ft at..... 291100 Z
- Was is known to have burst? YES
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of..... 2 °C at SURFACE ft, measured at..... 290945 Z hrs from..... LAVERTON 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)

*the planet VENUS with secondary colour effects could have been caused by the surface in vision.*

	Brg	ELEVATION
ALPHECCA	330°	15-20°
ACTURUS	315°	15°
GREIAH.	265°	15°
SPIKA	275°	25-30°
DURZOLA	290°	5°
ZUBENELGENUBI	300°	45°.
VENUS	275°	15°
JUPITER	280°	25-30°

DETAILS ON INITIAL REPORT BY OBSERVER INCOMPLETE  
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30 JUN 70 (Date)..... Flg. Offr..... (Rank)

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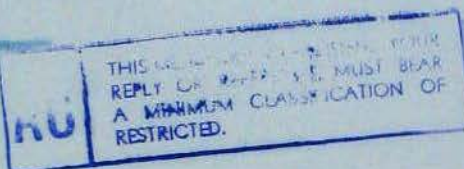
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MR AND MRS PHILLIP GANNON AGE 30 AND OTHER NOT KNOWN EDITOR PORT  
FAIRY GAZETTE REGENT STREET PORT FAIRY VIC REPORTED FOLLOWING SIGHTING  
FROM PRINCESS HIGHWAY BETWEEN DENNINGTON AND ILLONA AT 291102Z PD  
WEATHER FINE AND VIS GOOD PD SINGLE OBJECT WHITE IN COLOUR CHM NO  
IDEA OF SIZE BUT RESEMBLED LIGHTED CAR HEADLIGHT PD MOVED WESTWARDS  
AT SPEED APPROXIMATE TO THAT OF LIGHT ACFT AND ELEVATION NOT KNOWN PD  
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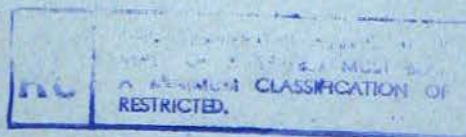
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MR HARRINTON OF 209 COOPER RD YAGOONA SYDNEY CAPTAIN OF LIGHT  
ACFT NORTHBOUND INTO KATHERINE REPORTED SIGHTING A RED AND  
GREEN FLASHING LIGHT FOR 10 TO 12 MINUTES 40 NM SOUTHEAST  
OF KATHERINE AT 221200Z PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED AND REAPPEARED  
FOR 30 SECONDS 5NM NORTH OF KATHERINE PD OBJECT CLIMBED  
DIVED AND CIRCLED PD NO KNOWN A/C IN AREA PD CAPTAINS REPORT  
CONFIRMED BY SECOND PILOT PD CAPTAIN DOES NOT CONSIDER LIGHTS  
BELONGED TO ANOTHER ACFT PD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF A SOCIAL CLUB  
MADE EARLIER REPORT TO DCA KATHERINE CONCERNING A SIMILAR SIGHTING  
THE SAME NIGHT PD MEMBERS NOT INTERVIEWED

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"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(23)

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
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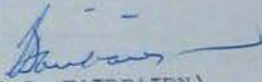
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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING 1JUN70

1. Herewith is a report by Mr A.A. Vigar concerning an unusual aerial object sighted in the vicinity of Zanci Station, located in South-West NSW.
2. Part 2 of the proforma has been raised by C Intell 0 (HQSC), together with his comments.

  
(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

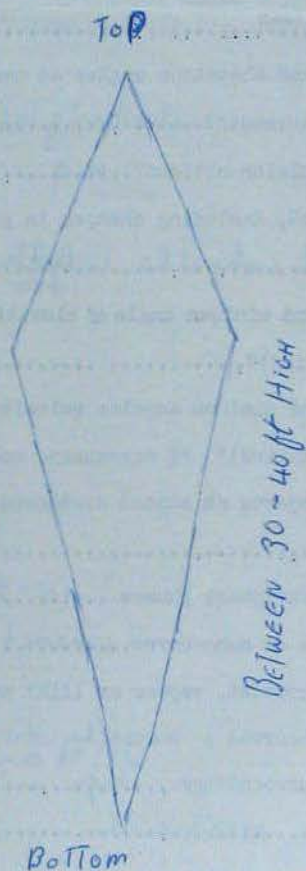
1. Name of observer Alfred Arthur Cligaz Age 20
2. Address of observer Zanci Station NSW Via Melbourne  
Phone 32092
3. Occupation of observer Station hand
4. Date and time of start of observation June 1st between 7-30 & 8 PM  
How certain is the date? positive  
How accurate is the time of start? approx
5. Duration of observation approx 15-20 mins  
How accurate is your estimate? approx
6. Observer's location at time of sighting approx 3 mile from homestead in easterly direction  
How familiar is observer with this locality? very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation clear night  
no wind
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation none  
telescopic sight on rifle
9. Where was object first observed? : a west of north of quest. 6
  - a. Relative to your surroundings open plain & sand
  - b. angle of elevation vertical & about 4 ft from ground
  - c. compass angle bearing ---
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? only guess but fairly accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Red light
11. If there was more than one light/object : no
  - a. how many were there? one
  - b. in what formation were they? one large glow
12. What was the colour of the light or object? red at first  
changed to green & then back to red  
as I approached the object

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). brake lights of car
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?: 30-40 ft high  
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? shooting straight up
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? no
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
high pitched whistle which made saw ring for long time after
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 went up pretty fast
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. 15-20 min
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. went straight up
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. none
23. Where was object last observed: eighty to hundred feet in air  
a. relative to your surroundings. up  
b. angle of elevation. vertical  
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? straight up... lights out, which continued
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.....
27. How many witness to the sighting? none

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This is as object appeared to me at an approximate distance of between 50 - 60 yds.

I got a real good look

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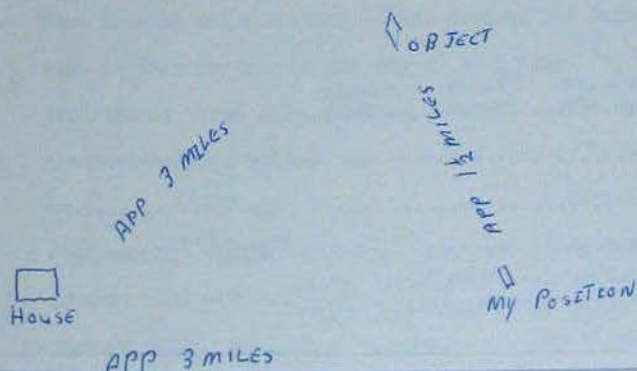
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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....*I think so*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....*none*.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....*I know what I saw... it was nothing like 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, if needed.

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Signature...*P. A. Vigors, Jr.*...

Date...*10-6-1970*.....

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

A/C type.....FOKKER FRIENDSHIP.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....N. W over JAMA & descending.....T.....T  
Height.....16,500 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....300.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....at 0943Z.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : (APPROX) Latitude.....33.42.5.....Longitude.....113.02 E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that

were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give

location of Venus only. VENUS EL 65° AZ 310°  
JUPITER EL 28° AZ 32°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....114 DRA.....

at.....1100.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm

Radio-sonde\*\*1222\*\*1222 battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)

General wind profile.....0900Z 010° 2KTS VIS 20MS 3/8 cloud @ 9,000 Temp 11°  
1000Z 020° 2KTS VIS 20MS 2/8 cloud @ 9,000 Temp 12°

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

Was it known to have burst? N/R

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....NO INVERSION.....C at

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

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets,  
meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....at 1946K Satellite COSMOS 1965 73E AZ 207 EL 74 MAG 127  
no satellite sightings for

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..... *NIL*

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

*If this is not a hoax and the object seen has been described correctly, then despite all efforts no explanation can be offered.*

*Zawci Homestead and the people living there are well known to the police at Mulduna as reasonable and respected citizens and they know of no reason why Mr Vigas should submit an untrue statement. A copy of the original Ales report as received through DCA is attached.*

*From discussions with Sgt KNOWLES of Mulduna Police, Mr Vigas was in the "Wallo of China" area (east of Zawci Homestead) at the time of sighting [prominently marked on WA chart ADZ14105-3458]. This particular area has provided a wealth of local legend inspired by previous unexplained sightings. It is thought, however, that the peculiar geological structure of the area has caused the phenomena, but in what respect, has not been adequately explained.*

*No assessment can be made of this sighting.*

*1485C*.....(Unit)..... *Harvey*.....(Name)  
*15 Jul 70*.....(Date)..... *FLT LT*.....(Rank)

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UFO SIGHTING REPORT.

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SGT KNOWLES MILDURA POLICE AT 030310.

QUOTE MR ALBERT VIGAR OF ZANKI STATION APPROX 60NM SE MILDURA  
REPORTED SIGHTING UFO BETWEEN 7.30PM AND 8 PM LAST NIGHT 26/6/70

MR VIGAR WAS SPOTLIGHT SHOOTING. HE SAW TWO SMALL RED LIGHTS  
WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS REFLECTION FROM FOXES EYES AND GAVE CHASE.

AS HE GOT CLOSER TO THE SOURCE OF THIS LIGHT. HE NOTICED IT WAS  
A BRIGHT DIAMOND OBJECT. BRIGHT ALL OVER AND ABOUT AS LARGE AS A  
SEMI-TRAILER STANDING ON END. IT WAS TRANSMITTING A WHISTLING  
SOUND. ON GETTING WITHIN 60 YARDS OF THIS OBJECT. IT ROSE STRAIGHT  
INTO THE AIR. ON REACHING APPROX 100FT THE LIGHTS ON THE OBJECT  
FADED BUT THE WHISTLING SOUND COULD STILL BE HEARD.

WHEN THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED IT WAS 6 TO 8 FT OFF THE GROUND.  
MR VIGAR REVISITED THIS AREA TODAY, BUT RAIN OVERNIGHT HAD WASHED  
AWAY ALL TRACKS.

MR VIGAR IS CONSIDERED A VERY RELIABLE PERSON BY SGT KNOWLES

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OUT OF SKY TRAILED BY SMOKE AT APPROX 190210K PD SIGHTING  
NORTH OF SOUTHPORT PD OBJECT ALSO SEEN BY PASSENGER TRAVELLING WITH  
HIBBERT NOWEVER HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT THIS PERSON TO CANFIRM  
PD REPORT FOLLOWS PD

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ED MOTHER OF STEPHEN HOLTHOUSE REFUSES TO PERMIT HIM TO BE  
INTERVIEWED REGARDING UFO SIGHTING OF 29JUN PD STATES SON  
UPSET AND CANNOT GIVE ANY FURTHER INFO OTHER THAN ALREADY  
PROVIDED PD REGRET LACK OF INTERVIEW DESPITE TACTFUL APPROACHES  
MADE TO MRS HOLTHOUSE

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THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED. YOUR  
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... INFORMATION



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air (22)

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REPORTS ON SIGHTING OF UN-IDENTIFIED  
AERIAL OBJECT

Reference: A. 7SD Signal A 002 29th June 1970

Attached are two reports submitted by R. and A.D. ELLETT of Toowoomba Queensland concerning an unusual aerial sighting on 28th June, previously notified by Ref.A.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: 2 reports ✓



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer Ray E. Allen Age 31
2. Address of observer 17 Olsen St. Doonacoma  
Cal. Phone 53305
3. Occupation of observer Painter
4. Date and time of start of observation 28.6.1970 4:10 p.m.  
How certain is the date? Pos. time  
How accurate is the time of start? Pos. accurate
5. Duration of observation few seconds  
How accurate is your estimate? fairly accurate
6. Observer's location at time of sighting 2 1/2 miles from Warwick -  
Junction Road (Cliffon Highway) on Pitton Valley Road  
How familiar is observer with this locality? very familiar
7. Weather conditions at time of observation clear
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None
9. Where was object first observed? : Straight ahead
  - a. Relative to your surroundings
  - b. angle of elevation 10°
  - c. compass angle bearing
  - d. how accurate are these estimates?
10. What first attracted observer's attention? the lights
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?

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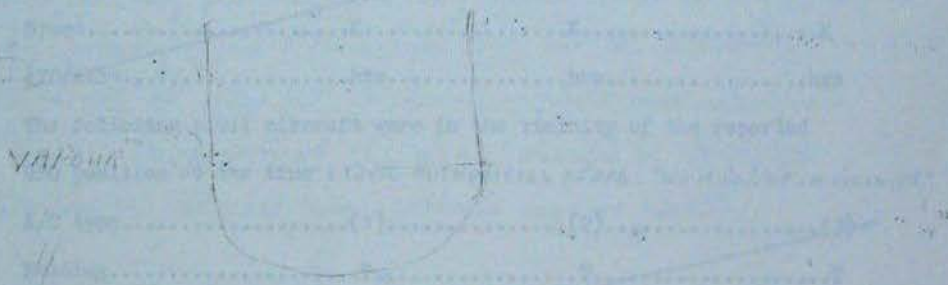
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... *Brighter than full moon*.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
  - a. relative to Venus or Moon.....
  - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... *None about size with object line*.....
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..... *None*.....
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..... *None*.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *None*.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *Slight vapour*.....
23. Where was object last observed :
  - a. relative to your surroundings..... *500 yards ahead*.....
  - b. angle of elevation..... *70°*.....
  - c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *Light dawn behind mountain*.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *None*.....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... *None*.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?..... *Two*.....

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
*it looked unusual, just weird*
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.



*Various*

*Mountain*

32. Subsequent location of sighting.....
33. Give location and direction of any clouds and other items that were in that portion of the sky at that time. If so, give description of these items.....
34. A photograph of the object was obtained from.....

*RENO*

*X marks the spot where observation was made*

Signature..... *R. Allen* Date..... *22 6 76*

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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: ~~MILITARY AUTHORITIES STATE: "NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY"~~
- 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: ~~CIVIL AUTHORITIES STATE: "NO AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY"~~
- 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: ~~GRID REF ON ATTACHED MAP~~ 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. ~~IN WESTERN SKY DUE TO SET 1956 MONTH~~
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 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.....N/A.....
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.....*NA*.....

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

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

*a glider, operating from the Southern Downs Soaring Club.*

*The President of the Club, Dr J.W. Best stated that he could not say positively that any gliders based at WILLOWVALE were soaring in the Pilton area but that the possibility could not be ruled out. (Willowvale is about nine miles from Pilton). A search of the area indicated by the dotted line on the attached map produced negative results.*

*W.C. Perrett*

.....*NO 7 STORES DEPOT*.....(Unit).....*W.C. PERRETT*.....(Name)

.....*1 JUL 70*.....(Date).....*PLT. LT.*.....(Rank)

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MAP REFERENCE 2115 LIVERPOOL RANGE

SCALE: 1 INCH TO 1 MILE

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X ALLEGED POSITION OF OBJECT, DISTANCE ABOUT ONE MILE



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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 Constance D. Fawcett.....Age 34.....
2. Address of observer 11, Chesham St, Tottenham.....  
.....Phone 4-3384.....
3. Occupation of observer Housewife.....
4. Date and time of start of observation 25.1.72 8.12.54 PM.....  
How certain is the date? Positive.....  
How accurate is the time of start? Approximate.....
5. Duration of observation Approx 30 seconds.....  
How accurate is your estimate? Positive.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting 25, Home Ave.....  
Putney, London SW15, near Station, Acton Rd.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Fair.....  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None.....  
.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings From front garden.....  
.....
  - b. angle of elevation From garden level.....
  - c. compass angle bearing SSW - 210°.....
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? Very accurate.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? SP. Light.....  
.....
11. If there was more than one light/object :
  - a. how many were there? One.....
  - b. in what formation were they? —.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Yellow.....

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards).....
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.....
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 .....
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 :
  - a. relative to your surroundings.....
  - b. angle of elevation.....
  - c. compass angle bearing.....
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.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?.....

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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?.....  
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.

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

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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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

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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.....  
*GLD SET ON APPROX 7 MAP*

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. *IN MISTY SKY DUE TO SET 1956 HOURS*

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.

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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.....<sup>NP</sup>.....

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

41. The object reported ~~probably was~~/\*may have been\* (delete as required)  
a...glider...operating...from...the...Southern Dunes Sailing Club.

The President of the Club, Dr J.W. Best stated that he  
could not say positively that any gliders based at WILLOWDALE  
were soaring in the Pilton area but that the possibility  
could not be ruled out. (Willowdale is about nine miles from  
Pilton). A search of the area indicated by the dotted  
line on the attached map produced negative results.

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.....<sup>No 7 STORES DEPOT</sup>.....(Unit).....<sup>W.C. PERRETT</sup>.....(Name)  
.....<sup>1 JUL 70</sup>.....(Date).....<sup>P.L.T.</sup>.....(Rank)

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R E S T R I C T E D AM143 REFERENCE HQOC ASI 3/A/5  
FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING PD (A) OBSERVER  
STEPHEN HOLTHOUSE (B) ADDRESS 16 MOLLISON STREET  
SCULLIN ACT (C) TELEPHONE 541252 (D) OCCUPATION HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT (E) DETAILS AS FOLLOWS PD WHILST OBSERVING  
PLANET VENUS WITH NAKED EYE AT 1702K ON 29JUN SAW BLACK  
CYLINDRICAL OBJECT BELOW PLANET MOVING IN STRAIGHT NORTHERLY  
DIRECTION PD DURATION OF SIGHTING ABOUT FIFTEEN SECONDS PD  
OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN MID-AIR PD ANGLE OF ELEVATION 42 DEGREES  
PD ANGULAR VELOCITY 20 DEGREES OF SKY IN FIFTEEN SECONDS PD  
HOLTHOUSE IS MEMBER OF UFO AND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETIES  
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R E S T R I C T E D A002 FOR DAFI AND C INTELLO PD ALLEGED SIGHTING  
OF UFO OCCURRED TOOWOOMBA DISTRICT ABOUT 1600 HOURS 22JUN70  
PD OBJECT DESCRIBED AS LARGE SILVER AND BULLET SHAPED PD SEEN  
DESCENDING AT HIGH SPEED IN VERTICAL DIRECTION PD INITIAL INVEST-  
IGATION REVEALED NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT FLYING IN VICINITY AT THAT TIME PD  
INQUIRIES CONTINUING

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by  
Mr. C.J. Allen.

*J.C. Luker*  
(J.C. LUKER)

Squadron Leader  
for Air Officer Commanding

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TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
MR ALLEN - 1430 H 15 JUN 10.

M. J. Allen  
F. L. C.

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... CECIL JOHN ALLEN Age.....  
2. Address of observer... 26 TADSWELL ST., MT DRUIT Phone... 6250360  
3. Occupation of observer... GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVER  
4. Date and time of start of observation... 15 JUN 10. 1750-1917 H.  
How certain is the date?... ACCURATE  
How accurate is the time of start... ACCURATE  
5. Duration of observation... 1 HR. 27 MINS  
How accurate is your estimate?... ACCURATE  
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... BACK YARD AT HOME  
How familiar is observer with this locality?... RESIDENT 17 Y.  
ONE YET.  
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... CLARA NIGHT SKY  
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... USED TOPS  
OF NEARBY TREES FOR SIGHTING AND FOLLOWING MOVEMENT OF OBJECT  
9. Where was object first observed: - See also para 10 below  
(a) Relative to your surroundings... WELL ABOVE TREE TOPS IN  
FRONT OF OBSERVER  
(b) angle of elevation... NOT KNOWN  
(c) compass angle bearing... NOT TAKEN - ESTIMATED N.W.  
(d) how accurate are these estimates... F.A.S. DETERMINED. MATHS.  
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... THREE TIMES LAST WEEK  
WHILE DRIVING BACK FROM WORK AT WILKINSON. LAST NIGHT SAME OBJECT WAS  
ADVERTISED TO HIS ATTENTION BY NEIGHBOR (AGED 12). WHO ADVISED HIM TO  
CONTACT MATHS.  
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there?... ONE  
(b) in what formation were they?.....

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VERY BRIGHT AND WHITE  
BRIGHTER THAN A STAR.

12. What was the colour of the light or object?.....
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).....  
"TERRIFICALLY" BRIGHT.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
  - (a) relative to Venus or Moon.....  
"BIGGER THAN THE BIGGEST STAR IVE EVER SEEN. THERE WERE NO OTHER STARS AROUND IT."
  - (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?....  
SEE PARA 13. ABOVE
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)?.....  
DESCENDED FROM WELL ABOVE THE TREES TO BELOW THE LEVEL OF THEIR TOPS
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... FROM RIGHT TO LEFT OF OBSERVER... TOWARDS END OF OBSERVATION
20. Give duration of any stationary phases.....  
POSTER APPEARED STATIONARY FOR APPROX. 5 SECS. THEN DISAPPEARED LIKE A LIGHT GOING OUT FLAME. WHEN IT WENT OUT THE
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....  
SIZE HAD DECREASED APPRECIABLY AND IT HAD TURNED AN UNUSUAL COLOUR.
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....  
NONE
23. Where was object last observed:
  - (a) relative to your surroundings.....
  - (b) angle of elevation.....
  - (c) compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.....  
SEE PARA 13. ABOVE
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc).....  
NO

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- 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)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....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. 303° - 40°

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

7. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C at  
.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....  
.....station.

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

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....  
.....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can <sup>\*</sup>/cannot <sup>\*</sup> be determined.
41. The object reported probably was <sup>\*</sup>/may have been <sup>\*</sup> (delete as required)  
..... VENUS .....

..... HQ. Richmond ..... (Unit) DW. Neumann ..... (Name)  
..... 16 Jun 70 ..... (Date) FCt Lt ..... (Rank)

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Reference: A. HQTVL Message AI7 3 Jun 70

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1. The red glow reported by Mr Jenkinson appears to be the planet Venus; which at the time of sighting was on a bearing of approximately  $300^{\circ}$  and elevation of  $6^{\circ} - 14^{\circ}$ .
2. The planet Venus was sighted by RAAF aircrew who were night flying at the time and who commented that it appeared unusually large. The suburb of West End is situated east of RAAF base Townsville.

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

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Mr.  
Gaist.

*J.C. LUKER*  
(J.C. LUKER)  
Squadron Leader  
For Air Officer Commanding

Enclosure: 1. Report by Observer



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... MR. GAIST ..... Age.....
2. Address of observer... FLAT 4 138 THE BOULEVARD .....  
..... DULWICH HILL ..... Phone.....
3. Occupation of observer.....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 1850 06 JUN 70 .....  
How certain is the date?... CONFIRMED .....  
How accurate is the time of start... CONFIRMED .....  
Duration of observation... 10 MINUTES .....  
How accurate is your estimate?... UNK .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... INTERSECTION .....  
OF LEWISHAM ST & NEW CANTERBURY ROAD .....  
How familiar is observer with this locality?.....  
UNK .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... cloudy .....  
UNK .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....  
BINOCULARS .....
9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings.....  
SIGHTED WEST ALONG LEWISHAM ST .....  
(b) angle of elevation... ESTIMATED 4 MILES RANGE .....  
(c) compass angle bearing... ALTITUDE 3000 FT .....  
(d) how accurate are these estimates.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....  
UNK .....
11. If there was more than one light/object:  
(a) how many were there?..... ONE .....  
(b) in what formation were they?.....

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- What was the colour of the light or object? *BRIGHT LIGHT. WITH RED DISC AT REAR*
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)..... *UNK*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon..... *UNK*
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... *UNK*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... *UNK*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *UNK*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... *UNK*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *UNK*
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..... *UNK*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *UNK*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *ROTATED. SCISSOR*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *UNK*
23. Where was object last observed:
- (a) relative to your surroundings..... *SAME. PLACE*
- (b) angle of elevation..... *SAME*
- (c) compass angle bearing..... *SAME*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *RAPID*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *UNK*

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... UNK
27. How many witness to the sighting?..... UNK
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?.....  
..... UNK
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?..... UNK
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
..... UNK
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: *None Reported*  
A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: *Large number of aircraft arriving and departing at this time*  
A/C type.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....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. *4 1/2° ELEVATION. 303° TRUE*

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....*None*.....  
at.....Z Colour.....Weight.....gm  
Radio-sonde \*\*/radar \*\*: Candle \*\*/battery \*\*(\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile.....*South Easterly - 15-20 K*.....  
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.....*None Known*.....

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can <sup>\*</sup>/~~cannot~~<sup>\*</sup> be determined.
41. The object reported probably was <sup>\*</sup>/~~may have been~~<sup>\*</sup> (delete as required)

*Aircraft approaching mascot. Instrument let down*

*General wx. 6/8-Cloud. 3000' base. occasional drizzle.*

*This appears to be consistent with an aircraft approaching to join the 145/VAR. letdown north of mascot. Considering the weather conditions, the aircraft would let down through clouds under radar control & burn landing lights for Visual Identification or becoming V.F.R.*

*It is also consistent with a sighting of VENUS, but this is not considered probable due to cloud coverage at the time.*

HEADQUARTERS,  
RAAF BASE,  
RICHMOND, N.S.W., 2755 AIR 4

(Unit)

*DW Neumann*

(Name)

8 JUN '70

(Date)

*FT. LT.*

(Rank)

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Received by telephone at 11:53 hrs Saturday 6 June 60

Cable Name MR GAIST  
Address Flat 2 133 The Poolwatha  
Dublin 8 Hill 2103.

At 11:53 hrs tonight he saw an extremely bright light with what appeared to be a red disc at the rear and which moved slowly around to the right hand side of the light. The light remained stationary for up to 10 minutes - long enough for Mr. Gaist to return to his home to get his binoculars & return to have a closer look at the object. He was unable to make out any further detail & the light disappeared very rapidly.

At the time of sighting the light Mr. Gaist was at the intersection of Lewisham St & New Comberbury Road - looking east along Lewisham St. The light appeared to be about 4 miles from him and about 3000 feet high.

This was all the information I was able to obtain.

Yours faithfully G.T.L.T. ?



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND, MELBOURNE"

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMMAND  
RAAF  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE SC1 VIC 3004


IN REPLY QUOTE 5/6/1/Air(15)

9 JUN 1970

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. An unusual object sighted near RAAF Base Laverton by G.C. Thorpe and S.A. Wildey is the subject of the accompanying report, investigated by Flg Off J.L. Goldsworthy of RAAF Laverton.
2. The report is forwarded for information.

  
(E.K. KILLEEY)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: A. UFO Report

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 Glen Campbell THORPE Age 19  
Simon Anthony WILDE 78
2. Address of observer RAAF Base Laverton (RADS)  
..... Phone .....
3. Occupation of observer Trainee AIRMT
4. Date and time of start of observation 1940 hours 17 MAY 70  
How certain is the date? Positive  
How accurate is the time of start? Very Accurate
5. Duration of observation 4 minutes  
How accurate is your estimate? + 30 seconds
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Landing Block 422, and immediate vicinity, RAAF Base LAVERTON.  
How familiar is observer with this locality? extremely
7. Weather conditions at time of observation overcast with breaks (the noon was visible)
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation 10 X 50  
prismatic binoculars
9. Where was object first observed? :  
a. Relative to your surroundings above the ASCO building  
.....  
b. Angle of elevation 30°  
c. Compass angle bearing 0° (north)  
d. How accurate are these estimates? reasonably accurate
10. What first attracted observer's attention? moving light blinking at irregular intervals unlike aircraft lights, was not off for more than a half second.
11. If there was more than one light/object : N/A  
a. How many were there? one  
b. In what formation were they? N/A
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Silvery white later became red.

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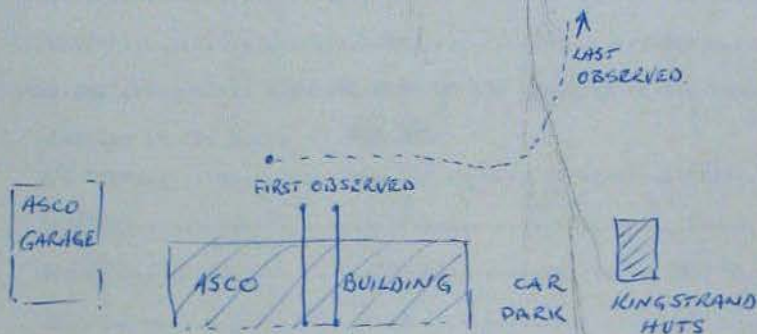
/13.

- What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)...twice...  
...as bright as Venus on a clear night.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. Relative to Venus or Moon ...slightly larger than Venus.....  
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ...approximately 1/8 inches.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? ...bearing 0° elevation 30° by dividing the sky in thirds from vertical to horizon.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? ...NO.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
...No noise audible.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ...Max 60° Min 20°.....
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 30° in approx 20 seconds (Max) 30° in 2 minutes (Min) (estimated speed that of sabre aircraft).....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases ...none observed.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ...bobbed up and down before climbing out of sight......
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen ...silvery white later a red was observed as well......
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. Relative to your surroundings ...above the king strand buildings adjacent to ASCO building......  
b. Angle of elevation ...60°.....  
c. Compass angle bearing ...40° E of N.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? ...last seen moving upward through the clouds......
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...Queensland natic in science subjects plus three years with ATC. 2nd observer AC Wildey - CNF 9LAA (light Anti-aircraft) recruit course......
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? ...FOUR.....  
Namely AC WILDEY SA AC THURCHET R. AC TROSCZKI T.

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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? .....NONE KNOWN
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? .....N/A
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: G. J. P. A. Wilby Date: 13 MAY 70

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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 SIG
- 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.....LAVERTON MET.....
- at 0935.....Z. Colour.....White.....Weight.....350.....gm
- Radio-sonde \*\*/radar\*\* : Candle \*\*/battery\*\* (\*\* delete as required)
- General wind profile.....SSW Strength 5000'/28k, 10000'/34k, 15000'/46k.
- Maximum height tracked.....45.....,000 ft at.....1100.....Z
- Was is known to have burst? yes
37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....5.....°C at.....12500..... ft, measured at.....0942.....Z hrs from.....LAVERTON MET.....station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....N/A.....
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. N/A

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can\*/~~cannot~~\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably was\*/~~may have been~~\* (delete as required)  
the MET balloon released from Leverton at about 0935

Location of Heavenly bodies at time of sighting

	BRG	ELEV
MOON	020	50°
JUPITER	065	35°
DENEBOLA	015	35°
REGULUS	350	40°
GIEMAH	050	65°
SPICA	065	40°

BSLAV ..... (Unit) *J. L. Goldworthy* ..... (Name)  
1 JUN 70 ..... (Date) FIG OFF ..... (Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by  
Captain Knott.

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

Enclosure: Report by Observer



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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL

OBJECT OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... Captain KNOTT ..... Age... 52 .....
2. Address of observer... 8 CAMBRAY AVENUE, ENGADINE NSW .....  
..... Phone... 52 08705 .....
3. Occupation of observer... Captain of AAA DC9 .....
4. Date and time of observation... 231810 local (first sighting) .....
5. Duration of observation... approximately 1 hr .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting... Approx 200 NM SE of .....  
TOWNSVILLE HEIGHT .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE, MIDDLE LEVEL CLOUD .....  
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation... NIL .....  
1. ....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg overhead, coming from behind a hill,  
over the horizon)  
... IN DIRECTION OF ALICE SPRINGS .....
10. What first attracted observers attention (eg light or noise)  
... BEAM OF LIGHT .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object?... LIGHT BEAM ONLY .....  
.....
12. If there was more than one object:-  
(a) how many were there?... n/a .....  
(b) in what formation were they?.....
13. What was the colour of the light or object?... PALE YELLOW .....
14. What was its apparent shape... SIMILAR TO SEARCHLIGHT BEAM .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? ... NO .....

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... NO
17. Was there any sound? ..... NO
18. What was its height? (or angle of elevation)..... VERTICAL BEAM
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity)..... NIL
20. Was the object stationary? ..... YES
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the  
compass?  
..... IN DIRECTION OF ALICE SPRINGS (u slightly south of WEST)
22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?  
..... STATIONARY
23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen? ..... NO
24. Where did object disappear? (eg mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)  
..... DISAPPEARED WHEN AIRCRAFT DESCENDED TO TOWNSVILLE
25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or  
other supporting evidence).  
..... NO
26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?..... NO
27. If so, give brief details of incident(s).....
28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonably certain about  
the answers given to 18 and 19.
29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?  
..... NO
30. Name and address of organization.....
31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.....  
..... Phenomenum first sighted by crew of TAA DC9 on  
..... flight 5 mins ahead of AAA Flight

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PART 2 - UNIT EVALUATION

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

Aircraft type.....*n/a*.....  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....000ft.....000ft.....000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

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

Aircraft type.....*n/a*.....  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....000ft.....000ft.....000ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time

.....*n/a*.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....*n/a*.....  
at .....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time were:

.....*n/a*.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc)

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satellites, rockets research balloons)

.....*n/a*.....

38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was.....

39. The object reported could have been.....*sun pillar and arc of contact*.....

*at sunset produced by reflection and refraction in hexagonal ice prisms with horizontal axes. (see 'A Colour Guide to*

- ~~40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.~~  
*clouds', Dover + Wealer.)*

.....*HPTVL*.....Unit  
.....*27 MAY 70*.....Date

.....*R. J. Salmond*.....Name  
.....*FLT LT*.....Rank

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~~REPORTED~~ BY A MR G JENKINSON OF 21 HUMPHREYS STREET WEST END TOWNS-  
VILLE PD HE REPORTED THAT A RED GLOW SIMILAR TO A LIGHT APPEARED  
ABOVE THE AIRFIELD AT APPROXIMATELY 031905K AND REMAINED UNTIL

031925K PD THE GLOW APPEARED HIGHT IN THE SKY AND REMAINED  
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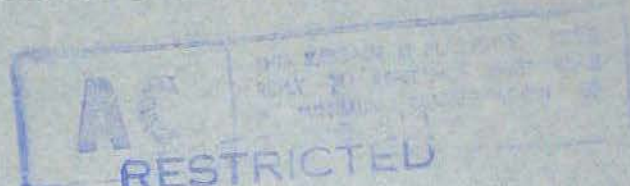
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RESTRICTED A1213 UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORT PD FOLLOWING  
RECEIVED FROM NAVY OFFICE DARWIN AND FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION  
PD HMS WHITBY REPORTED POSSIBLE GREEN FLARE SEEN FALLING BY  
THREE INDEPENDENT LOOKOUTS IN POSITION 10 48S 135 55E AT  
251300Z PD THOROUGH SEARCH CARRIED OUT IN AREA FOR ONE HOUR PD  
RADAR CMM SONAR AND VISUAL TWENTY INCH SWEEPS FAILED TO LOCATE  
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INFO: [REDACTED]

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RESTRICTED AIR2126 UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORT PD FOLLOWING  
REPORTED FROM RABBIT FLAT OUTPOST (LOCATED 12M SOUTH OF TANAMI  
19 55S 129 42E) ON 14 AND 15 MAY 70 VIA DCA RADIO

WET AND FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION PD INFORMANT BRUCE FARRENDS  
XCE 29 ROADHOUSE PROPRIETOR CLN 14 MAY QUOTE REPORT FLASHING  
BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT AND OCCASIONAL DIFFUSED LIGHT DUE SOUTH OF  
RABBIT FLAT PD SUNDOWN TO APPROX 10PM 1 MAY CMM CYCLE APPROX  
10 SECS CMM FLAME VISIBLE APPROX 2 TO 3 SEC PD APPEARS TO BE  
AT GROUND LEVEL CMM DISTANCE UNCERTAIN BUT SUSPECT CLOSE TO RABBIT  
FLAT UNQUOTE PD QUOTE THERE IS A SURVEY PARTY FROM DARWIN WORKING

TO THE SOUTH OF RABBIT FLAT ON HWYNT BORDER AND COULD BE CAUSE  
OF LIGHTS UNQUOTE PD 15 MAY QUOTE SHALL EYE ADVISE THE 16 BROW  
WINDROUSE OVER AN AREA OF 100 MILES EXTENDING FROM CHILLA HILL  
(21 73S 129 52E) TO BILLILUNE STATION THAT THE LESS SAID ABOUT  
THE PHENOMENON PIR-POINTED IN NORTH EAST CORNER OF LAKE MCWAT  
RETRAV OF 15 MAY THE BETTER UNQUOTE PD

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CAPTAINS OF 809'S ANA AND TRA ENROUTE BRISBANE TO TOWNSVILLE AT  
29000FT ETAS 230915Z FIRST SIGHTED WHEN AIRCRAFT WERE 200NM SOUTH  
EAST OF TOWNSVILLE CMM TIME WAS JUST AFTER SUNSET ALLOWING FOR  
ALTITUDE APPROXIMATELY 210010Z PD SIGHTING WAS IN THE FORM OF A  
SEARCHLIGHT BEAM THOUGH OF GREATER INTENSITY CMM THE BEAM WAS  
IN A VERTICAL POSITION THROUGHOUT THE SIGHTING WHICH WAS CONTINUOUS  
UNTIL LANDING AT TOWNSVILLE THE LIGHT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE  
ALICE SPRINGS AREA MAINTAINING A STATIC VERTICAL AND BASE POSITION  
PD CAPTAINS STATED THAT IT WAS NEITHER AN AIRCRAFT NOR A VAPOUR  
TRAIL AND THAT THE VISIBILITY WAS GENERALLY UNRESTRICTIVE PD ON-  
WARDS JOURNEY TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS NOT REPORTED HOWEVER CAPTAINS  
WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT TOWNSVILLE ON SOUTHBOUND FLIGHT ETA 23130Z

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TO: RAAF HQ 1431145

FROM: RAAF HQ

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TO: RAAF HQ 1431145

RE: REPAIR

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 TRAIL AND THAT THE VISIBILITY WAS GENERALLY UNRESTRICTIVE PD CM-  
 MERS JOURNEY TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS NOT REPORTED HOWEVER CAPTAINS  
 WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT TOWNSVILLE ON SOUTHBOUND FLIGHT ETA 232132Z

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TELEPHONE: PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"AIRCOMMAND SYDNEY"

HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL COMMAND  
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PENRITH 1W NSW

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(20)

19 MAY 70

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UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

- References:
- A. HQOC AI 965 11 May 70
  - B. HQOAR AI 209 11 May 70
  - C. HQOC 5/15/1/Air(17) 18 May 70

1. Attached is a further report received from Captain A. Gibson's BOAC in reference to the above subject.
2. His letter has been acknowledged.

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

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Attention:-  
Operational Command  
Intelligence Office,  
R.A.A.F. Operational  
Command,  
Perth. N.S.W.

Wanborough House,  
Wanborough Lane,  
Cranleigh.

Surrey,  
E.B. AND  
15<sup>th</sup> May 1970

Dear Sir, further to my BOMC report of 11<sup>th</sup> May the  
following further observation which was made on  
12<sup>th</sup> May during our return journey between Darwin  
& Singapore may be of interest:-

Date 12<sup>th</sup> May 1970, Time 1138 GMT. Posn 01°S 108°15E  
Normal Satellite OBSERVATION MADE TRACKING RAPIDLY W→E  
BETWEEN THE TWO STARS BELOW SOUTHERN CROSS TRACK 296°M

SOUTHERN CROSS

Norman  
← I.E. SATELLITE CONTINUOUSLY IN SIGHT IN CONTRAST WITH PREVIOUS  
EVENING'S SIGHTING WHEN ONLY BRIEF  
PERIODIC FLASHES SEEN.

AL TRACK  
296°M

The above observed by my First Officer as well

as myself. I have observed satellites many times during North Atlantic crossings at night from South America & they have always traversed the sky at a more leisurely rate than the two observations I have made on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May & the brief single star like exposures of the 11<sup>th</sup> May was unique in my experience.

The subsequent sighting on 12<sup>th</sup> along a similar trajectory would suggest that for some reason they could have been the same satellite but for some reason the normally observable trajectory was blocked out except for very brief & reasonably spaced intervals in the case of the 11<sup>th</sup> May observation.

I will be alert for future observations should I pay further visits to Australia in the next few months.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Gibson



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TELEPHC PENRITH 2331

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
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IN REPLY QUOTE 5/15/1/Air(17)

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18 MAY '70

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQOC AI 965 11 May 70  
B. HQDAR AI 209 11 May 70

Attached is a copy of Captain A. Gibsons report on the sighting referred to in the above messages.

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

Enclosure. 1. Report by Captain A. Gibson

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SATELLITE RE-ENTRY OR  
BRIGHT FIREBALL REPORT

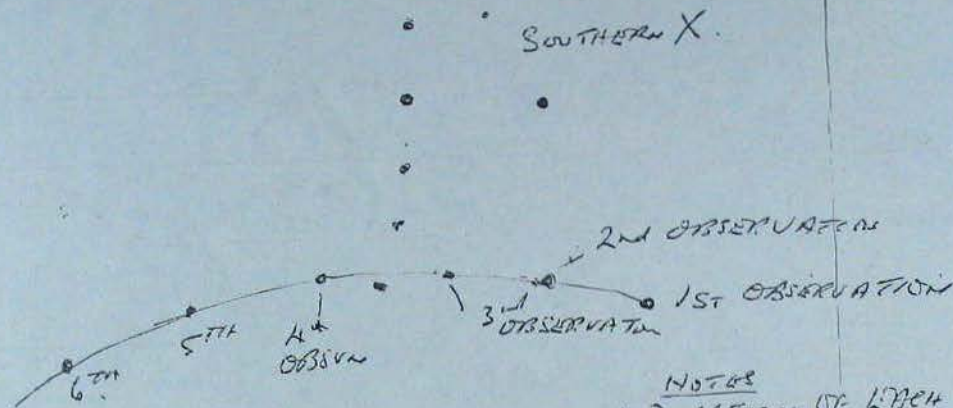
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Form No. 1.3.46.

Flight 722/371 Date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1970 Time 0923 - 0926  
Crew Witnesses CAPT. ALAN GIBSON E/O P.L. POWER  
Location (Dme and radial reading from a VOR or latitude and longitude) 350 MILES DOPPLER EX-DARWIN TO SYDNEY  
Aircraft heading magnetic 132°M. Altitude/Flight Level FL 370  
Estimate degrees right or left of Aircraft heading and elevation (in degrees) above horizon of object when FIRST sighted 30° ABOVE HORIZON 20° STAR  
LAST sighted 20° ABOVE HORIZON 30° PORT.  
\* Apparent brightness: A. Too bright to look at  
B. As bright as full moon  
C. As bright as venus  
COMPARSED IN BRILLIANCE WITH THE "PEACOCK" - SERIES OF SINGLE BRIGHT FLASHES OVER PERIOD OF ABOUT 3 MINUTES AT ABOUT 30 SECOND INTERVALS. ABOUT 6 SINGLE FLASHES OBSERVED.  
Duration of Sighting OVER ABOUT 3 MINUTES ABOUT 6 SINGLE FLASHES  
Break up noted and/or colour noted NO OBVIOUS BREAK UP COLOUR WHITE-AS MOMENTARY APPEARANCE OF BRIGHT STAR Was this a predicted re-entry? \* YES/NO Not Known  
Signature Alan Gibson  
List any additional information on the reverse side.

\* Delete where NOT applicable.

P.T.O.



A/C Heading 132°.

NOTES

- 1/ DURATION OF WHEN FLARE  $\frac{1}{2}$  SEC APPROX.
- 2/ SPEED OF TRAVEL SEVERAL TIMES FASTER THAN NORMAL SPEED OF PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED SPACE VEHICLES (WHICH ARE OF COURSE IN SIGHT OVER A CONTINUOUS PERIOD) BUT NOT AS FAST AS A SHOOTING STAR
- 3/ A/C POSITION 350 NAUTICAL MILES FROM DARWIN ON COURSE SYDNEY.

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FURTHER HQDAR MESSAGE AI209 PD HQRIC ADVISE THAT CAPT GIBSON HAS  
FORWARDED FULL WRITTEN REPORT TO THIS HQ CMM WILL FORWARD ON  
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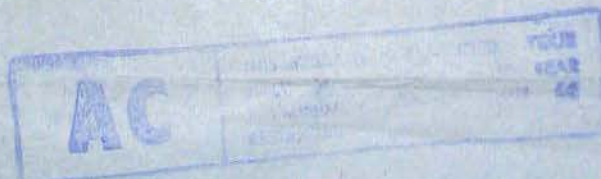
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110000Z MAY 70 D AI209 UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT PD  
FOLLOWING REPORTED BY CAPT A GIBSON BOAC FLT BA722 VIA DCA TO  
BORDAR PD AT 110035Z WHEN 350NM SOUTH OF DARWIN AT LEVEL  
370 SIGHTED A LIGHT TRAVELLING WEST TO EAST CMM ARCING TOWARDS  
HORIZON CMM PASSING HALFWAY BETWEEN SOUTHERN CROSS AND HORIZON AND  
FLASHING APPROX FIVE

110000Z 40 SECS PD BRILLIANT WHITE AND BRIGHTER  
THAN STARS OF SOUTHERN CROSS PD TRAVELLING 5 TO 10 DEGREES  
AZIMUTH BETWEEN FLASHES PD  
2 CAPT GIBSON ON MINIMUM TURNROUND SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE DIRECT THENCE  
UK PD THEREFORE REQUESTED DUTY OFFICER AT RICHMOND TO CONTACT GIBSON  
OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO AND FORWARD TO CIO HQOC



DEPARTMENT OF AIR

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

Commencing 13th Nov 1968

Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
13 Nov 68	Time 1220 hrs. Duration 53 minutes. Radar contact tracked by automatic radar. Travelled towards RAAF Darwin, NT and then veered S.W. at 17-25 kts. No visual sighting.	Flock of birds
25 Nov 68	Object embedded in ground at Normanton, Qld.	Part of Satellite
26 Nov 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes. Luminous pink sphere moving east then S.E. Surrounded by aura of red and green at Coburg, Vic.	Met balloon
30 Nov 68	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 4-5 minutes. Large deep yellow light moved slowly and intermittently towards observer then veered south at Evandale, Tas.	Mat balloon
About 11 Aug 68	Time about 1415 hrs. Duration unknown. Silver object, photographed, but very indistinct blur only at Taree, NSW.	Falsified photograph
4 Nov 68 to 30 Dec 68	Noises at varying times but in defined patterns, travelling $140^{\circ}/320^{\circ}$ & reverse at Telefomen at Balmain, TPNG	Aircraft
6 Dec 68	Time Approx. 2000 hrs. Duration 8-10 minutes. Bright yellow light with tail, W to E, speed similar to jet aircraft at Swansea, NSW.	Space debris
7 Dec 68	Time approx. 1940 hrs. Duration approx 3-4 minutes. Bright light with V tail Azimuth $70^{\circ}$ in 3 to 4 minutes, W to E in straight path at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Satellite or rocket case on re-entry
7 Dec 68	Time 1940 hrs. Duration unknown. Bright dot with long tail travelling W to E, no sound at Stanthorpe, Qld.	Meteorite
11 Dec 68	Two reports - one at 1945 for one second and one at 2004 for 15 seconds. Both bright-ball explosions similar to flare, leaving persistent smoke trail at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite shower
11 Dec 68	Time 2015 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Weather clear moonless, large orange round light 200-300 ft above ground, E to W, silent, slow speed at Newcastle, NSW.	Balloon
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds 4/8 low cloud. Two bright circular lights on parallel course. $70^{\circ}$ elevation above horizon at 2000' - 4000'. NE to SW at Manly Vale, NSW.	Aircraft
26 Dec 68	Time 2105 hrs. Duration 10 seconds. Two bright circular lights approaching from NE at $70^{\circ}$ elevation. Appeared faster than commercial jet at Manly, NSW.	Aircraft
27 Dec 68	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 1hr, 20 minutes, weather clear, dark cloud to S. Spherical brilliant-lit object moving slowly N to S.	Comet

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial sighting	Possible Cause
27 Dec 68	Time 0603 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes. Weather fine. Star-like light moving slowly in curved path at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
29 Dec 68	14 reports 0008 to 0020 hrs. Duration varying. Lights in formation. Very high, travelling NE at Melbourne/Tasmania area.	Meteorite shower
29 Dec 68	Time midnight to 0015 hrs. Three reported sightings. Group of yellowish objects with bright tails travelling in N to NE direction. No sound or means of propulsion at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite shower
2 Jan 69	Time 2145-2200 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, weather fine. Light object moving to S at Mildura, SA	Pageos I Satellite
18 Jan 69	U.F.O. sighting by crew of commercial airliner between Singapore & Darwin.	Being investigated
18 Jan 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, sky clear. Commercial airline pilots at 35,000' saw slowly descending light, changing white to yellow from level to 2° below aircraft 260° to 265°. Between Singapore and Darwin.	Saturn
20 Jan 69	Time about 2020 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, weather clear. Cigar-shaped object separating from circular silver object. Flashing red light at Artarmon, NSW.	Aircraft
31 Jan 69 to 8 Feb 69	Times 0300 hrs 31 Jan, 1300 hrs 8 Feb. Noise heard by natives at West Sepik TPNG.	Aircraft
1 Feb 69	Time 2245 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather clear. Star-like object, stationary, then moved very high, very fast to S at Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and star
3 Feb 69	Time 2145 hrs. Duration 10 seconds, weather clear. Roaring wing shaped object, S to N at Marion, SA	Aircraft
4 Feb 69	Time 2200 hrs. Duration 5-7 minutes, weather clear. Noise from cigar shaped object with lights at Mitchell Park, SA.	Aircraft
5 Feb 69	Time 2350 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, weather clear. Like satellite at Melbourne, Vic.	Echo II
5 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration 1 hr, bright light size of medium star, moving about. Observer, a member of U.F.O. organisation then went to sleep. At 40 miles NE of Hawker, SA.	Insufficient evidence
6 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5 seconds, weather clear. Solid object, cigar shaped with red and white lights travelling SW to NE at Forrestville, SA.	Aircraft
9 Feb 69	Time 1500 hrs. Duration 3 hrs plus. White spherical object 45° above horizon moving very slowly N to S then W at Wulkaraka, Qld.	Venus

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12 Feb 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather cloudy. Two objects, one bright green and one flashing. At Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
15 Feb 69	Time 2045 hrs. Duration 5-10 minutes, weather fine. Big bright star, moving NW to SE at Bondi, NSW.	Echo II Satellite
17 Feb 69	Time 0250 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear moonless. Observer attracted by noise then saw solid object and humanoid form walking around and heard morse code, at Flinders Park, SA.	Investigation has found no supporting evidence.
18 Feb 69	Time 2005 hrs. Duration 25 minutes, weather clear. An object with changing red to white light occasionally stopped, moved S to N. Viewed from moving car at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft
21 Feb 69	Time 2125/2130 hrs. Duration 1½ seconds, weather slight overcast. Light moving quickly at Melbourne, Vic.	Meteorite
23 Feb 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 minutes, weather becoming cloudy. Three objects, one brilliant white. At Melbourne, Vic.	Combination of Echo II and aircraft.
23 Feb 69	Circle of "scorched" grass, burnt and squashed toadstools, at Kyogle, NSW.	Toadstool "Ring Phenomena"
23 Feb 69	Time unknown. Duration a matter of seconds. Very bright star moving E then SE at Wallsend, NSW.	Insufficient evidence, probable satellite
27 Feb 69	Time 0350 hrs. Duration 10 minutes, misty rain. Noise similar to aircraft, moving W at Aitape, TPNG.	Aircraft
5 Mar 69	Time about 0915 hrs. Duration 15 seconds, cloudy. Burning object, red/orange, moving N to W with trail of smoke at Maryville, NSW.	Meteor
7 Mar 69	Time 2046 hrs. Duration 2 minutes, cloudy but clear. Brilliant yellow light, appeared like aircraft landing light, at Darwin, NT.	Moon "halo" phenomenon, reflected on low cloud.
11 Mar 69	Time 2100 hrs. Duration 2-3 minutes, cloudy but clear. Yellow lights in formation, quite high at Darwin, NT.	Moon "halo" effect
16 Mar 69	Unidentified aircraft heard by natives at 1030 hrs on 9th & 16th Mar., at Gensopa, TPNG.	RAAF aircraft
17 Mar 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, weather fine. Moving light, changing red to orange and moving W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite

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Date of Sighting	Brief Description of Aerial Sighting	Possible Cause
24 Mar 69	Time 0920 hrs. Duration approx 3 seconds, clear sky. Very bright light with tail, altitude 35°-40° at Mount Hutton, NSW.	Insufficient evidence
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration unknown, weather unknown. Red light accompanied by clicking sound circuiting Eagle Farm at Hendra, Qld.	Aircraft
25 Mar 69	Time 2015 hrs. Duration 15 minutes, $\frac{3}{8}$ cloud. Red light on oval shaped object sighted from Eagle Farm, Qld.	Aircraft
28 Mar 69	Time 0505 hrs. Duration 3 minutes, clear sky. Moving lights, 25°-30° altitude, speed of 45° in 3 minutes, at Anna Bay, NSW.	Satellite
4 Apr 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 4 minutes, green ball moving quickly, viewed through car window at Southport, Qld.	Re-entry of space debris

FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

31 Jan 69	Time 0300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo N.G.	Aircraft
8 Feb 69	Time 1300 hrs. Aircraft over border area at Vanimo N.G.	Aircraft
12 Mar 69	Time 2010 hrs. Duration 5 mins. Patchy rain. A red ball twice the size of a star moving slowly at Townsville, Qld.	Venus setting
21 Mar (Approx.)	Time Evening. Duration 7-8 minutes. Strange object moving in sky. Photographed at Kalgoorlie, WA.	Lens Flare in Camera
28 Mar 69	Time 2041 hrs. Duration 25 minutes. Broken cloud, moving flashing lights at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite viewed thru atmospheric haze
31 Mar 69	Time 0415 hrs. Duration 1-2 secs. Bright flash and car stopped.	Electrical short in car ignition system
13 Apr 69	Time 2115 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Fine clear night. Two observers. One states light moving from S.E., other states light moving from N.E. at Melbourne, Vic.	Incomplete data
21 Apr 69	Time 1925 hrs. Duration 3 seconds. Clear sky. Light "dropping" in sky at Hobart, Tas.	Meteorite or space junk re-entry
22 Apr 69	Time 1919 hrs. Duration 4 seconds. Patchy cloud. Moving light seen by two pilots in same aircraft, but descriptions vary in colour and direction over Bass Strait.	Re-entry of meteorite or space junk

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24 Apr 69	Time about 2130 hrs. Duration unknown. Repeated pattern of red and green lights at Richmond, NSW	Aircraft
5 May 69	Time 2000 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light oscillating in sky.	Star Antares
6 May 69	Time 0515 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright light stationary overhead, at Brisbane, Qld.	Venus
10 May 69	Time 0025/30 hrs. Duration 6 seconds. Lights moving very fast at 30° altitude at Hazlewood Park, SA.	Meteorite shower
10 May 69	Time 1735 hrs. Duration 10-12 seconds. Bright light like aircraft landing light at Gold Coast, Qld.	Saturn
10 May 69	Time 2345 hrs. Duration approx 30 seconds. Windy & overcast. Slow moving light descending vertically at Melbourne, Vic.	Fireworks
13 May 69	Time approx 1000 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Vapour trail and dull silver object <del>manoeuvring</del> in sky, at Freemantle, WA.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. Two very bright discs, blue white, moving E at Brisbane, Qld.	Aircraft
13 May 69	Time 1920 hrs. Duration 1 minute. Dull shadow like Japanese lantern against street lights. Viewed through closed car window at Greenacre, NSW.	Optical illusion
15 May 69	Time 1900 hrs. Duration 8 minutes. Clear night. Red lights changing to white every 5 seconds, one moving south, one rising "vertically" at Clackline, WA.	Aircraft
16 May 69	Time 0430 hrs. Duration 20 minutes. Bright white light rising over horizon at Surfers Paradise, Qld.	Venus rising
17 & 18 May 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration 4 hours. Bright light, crescent shaped when viewed through telescope at Deniliquin, NSW.	Venus
20 May 69	Time 0910 hrs. Duration less than 5 minutes. Clear sky. Brilliant white object moving slowly, high in the sky at Perth, WA.	Venus
23 May 69	Time 0100 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Light frost. Object lifted off lawn. Seen through frosted glass window and burn marks on lawn.	Practical joke
23 May 69	Time 0745 hrs. Duration approx 1 minute. Scattered clouds. Bright white light moving in sky at Perth WA.	Sunlight reflected off aircraft

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23 May 69	Time about 1835 hrs. Duration 15-20 minutes. Clear night. Light moving from SE, stopped and started. Confirmed by radar at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
24 May 69	Time 1830 hrs, approx. Duration about 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 1915 hrs approx. Duration 18 minutes. Cloudless sky. Two lights moving SW to NE and a dull aircraft shape at Launceston, Tas.	Aircraft
24 May 69	Time 1845 hrs. Duration 5 minutes. Light moving W to E at Hobart, Tas.	Satellite
24 May 69	Time 0900 hrs. Duration 2 hours. Clear sky. Light like metal object reflecting suns rays moving slowly at Koulama, Qld.	Venus
25 May 69	Time 1953 hrs. Duration 30 seconds. 4/8 cloud. Light moving from NNW at Launceston Tas.	Space junk re-entry or meteorite
26 May 69	Time about 1800 hrs. Duration 3-4 minutes. Moving light in sky at Brisbane, Qld.	Satellite
28 May 69	Time 1830 hrs. Duration 30 minutes. Clear sky. Bright orange light moving S to SE at Perth WA.	Sun reflecting off aircraft
29 May 69	Time 1300 hrs. Duration 6 minutes. Clear sky. Sun glinting on object and vapour trail at Perth, WA.	Aircraft formation
1 Jun 69	Time 1835 hrs. Duration approx. 30 minutes. Patchy cloud. White light moving slowly W to E at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
2 Jun 69	Time 0640 hrs. Duration approx 5 minutes. Patchy cloud. Fast moving white light from NW to SW at Launceston, Tas.	Satellite
5 Jun 69	Time 0637 hrs. Duration 3-4 seconds. Clear sky. Similar to falling star at Launceston, Tas.	Meteor
6 Jun 69	Time 1755 hrs. Duration 2 minutes. Clear sky. Large round star-like light moving SW to NE at Mt Eliza, VIC.	Aircraft
12 Jun 69	Time 2006 hrs. Duration 15 seconds. Clear sky. Very bright red object/light moving slowly at Melbourne, Vic.	Signal Flare

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16 Jun 69	Time 0400 hrs. Duration about 3 minutes. Clear sky. Bright white light moving slowly at Wagga Wagga, NSW.	Venus
16 Jun 69	Time 2030 hrs. Duration 5-8 minutes. Clear sky. Moving amber light. Photographed. Negative examined and found blank (spot marked washed off when finger prints cleaned off film) at Melbourne, Vic.	Aircraft & imagination
16 Jun 69	Time 1926 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Clear sky. White light flashing red and green every 4 seconds moving slowly E to W at Mt. Eliza, Vic.	Satellite
17 Jun 69	Time 2300 hrs. Duration 40 minutes. Clear sky. White light following car, viewed through window of car at Bairnsdale, Vic.	Jupiter
20 Jun 69	Time 1935 hrs. Duration 20-25 minutes. Fine but slight fog. Pale green light which flashed red and white moving shlowly in western sky at Melbourne, Vic.	Satellite
5 Jul 69	Time approx 1700 hrs. Duration momentary. Clear sky. Object the size of the moon, moving over tree tops. Photographed at Perth, WA.	Unexplained
20 Jul 69	Time approx 1730 hrs. Duration a few minutes. Clear sky. Yellow light moving "down" then "across" sky at Kempsey, NSW.	Balloon (from Moree)
27 Jul 69	Time 1915 hrs. Duration 15 minutes. Windy, cloudy and rain. Red flashing lights & yellow light moving in sky at Panmure, Vic.	Aircraft
5 Aug 69	Time 0907 hrs. Duration approx 15 minutes. Clear sky. Light gradually fading 8,000' over Melbourne, Vic.	W.R.E. Rocket

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23rd March, 1970.

The Secretary,  
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Dear Sir,

May we take this opportunity to forward you a copy of February 8, 1970 issue of Awake. Please note the article "What happened to the Flying Saucers?" presents a most informative discussion on the subject.

We appreciate your department may have investigated these reports in the past and it is hoped this article can supplement your findings, proving beneficial should there occur yet another "U.F.O." wave.

Yours faithfully,  
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# Awake!

"It is already the hour for you to awake."  
—Romans 13:11

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "Flying Saucers"?

IT ALL began in the summer of 1947 when the pilot of a private plane flying near Mt. Rainier in Washington saw several disk-shaped things moving through the air one after another in an undulating path, "like pie plates skipping over the water."

This report was printed in many newspapers, and was followed quickly by a flurry of similar reports from other parts of the country. Lights in the sky were said to hover, then to dart away at high speed, making zigzag turns impossible for any known aircraft. A flotilla of oval lights was seen and photographed at Lubbock, Texas. Radar operators in airports and on planes aloft began to notice blips on their screens that did not fit any planes known to be present. They traced out weird courses, and sometimes abruptly disappeared.

Numerous photographs were publicized, mostly of fuzzy lights in the dark, but a few showed sharply defined outlines of saucerlike objects in a daytime sky. A cross-country motorist took a moving pic-

ture of a mysterious group of white spots milling about over the desert near Tremonton, Utah.

The first news reports used the term "flying saucers," and this name has come to be popularly applied to all strange objects

seen in the sky. But many of the things seen do not have the form of a saucer; hence, they are more accurately called "unidentified flying objects," or UFO's for short.

At times the UFO's became so numerous that thousands of people were seeing them, almost in a mass hysteria. Newspapers filled their columns with interviews, official reports, rumors and opinions. In July 1952, an avalanche of reports of radar sightings and strange lights around the airport at Washington, D.C., touched off such a scare. In Mexico City in September 1965, rush-hour traffic was jammed for several evenings in a row, and people passed the nights on rooftops to watch moving lights in the sky.

Many of the descriptions of UFO's implied that they were under intelligent control and moving in response to observers who tried to approach to get a closer look. Sometimes police in patrol cars undertook to track down low-hovering UFO's. They found their cars unable to keep pace, and returned terrified with tales of having

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been chased by their intended quarry. Military pursuit planes went up to attempt contact with visible or radar targets. One 1948 afternoon in Kentucky, an unfortunate pilot tried to catch a UFO. It rose ahead of him, and he reported that he was climbing to 20,000 feet. That was the last word from him. He was found dead in the wreckage of his plane.

### **Speculation**

Speculation abounded as to the origin of the mysterious "flying saucers." Was the United States secretly testing a new type of vehicle, powered by atomic or magnetic or even gravitational energy? Or perhaps some foreign power had mastered such a motive force and was flaunting its newfound prowess in United States skies. Most widely propagated, though, was the theory that visitors from outer space had arrived to survey the earth and study its inhabitants. There is no doubt that this idea is what endowed the "flying saucers" with their chief fascination. The fact that man was just preparing to venture off his earthly home to explore other worlds gave him cause to wonder if intelligent creatures elsewhere had done it before him. On the other hand, the idea was disturbing to those who believed that man is unique in the universe as an intelligent, fleshly creation of God.

Some persons claimed that the flying saucers had indeed landed in out-of-the-way places, and pointed to flattened vegetation or scorched earth at the site of the landing as proof. It was claimed that close encounters with the interplanetary vehicles had put out lights and stopped clocks and even motors of automobiles, leaving the metal magnetic and the surroundings radioactive. A few people testified that

they had been taken aboard the "saucers," one in a California desert, another on a Brazilian farm, and met the Venusian voyagers. Although their testimony was uncorroborated, there were the gullible, ready to believe. A religious aspect was introduced with the springing up of a new cult centered on the godlike supermen from Venus.

Most scientists tended to pooh-pooh the excitement. Astronomers were particularly unimpressed. They pointed out that it was their business to watch the skies, but they had not seen any "flying saucers." Besides, they asked, where would they come from? Mars? Venus? From what we already knew of these planets it would be quite impossible for any humanlike creature to live there, since there was no air or water. And interplanetary probes, testing the atmosphere of Venus and taking closeup pictures of Mars, reinforced this opinion. Venus was found hot enough to melt zinc, Mars cold and dead as the moon. Few scientists considered the subject of UFO's interesting enough to devote any research time to it, or even to talk about it in public. It was rarely mentioned in their journals. One astronomer took the trouble to write a book showing how mirages could produce effects like the bobbing "saucers" seen at Mt. Rainier, or the lights at Lubbock.

It seemed likely that most of the "flying saucers" being seen were merely misconceptions of ordinary things like stars, meteors, airplanes, balloons, and mirages, not to exclude hoaxes and hallucinations. But the nagging question remained: Could all the strange sights reported be attributed to such prosaic causes? Or might there be a few genuine "flying saucers," really beyond the ability of scientists to explain?

## WHAT THE

# "saucers"

## PROVED TO BE

WITH so much speculation over the "flying saucers," the United States government was pressed into starting an official inquiry. Since the government's concern was to keep unfriendly aircraft out of the country, the task was assigned to the Air Force. A project first called "Sign," then "Grudge," and finally "Blue Book," was headed by an officer whose duty it was to receive the reports and to ask for such investigations as seemed justified.

More than 10,000 cases were filed during eighteen years. Of these, they decided that 94 percent could be explained through natural causes. And in respect to their direct responsibility, they said that the other 6 percent represented no threat to national security.

So the Air Force considered its duty fulfilled. But the 6 percent of cases not explained were understood by some to be unexplainable, and were presented by those who fostered the idea of visitors from other planets as proof of their theories. And it had to be admitted that, logically, 600 people—or even six, for that matter—who might have seen a real "flying saucer" could not be proved wrong because 9,400 other people had seen something else that they mistook for a "flying saucer."

### *A More Thorough Investigation*

This situation continued until 1966, when a research contract was given to

the University of Colorado to make a scientific study of the UFO's. This project was headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, a highly respected physicist who was formerly chief of the Bureau of Standards and has

served as president of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for Advancement of

Science. Enough scientists were persuaded to join a staff of experts to handle the various phases of the study, and half a million dollars was allocated to the project during a two-year period.

The report of the Colorado project was released early in 1969 in a 965-page volume. It is replete with scientific information bearing on every angle of the observations and theories of "flying saucers."

Fifty-nine cases were investigated by staff members, including some of the more sensational cases studied previously under the Blue Book project. This study yielded convincing evidence that the overwhelming majority, if not all, of the "flying saucer" stories were based on mistaken identification of known objects.

### *Stars and Planets*

Many persons, especially among those who have always lived in cities, are unfamiliar with the stars. Some do not realize that the stars rise and set, like the sun and moon. Venus, our nearest planetary neighbor, is alternately an evening star, setting after the sun, and a morning star, rising before dawn. It is so bright that most of the time it can be seen in broad daylight. During a spate of "flying saucer" reports, it has not been uncommon to see groups of people gathered on street cor-

ners to stare at a tiny white spot in the sky. Most of them did not realize that it was the planet Venus they were watching, and that it had been there all their lives.

When Venus is rising or setting during a quiet night, still layers of warm and cool air can cause a mirage, magnifying the image of the bright planet and even diffracting the light into various colors. And with what results?

A Colorado farmer in 1967 reported seeing a "flying saucer" land repeatedly in the early evening a few miles west of his house. Through binoculars he could see the dome-shaped structure, large as a two-story house, with rows of lighted windows.

In a southern town later that year, reports of a UFO taking off early in the morning from beyond the river east of town spurred a cruising police car to investigate. They spotted the mysterious intruder and gave chase, but it reportedly fled and easily outdistanced them. When they gave up and were returning to town, they said, the UFO turned and followed them, finally approaching within 500 feet of the car and lighting it up so bright that they could read their watches. On succeeding mornings, police cars in neighboring towns joined the hunt, and even an airplane pilot tried to catch the elusive visitor, all without success.

And what did the investigation reveal? That all these reports, embellished, to be sure, with exciting details supplied by imagination, were based on seeing the planet Venus, keeping steadfastly in its orbit more than 30 million miles away. Jupiter, Saturn, and some of the brighter fixed stars have also been involved in UFO stories.

#### **Balloons, Airplanes, Birds**

The United States Weather Bureau releases about 100,000 neoprene balloons a year to measure wind velocities aloft. Vis-

ible to an altitude of 20,000 feet, these are often reported as UFO's. Also, larger polyethylene balloons, called "skyhooks," are used to carry telescopes and cosmic-ray counters to above 100,000 feet. They are 100 to 400 feet in diameter, easily visible from the ground, and they become very prominent in the early twilight, when they reflect the bright sunlight against a darkening sky.

In 1948 the existence and use of these balloons were not widely known, and it is believed that the pilot in Kentucky was following a "skyhook," little realizing the impossibility of reaching the extreme altitude of his target. In the excitement of the chase he evidently went too high, lost consciousness in the rarefied atmosphere, and his plane crashed out of control.

Another kind of UFO sighting is of airplanes following flight patterns that are not familiar to the observer. Especially at night, with their landing lights on, and far enough downwind that the motors are not heard, they may not be identified. If a plane is descending toward the viewer, the light may appear stationary, then suddenly it moves off rapidly as the plane turns toward the airport. Practice operations of refueling at night near an air base in California started persistent rumors of UFO's among nearby residents.

Even birds, if not recognized, can be classed as UFO's, as happened in the movies taken at Tremonton.

#### **Meteors and Satellites**

Fireballs are produced when large meteorites in space enter the earth's atmosphere, break apart and burn up. A cluster of such objects passed over Ontario and the eastern United States on February 9, 1913, causing a spectacular display. People within fifty miles of its path saw groups of bright lights pass slowly over-

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head. Many thought that the lights were attached to a giant airship. The variance in accounts, the gross underestimates of altitude and speed, and the imaginary structures enclosing the lights were very like many of today's "flying saucer" descriptions.

Man-made fireballs have been produced in recent years when satellites or the rockets used to put them in orbit fall into the atmosphere and burn up. A notable case was the reentry, on March 3, 1968, of a Russian satellite that failed to lift out of its parking orbit. This was witnessed by hundreds of people from Kentucky to Pennsylvania. They saw the pieces of the satellite, following along in the same path, burning as they met the atmosphere eighty miles high. But what they said they saw proves how easy it is to imagine a structure connecting or enclosing a string of lights, and how far wrong estimates of distance and speed can be. Of the scores of people who reported it as a UFO, many identified the series of lights as windows in a wingless airplane fuselage or in a saucer-shaped body. Some thought the object was only 3,000 to 5,000 feet high; others said it was just above the treetops. Airplane pilots estimated the altitude as 30,000 to 60,000 feet.

Such reports show the limitations of human perception. When we see in the sky a moving object that we cannot identify, we just cannot tell how large it is, how far away it is, or how fast it is traveling. A six-inch pie plate seen 500 feet away looks the same size as a 100-foot balloon at 100,000 feet. A satellite traveling 18,000 miles per hour at a height of 100 miles across the sky may seem to be going as fast as a 180-mile-per-hour airplane at 5,000 feet. If we have no idea how big the object is, any estimate we make of its distance or speed is worthless.

#### *Radar Reports and Photographs*

Many sightings of UFO's have been made by radar operators. But a study of these unexpected echoes shows that blips may be produced on the screen by a great variety of real objects. Besides airplanes, there are balloons, birds and insects, rain and hail, meteor trails and others. Spurious echoes may also be caused by reflections and mirages, for radio waves are bent through layers of heated air just as light waves are. Malfunctions of the equipment can also enter in. Even with all these possible causes of UFO reports, the fact that there are still cases on record that have not been explained suggests that radar sometimes behaves in ways that are not completely understood. But this is not any reason to imagine that a spaceship is behind every false echo.

Some of the most widely publicized stories of "flying saucers" have included photographs as the key evidence. At first thought we might consider a photograph the best possible kind of proof. But in the case of UFO's this has not turned out to be true.

In almost every instance where the photographer has been willing to provide the negatives for study it has turned out that they do not back up the story. In some of the not-too-impressive pictures, blobs of light on the film were caused by reflections in the lens; others resulted from defects in the film or in the developing.

On the other hand, most of the likely looking pictures turned out to be hoaxes. It is simple to hang some kind of disk in front of a camera with a fine thread that does not show in the picture. Or a disk may be thrown in front of the camera just as the shutter is snapped. One clue to such falsification is the sharpness of focus of the disk compared with things at various distances in the picture. Another is the contrast, which is greater for objects close

to the camera than for distant objects. Lighting and shade may not be consistent. For example, in a famous photo from Brazil a "saucer" is seen lighted from the left side, but the trees below are lighted from the right. Often a series of photos is offered to document the rapid passage of a UFO. But when the serial numbers of the frames on the edge of the film are not in the order in which it was said the pictures were taken, or when shifting shadows show that hours elapsed between one picture and another, the authenticity of the pictures must be rejected.

### Conclusions

After two years of scientific study of the UFO's by a staff of experts, what conclusions can be drawn? First, the great majority of all the reports have their origin in the same kinds of things that Project Blue Book named: Planets, airplanes, balloons, meteorites, mirages.

The more thorough investigation has clarified the part played by physical and psychological distortions. It has explained how ordinary objects, seen in the sky by persons who do not recognize them under the perhaps unusual circumstances, can be misconstrued in perception, magnified in the telling, further exaggerated in the newspapers, and end up as spaceships landing little green men from Mars. Further, the technical analysis of photographs that were previously considered not explainable has brought some of the most notorious UFO's to earth. Finally, the residue of unexplained reports was shown to consist largely of unconfirmed rumors and vague accounts that were not worth running down.

In summary, probable or certain explanations in natural causes were found for all but a handful of the cases examined. Even those that continue to defy analysis

do not offer any basis for the theory that we are being watched by people from other planets. A useful by-product of the study has been to systematize our knowledge of many atmospheric phenomena, common and uncommon, while furnishing a sidelight on the frailties of human perception and reporting.

As for the future, it was not advocated, as scientists often do at the end of a report, that the study be continued. The fact is that the "flying saucer" episode was mainly a psychological affair, which took root and flourished in the soil of man's deep-felt insecurity in these critical days. It offered a temporary diversion and escape from the real problems that overwhelm mankind. But now it is clear that the "flying saucers" present neither a threat of annihilation nor a messianic hope for salvation.

Many persons followed with keen interest the numerous reports about the "flying saucers." Really, though, how much more important it is individually to look into and realize the significance of the events now taking place throughout the earth—the increasing lawlessness, the moral breakdown, the frequency of earthquakes, the general rebelliousness and earth-wide unrest. Why? Because those who have done thorough research into the prophecies of the Holy Bible are convinced of this: That the incredible events that have unfolded in great detail since the outbreak of World War I are a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, indicating we are in the "last days" of this system of things, and that there are tremendous worldwide changes at hand.—Matt. 24:3-21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

This is no figment of human imagination. All creation testifies to the existence of a purposeful Creator. And his Word, the Bible, testifies to his purpose to end wickedness forever, and to bring in a

righteous new order. (2 Pet. 3:13; Jude 14, 15) Bible prophecy is not something to be lightly cast aside as rumor or imagination; it has never failed. Would it not be the course of wisdom to look with in-

terest into this matter that so directly affects your life and hope for eternal happiness? Jehovah's witnesses will be glad to assist you to make this personal investigation.



By "Awake" correspondent in the British Isles

**"SLIM PILLS KILL BABIES."**

**"BIRTH PILL KILLS MOTHER OF FOUR."**

Here in Britain such bold headlines confront us from time to time in our daily newspapers. In a country where we enjoy the benefits of a "free" National Health Service and where many people are living on pills, such tragedies are stark reminders of the dangers of drugs.

A recent survey by the popular motorists' magazine *Drive* revealed that one British motorist in seven drives under the influence of drugs. Data published by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry show that in 1967 family doctors in England and Wales issued a total of 271 million drug prescriptions. And apart from doctors' prescriptions, commonly used medical preparations such as aspirin are readily obtainable by almost everyone.

Reports indicate that not only in Britain but on the European continent, in the United States and in other parts of the world more and more people are resorting

College of Medicine, had this to say: "Some members of our modern society behave as if life were a process of existence which can barely be maintained or endured without taking a continuous series of wonder drugs."

#### **Why Increased Pill Consumption?**

It is freely admitted that in the United States and in Britain some doctors are prone to over-prescribe. In a lecture on the "Use and Abuse of Drugs" Sir Derrick Dunlop commented on three of the causes for over-prescribing: "There are the insistent demands of the public . . . Secondly, there are insufficient doctors for the growing population: it is time-consuming to take a careful clinical history, to carry out a thorough examination, and to give wise advice, but it takes only a moment to write a prescription for a symptomatic remedy, and this often satisfies the patient . . . Thirdly, there is the formidable and skilled promotion of drugs by the pharmaceutical houses, some of which is subject to justifi-

to the use of drugs. They are doing so to the extent that drugs have become an accepted part of their daily routine. Commenting on the situation in America, Dr. M. M. Wintrobe, Professor of Medicine, University of Utah

## REPORT BY MRS R. RANKIN OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

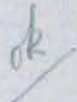
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1. I promised to give you an answer regarding our investigation into the report of an unidentified aerial object made by Mrs Rankin. I regret that we have taken so long to provide an answer.
2. Mrs Rankin was interviewed by an Air Traffic Control officer from Fairbairn on or before 16 Feb 70. His report was forwarded to us by HQOC but since that date I have had a couple of his observations questioned.
3. You will understand that we do not take any steps to carry out a detailed investigation regarding any report that we receive - the interviewing officer simply completes a proforma which asks the observer a lot of questions and we file them for any reference that may be made at a later time. We do not have the staff, nor is it RAAF policy, to investigate the reports in detail. However, many of them can be explained without great difficulty.
4. The report by Mrs Rankin, however, is one of those in the category where we have to make an estimate of the likely solution without having any definite evidence. In this case it is assessed that the object could have been the mirror image of a vessel transiting the naval training area. The moving red light could have been the vessel's steaming light; altering position as the vessel turned.
5. I realise that you may find this assessment somewhat inadequate but it is as far as we can go. We can probably be sure of one thing only - it wasn't an F111.



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REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

Forwarded are reports of unusual aerial sightings as shown, together with comments added at this Headquarters by C Intell O.

- a. Described as a flashing light moving in the sky, sighted at 0130 hours 13 Feb 70 by Mr G. Grice of Mentone VIC.
- b. A moving light very fast and high in the sky sighted at Middle Park on 3 Mar 70 by Messrs Robertson, Fry and Waaldyk.

(T.S. FAIRBAIRN)  
Wing Commander  
For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: 4 reports

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer GARTH GRICE Age 23
2. Address of observer 20 LATROBE ST. MENTONE 3194  
... (CNR. BOURKE ST.) Phone 933623
3. Occupation of observer LINE TYPE OPERATOR
4. Date and time of start of observation 1:30 A.M. 13/2/70  
How certain is the date? NO DOUBT. WHATSOEVER  
How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN 5 MINUTES
5. Duration of observation 1-1 1/2 MINUTES  
How accurate is your estimate? VERY CLOSE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting OPEN AREA ALONGSIDE  
HOUSE (20 LATROBE ST. MENTONE) CNR. BOURKE ST.  
How familiar is observer with this locality? MY HOME
7. Weather conditions at time of observation PERFECTLY CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings HIGH IN SKY FROM  
E.S.E. DIRECTION
  - b. angle of elevation
  - c. compass angle bearing E.S.E. ACROSS TO W.N.W.
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? QUITE ACCURATE
10. What first attracted observer's attention? WHAT APPEARED TO BE  
A FLASHING, MOVING STAR
11. If there was more than one light/object :
  - a. how many were there? NO
  - b. in what formation were they? NO
12. What was the colour of the light or object? RED AND BLUE WITH  
FLASHING LIGHT

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14/2/70. REPORT OF SIGHTING 13/2/70

At 1.30 a.m. I was looking up at the sky when something caught my eye to the ESE direction. It appeared to be a flashing star, then I found it was moving towards me in a WNW direction. It continued on a dead straight bearing with no deviations. When overhead it appeared to have color of blue and/or red tinge underneath. Also throughout sighting, a flashing light was apparent; when overhead, it appeared to be going around while flashing.

It was very high, so I would say it was travelling at quite a high speed. It disappeared when still on a high bearing, and I feel it rose slightly and increased speed when it disappeared.

The night was clear and crisp.

A few minutes later a light plane passed over my house on the way to Moorabbin Airport - travelling in the opposite direction to the "craft," and naturally at a very, very much lower height.

I don't know how to estimate elevation and angles so I won't try and estimate same.

The most sure thing is that there was a "force field" or "area" in front of the craft which seemed to be drawing it along.

I will be pleased to answer any further questions that I may have missed.

Yours sincerely,

Garth Fine

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards) LIKE A SMALL LIGHTHOUSE - HIGH IN SKY WITH SMALL BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHT WHICH REVOLVED
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
- a. relative to Venus or Moon ABOUT 1/8th SIZE OF MOON
- b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) ABOUT 1 1/2 INCHES
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? ESE to WNW
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? SEEMED TO HAVE FORCE DRAWING IT ALONG
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity NO SOUND WHATSOEVER
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? ABOUT AS HIGH AS HIGH FLYING "PASSENGER" JET
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 ABOUT THE SPEED OF A JET WHEN FAR AWAY, VERY SLOW MOVING, OR APPEARING SO.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. ALWAYS MOVING
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. NONE
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. A FORCE FIELD WHICH SEEMED TO DRAW IT ALONG.
23. Where was object last observed? NOTHING BEHIND
- a. relative to your surroundings VERY HIGH IN WNW SKY
- b. angle of elevation
- c. compass angle bearing WNW
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? IT JUST DISAPPEARED WHEN STILL WITHIN EYESIGHT. Appeared to slightly rise and speed up when it disappeared.
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). NONE
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. NONE
27. How many witness to the sighting? ONLY MYSELF

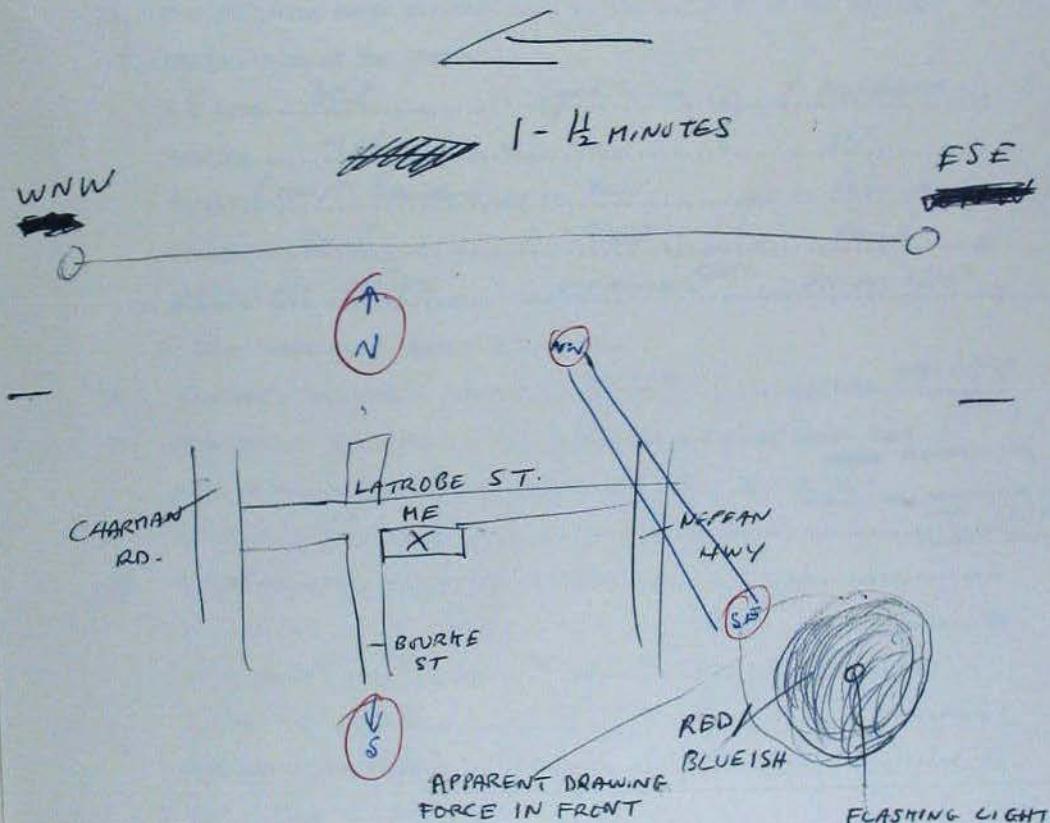
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28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? N.O.
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? HIGH ALTITUDE HELICOPTER WITH LIGHT UNDERNEATH WHICH FLASHED AND REVOLVED AROUND DIAMETER OF CRAFT.
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? WHAT MAN-MADE CRAFT MOVES WITHOUT SOUND, HIGH ALTITUDE, APPARENT DRAWING PROVISION, REVOLVING FLASHING LIGHT, AND THE ABILITY TO DISAPPEAR WHILST STILL WITHIN HUMAN SIGHT ON CLEAR NIGHT.
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 Garth Luise

Date 14/2/70

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

A/C type.....DC3.....(1).....Light Turb.....(2).....F. FRIENDSHIP.....(3)  
Heading.....NW.....T.....Var.....T.....SW.....T  
Height.....8,000 ft Descending.....,000 ft.....Var.....,000 ft.....Descending.....,000 ft  
Speed.....Var.....K.....Var.....K.....Var.....K  
ATD/ATA\*.....ESS 1557Z.....hrs.....ATA MODRABAW 1510Z.....hrs.....ATA ESS 1520Z.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude.....37.595.....Longitude.....145.03 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.....  
PLANETS - NIL  
MAJOR STARS - RIGEL - 45° 12' N 7° 42' W  
SIRIUS - 49° 12' 27" N 7° 42' 30" W  
TAURUS - 49° 12' 30" N 7° 42' 30" W

36. A meteorological balloon was released from .....  
at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm  
Radio-sonde \*\*/radar\*\* : Candle \*\*/battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile.....NIL.....  
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.....  
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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 ~~that there was~~ (delete as required)

.....  
*a satellite sighting*  
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*There were no satellites scheduled which fit in with the  
time/direction of sighting. However, by the straight path of  
object, ~~and~~ sudden disappearance and extreme height, sighting  
assumed as probable non-scheduled satellite.*

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*14886*.....(Unit).....*Planey*.....(Name)  
*12 MAR 70*.....(Date).....*PLT LT*.....(Rank)

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer ALKE WAALDYK Age 21
2. Address of observer 15 LOLLER ST SPRINGVALE  
..... Phone
3. Occupation of observer Electrician
4. Date and time of start of observation 8 PM - 8:30 PM 5  
How certain is the date? TUESDAY 3/3/10  
How accurate is the time of start? 8 PM
5. Duration of observation 5-10 mins  
How accurate is your estimate? Accurate
6. Observer's location at time of sighting MIDDLE PARK  
SOCCER OVAL  
.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Average
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Clear  
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation own vision  
.....
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings Approx 45° to my vertical
  - b. angle of elevation As Above
  - c. compass angle bearing "
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? Approx
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Moving light in the sky
11. If there was more than one light/object :
  - a. how many were there? only one
  - b. in what formation were they? "
12. What was the colour of the light or object? Some as STARS

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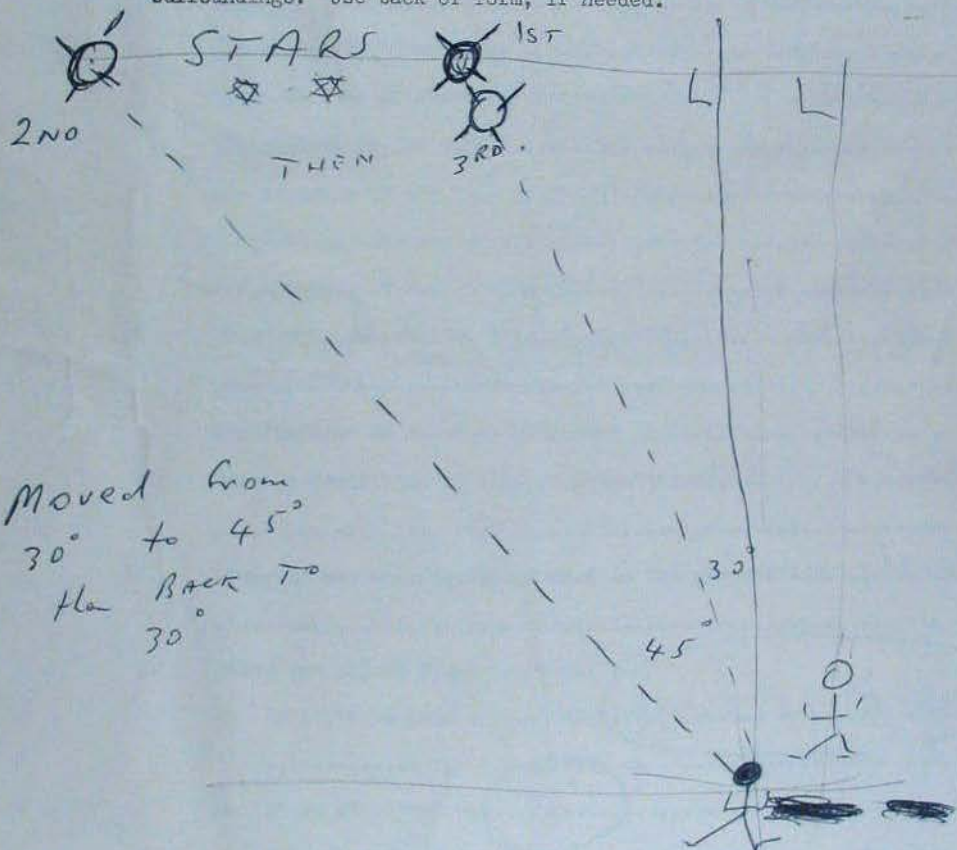
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)... SAME BRIGHTNESS AS STARS.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon... SAME SIZE as STARS.  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... APPROX SIZE of STARS.
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?... APPROX by Vision.
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?... NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
..... NONE (Too High).
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?... SAME AS STARS.
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 ... Very FAST AT GREAT HEIGHT
20. Give duration of any stationary phases... NONE
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... AFTER FORWARD Movement THEN RETURNED.
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... BRIGHT LIGHT
23. Where was object last observed... 30 MIDDLE PARK OVAL.  
a. relative to your surroundings... 30  
b. angle of elevation... 30  
c. compass angle bearing... NONE
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?... NOT OBSERVED.
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...  
ELECTRICIAN - HAS DONE MATHS
27. How many witness to the sighting?... 4 or 5.

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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?..... *DON'T KNOW*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
..... *NONE*
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..... *6/3/70*

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Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer MR ROBERT ROBERTSON Age 22
2. Address of observer FLAT 4... 1207 DANDENONG ROAD  
EAST MALVERN, MELB. VIC. Phone ✓
3. Occupation of observer SERVICE MECHANIC
4. Date and time of start of observation 3.3.70 APPROX 8 P.M.  
How certain is the date? POSITIVE  
How accurate is the time of start? INACCURATE
5. Duration of observation ABOUT 10 MIN  
How accurate is your estimate? UNSURE OF DURATION
6. Observer's location at time of sighting SOCCER TRAINING  
MIDDLE PARK  
How familiar is observer with this locality? VERY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation BEAUTIFUL CLEAR NIGHT
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE
9. Where was object first observed?  
a. Relative to your surroundings DIRECTLY OVERHEAD  
b. angle of elevation 90°  
c. compass angle bearing ?  
d. how accurate are these estimates? ?
10. What first attracted observer's attention? MOVEMENT
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? BLUE

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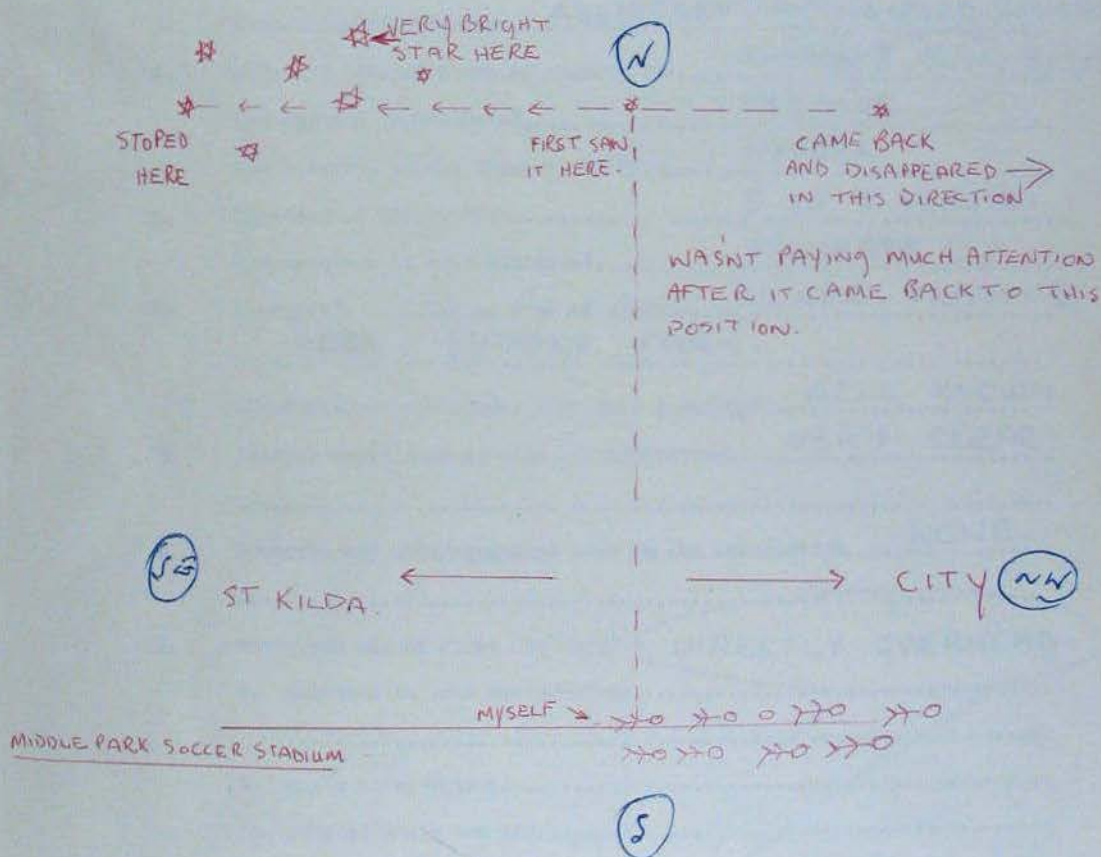
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)... AS BRIGHT AS A STAR
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon... LIKE A STAR  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's 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.....
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 .....  
FOR THE HEIGHT IT WAS, IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY FAST
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. MOMENTARY
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres. IT RETURNED FROM WHERE IT
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen. JUST CAME BLINKING LIGHT  
LIKE A STAR
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. relative to your surroundings DIRECTLY BEHIND MY ORIGINAL POSITION  
b. angle of elevation.....  
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Too BUSY TRAINING TO NOTICE
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... NO
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....  
NONE
27. How many witness to the sighting? AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS, BUT ONLY 6 SAW IT.

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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?...SATURNITE?.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?...AS WE  
AGREED, SATURNITES DONT GO BACKWARDS.....
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 Alvin Robinson

Date 7.3.70

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

1. Name of observer ..... MR. KEITH FRY ..... Age ..... 28
2. Address of observer ..... 2A, HIGH ST, PRAHRAN, VIC. .... Phone ..... -
3. Occupation of observer ..... ASSISTANT MANAGER (FACTORY)
4. Date and time of start of observation ..... APPROX 7.15 PM 3/3/70
- How certain is the date? ..... POSITIVE
- How accurate is the time of start? ..... APPROX.
5. Duration of observation ..... 5 TO 7 MINUTES
- How accurate is your estimate? ..... ACCURATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting ..... SOCCER TRAINING AREA MIDDLE PARK.
- How familiar is observer with this locality? ..... WELL KNOWN
7. Weather conditions at time of observation ..... VERY CLEAR
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ..... NONE
9. Where was object first observed? (DIRECTLY OVERHEAD)
- a. Relative to your surroundings.....
- b. angle of elevation.....
- c. compass angle bearing.....
- d. how accurate are these estimates?.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ..... MR. R. ROBERTSON OBSERVED IT FIRST AND THEN POINTED IT OUT TO 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? ..... AS A STAR

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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... AS A STAR.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon..... LIKE A SMALL STAR.  
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.....
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 .....
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.....  
b. angle of elevation.....  
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... OBJECT SLOWLY WENT OUT OF SIGHT.
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.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?..... APPROX 6

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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?..... A PLANE AT A GREAT HEIGHT.
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... IT SEEMED TOO HIGH AND IT WAS A SINGLE FLASHING LIGHT.
31. Please sketch the light/object with all details. If appropriate, sketch position and/or movement of object in relation to your surroundings. Use back of form, if needed,

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Signature.....

Keith Ly

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 CANUCKRA (1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading LAV/ESS/LAV T.....T.....T  
Height VAR.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed VAR.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\* ON 145 ESSendon 1015Z hrs.....hrs.....hrs

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

A/C type DC9 (2) (1).....BOEING 727 (2) (2).....BOEING 727 (2) (3)  
Heading TO ESSendon T.....TO SYDNEY T.....TO ADEL T  
Height VAR.....,000 ft.....VAR.....,000 ft.....VAR.....,000 ft  
Speed VAR.....K.....VAR.....K.....VAR.....K  
ATD/ATA\* 1000Z & 1003Z hrs.....ATD 1007Z & 1010Z hrs.....ATD 1035Z & 1045Z hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude 38° 02' S Longitude 144° 58' E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only. SIRIUS AZ 300° EL 70° VIS MAG -2

36. A meteorological balloon was released from No balloon released until 1100Z  
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. Satellite: 1965 73F 2014K AZ 193° EL 28° MAG 100°  
PICUS 2 2000K AZ 18° EL 38° MAG 92°

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 ~~was~~ cannot\* be determined.

41. The object reported ~~to be a plane~~ may have been\* (delete as required)

*or double sighting - i.e. the bomber from base was almost certainly over the Albert Park area shortly after 1000Z proceeding towards Essendon <sup>on 165</sup> or NW direction. Shortly after this the satellite noted in Para 38 would have been visible travelling in an Easterly direction.*

*It should be noted that there are considerable discrepancies in the reports from the observers and an accurate assessment is not possible.*

*H. J. S. C.* ..... (Unit) ..... *Hayes* ..... (Name)  
*16 MAR 70* ..... (Date) ..... *PLT L1* ..... (Rank)

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PENRITH 1W NSW

2nd March 1970

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

*DAFI*

Secretary  
Department of Air  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by  
Marie Skinner of 8 Machin Parade Wingham.

(B.J. HAYES)  
Squadron Leader  
for Air Officer Commanding

Encl Report of aerial object observed.



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## 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... Marie Skinner ..... Age 60 .....
2. Address of observer... 8 Machin Pde .....  
..... WINGHAM ..... Phone 303 .....
3. Occupation of observer... HD .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... 7-2-70 ..... 2am .....  
How certain is the date? Positive .....
- How accurate is the time of start? Positive .....
5. Duration of observation... 10 to 15 minutes .....  
How accurate is your estimate? Fairly .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... At above address .....  
.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very .....
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... Coming from eastly .....  
direction.....  
b. Angle of elevation... 25/30° .....  
c. Compass angle bearing.....  
d. How accurate are these estimates? Fairly .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? Bright Red Light .....  
flickering at intervals.....
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? Vivid Red .....
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light  
source at a stated distance, eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)  
Brighter than full moon .....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:  
a. Relative to Venus or Moon About size full 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? 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)?... Same elevation
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. Travelled from East to South West in approximately 15 minutes
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... Nil
23. Where was the object last observed:  
a. Relative to your surroundings... South West  
b. Angle of elevation... 25/30°  
c. Compass angle bearing...
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? Went out of sight
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)... No
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity... Nil
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? Sun setting through smoke on summers day...
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.

Signature..... M. SKINNER

Date..... 13 FEB 70

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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: No military aircraft in vicinity  
A/C type...NA.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading...NA.....T.....T.....T  
Height...NA.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed...NA.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*...NA.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
33. The following civil aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time: No civil aircraft in vicinity  
A/C type...NA.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
Heading...NA.....T.....T.....T  
Height...NA.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed...NA.....K.....K.....K  
ATD/ATA\*...NA.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
\*Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude..3148.S.....Longitude..15220.E.....
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..Sydney.Observatory.advises.no.major.stellar.or..planetary.activity.at.that.time.....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from...Williamtown.....  
at.061700.....Z...Colour...White.....Weight...350.....gm  
Radio-sends\*\*/radar\*\*; Candle\*\*/battery\*\* (\*\*delete as required)  
General wind profile.....Calm.....  
Maximum height tracked.....Not.tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z  
Was it known to have burst?...NA.....  
The first significant temperature inversion was of .22...°C at  
...2500.....ft, measured at....06110.....Z hrs from...RAAF.....  
...WILLIAMTOWN....station.
38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating  
.....NA.....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~may~~ cannot\* be determined.
41. The object reported probably ~~xxxxx~~ may have been\* (delete as required).  
.....Satellite.....

Headquarters RAAF WILLIAMTOWN.....(Unit).....*Alka...*.....(Name)  
.....20 Feb 70.....(Date).....Flt Lt.....(Rank)

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REPORT OF AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

1. Attached is a report of an aerial object observed by Mrs R. Rankin.
2. The report was raised at the recent verbal request of the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who received the initial report from the observer.

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



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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL  
OBJECTS OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... MRS R. FANKIN ..... AGE... 51...
2. Address of observer... 7 GOLDEN GROVE RED HILL CANBERRA ACT .....  
..... PHONE 956904 .....
3. Occupation of observer... HOUSEWIFE .....
4. Date and time of observation... 22 JAN 70 ..... 8.10 PM .....
5. Duration of observation... 5 MINUTES .....
6. Observers location at time of sighting... ROSEDALE HEADLAND (SOUTH) .....  
5 MILES SOUTH OF MALUA BAY 60 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE CLEAR BRIGHT MOON .....  
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....  
VISUAL SIGHTINGS .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind  
a hill, over the horizon).  
TO SEAWARDS PROCEEDING SLOWLY DOWN COAST 1 MILE TO SEA .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).  
FLASHING RED LIGHTS .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....  
DEFINITE OBJECT BEHIND FLASHING LIGHTS .....
12. If there was more than one object:  
a. How many were there?..... ONE ONLY .....  
b. In what formation were they?... 2 .....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? RED/WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS .....
14. What was its apparent shape? SEE ATTACHED .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable? DISH LIKE - ONE LIKENING IT TO  
AN AIRBORNE CORVETTE .....

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?...**NO**.....
17. Was there any sound?...**NO NOISE**.....
18. What was its height? ( or angle of elevation) **200 - 300 FEET**.....
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) **VERY SLOW ALMOST HOVERING THEN ACCELERATING VERY FAST**
20. Was the object stationary?...**ALMOST**.....
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass?  
.. **FOLLOWING COASTLINE THEN SE TO SEAWARDS** .....
22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre at all?  
.. **ON A STRAIGHT COURSE PARALLEL TO COAST FOR APPROX 1 MILE THEN TO SEAWARDS** .....
23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen? **LIGHTS ONLY** .....
24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill, over the horizon)  
**TO SEAWARDS ACCELERATING VERY FAST AS IF DISAPPEARING INTO FOG - THERE WAS NO FOG** .....
25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photographs, or other supporting evidence)  
.. **NO** .....
26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?...**NO**.....
27. If so, give brief details of incident(s)..**7**.....
28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain about the answers given to 18 and 19.  
.. **WATCHING FISH SPOTTING AIRCRAFT IN SAME AREA** .....
29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?  
.. **NO** .....
30. Name and address of organisation..**7**.....
31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.  
**TWO CHILDREN PLAYING ON BEACH WERE SAID THEY SAW SOMETHING (COULD NOT DESCRIBE) SPLASH IN SEA ABOUT 8.30 PM - THEY WERE TERRIFIED** .....

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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:

Aircraft type. NONRA TRAINING AREA - NO NIGHT FLYING  
Heading.....T .....T .....T  
Height.....,000 ft ..... ,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

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

Aircraft type...NIL  
Heading.....T .....T .....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time: MOON APPROX 10 DEG ALPHARD  
8 DEG REGULUS 20 DEG

35. A meteorological balloon was released from NIL FROM 3PM - 9PM  
at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that aerial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time were

...NIL KNOWN.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satellites, rockets, research balloons).....NIL KNOWN

38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was.....

- ⊗ The object reported could have been A MIRROR IMAGE OF A NAVY VESSEL WHO USE BARS OF RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS IN TRAINING AREA - THE MOVING RED LIGHT COULD BE STEERING LIGHT ALTERING POSITION AS THE VESSEL TURNED - THE FLASHING EFFECT COULD BE CAUSED BY HAZE  
The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.

BSFBW.....(Unit) R.C. THORNE.....(Name)  
16 Feb 70.....(Date) FLT LT.....(Rank)

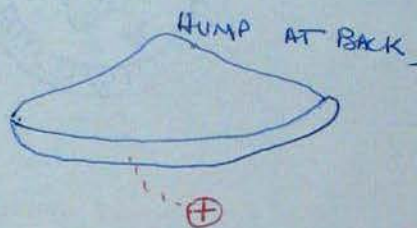
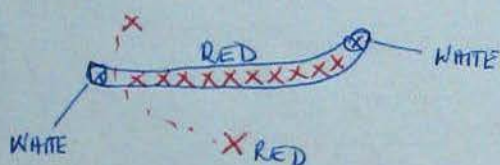
⊗ NoA

1. Dept of the Navy has advised that no naval vessels were in the area at the time  
2. I have discussed this with PLT LT THORNE who revised his entry at para 34 above to read "... a mirror image of a vessel using bars of red obstruction lights whilst transiting the naval training area....."  
19 Jan 70 PLT LT THORNE

OTHER OBSERVERS.

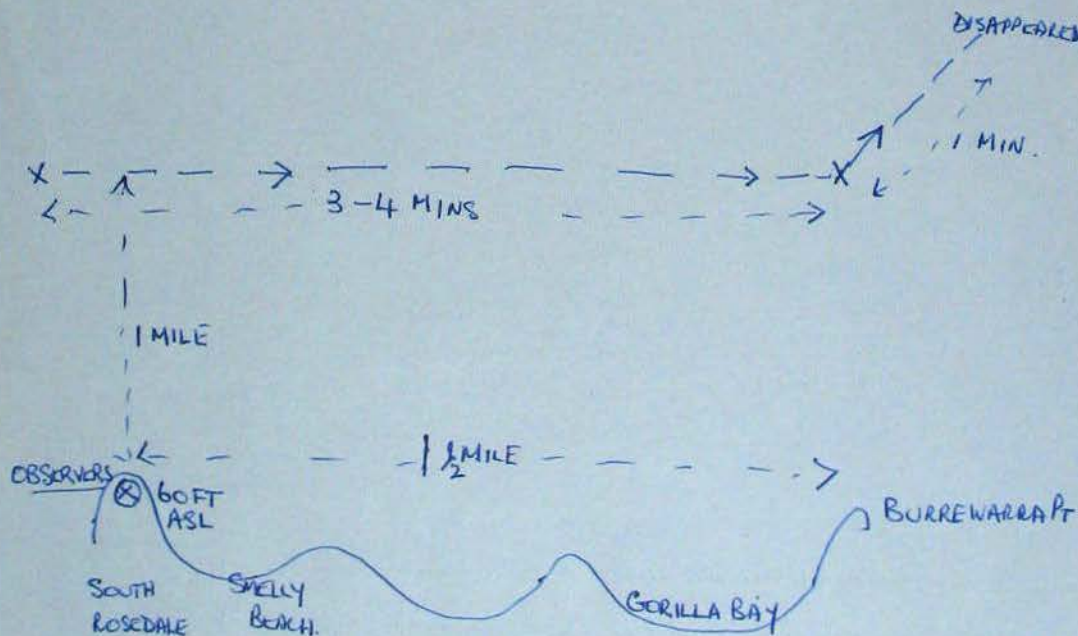
MRS NICHOLAS	17 GAWLER CR. DEAKIN.
MICHAEL NICHOLAS	17 GAWLER CR. DEAKIN
(X) MR. R. RANKIN	7 GORDEN GROVE RED HILL PHONE 956904
(X) PETER RANKIN	7 GORDEN GROVE RED HILL
(X) NOT INTERVIEWED	

SHAPE OF OBJECT



THE RED LIGHT BELOW OBJECT  
SEEMED TO MOVE INTO OBJECT

ROUTE OF OBJECT





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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report by Mr & Mrs T.W. Arblaster of East Bentleigh VIC concerning the sighting of an aerial object on Sunday 8th February 1970.
2. The report has been investigated by C Intell O and his comments appear at Part 2 of the pro-forma.

(E.K. KILDEY)  
Wing Commander

For Air Officer Commanding

Encl: ✓



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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

- MRS. VALERIE Y. ARBLASTER.....36 years  
1. Name of observers MR. THOMAS W. ARBLASTER Age 41 years  
2. Address of observers 362 CHESTERVILLE ROAD.....  
.....EAST BENTLEIGH 3165.....Phone 57 1028.....  
3. Occupation of observer SECRETARY (Mrs) TOOLMAKER (Mr.)...  
4. Date and time of start of observation SUNDAY, 8th FEB '70, 11:13pm  
How certain is the date? Accurate.....  
How accurate is the time of start? Within 2-3 minutes.....  
5. Duration of observation LESS THAN 1 MINUTE.....  
How accurate is your estimate? CLOSE.....  
6. Observer's location at time of sighting WELLINGTON ROAD.....  
BETWEEN RDVILLE & MULGRAVE.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality? TRAVEL THROUGH AREA WEEKLY  
7. Weather conditions at time of observation EXTREMELY CLEAR, ...  
..CLOUDLESS SKY, NO BREEZE, PERFECT CONDITIONS  
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NONE.....  
9. Where was object first observed? :  
a. Relative to your surroundings LOW IN SKY, ABOVE OPEN  
PAPPOK.....  
b. angle of elevation Apprx 35°.....  
c. compass angle bearing ?.....  
d. how accurate are these estimates? Approximate only.....  
10. What first attracted observer's attention? LARGE GLOWING  
OBJECT, STRANGE COLOUR - LUMINOUS PINK.....  
11. If there was more than one light/object :  
a. how many were there? SEE PAGE 3.....  
b. in what formation were they? .....  
12. What was the colour of the light or object? LUMINOUS PINK.....

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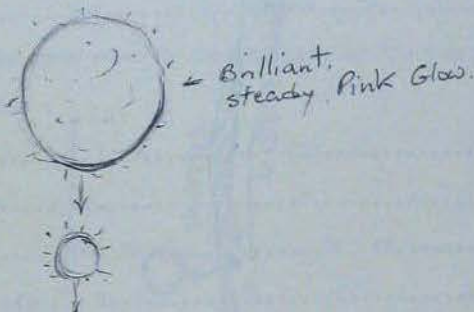
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards).... MUCH... BRIGHTER - GLOWING.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon... LARGER THAN FULL MOON.....  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... HARD TO JUDGE.....
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  
..... NO SOUND.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? APPROX 50' ABOVE GROUND.....
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 ALMOST.....  
STATIONARY - EXTREMELY SLOW + BRIEF DESCENT.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. APPROX 10 SECONDS.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres... VERY SLOW DESCENT.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen... SEE PAGE 3..
23. Where was object last observed : AS STATED ON PAGE 1  
a. relative to your surroundings... JUST DISAPPEARED BEFORE REACHING GROUND  
b. angle of elevation..... APPROX 30°.....  
c. compass angle bearing..... ?.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.. INSTANT.....
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... NOTHING...  
SPECIAL.....
27. How many witness to the sighting?.... OTHER THAN ABOVE NAMED, DO NOT KNOW.

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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?.....NOTHING SIMILAR.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..STRANGE. PINK COLOUR AND OBJECTS THAT DROPPED FROM MAIN UNIT...
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.



First noticed a large glowing pink light in the sky, much lower than a star, or even a plane, constant light, not flashing. Object began very slow descent, then stopped. Small glowing pink circular object descended from lower portion of larger object; about 2-3 seconds later, another small object descended. Both the small objects disappeared before reaching ground. Larger object then descended a little further, then it, too, vanished.

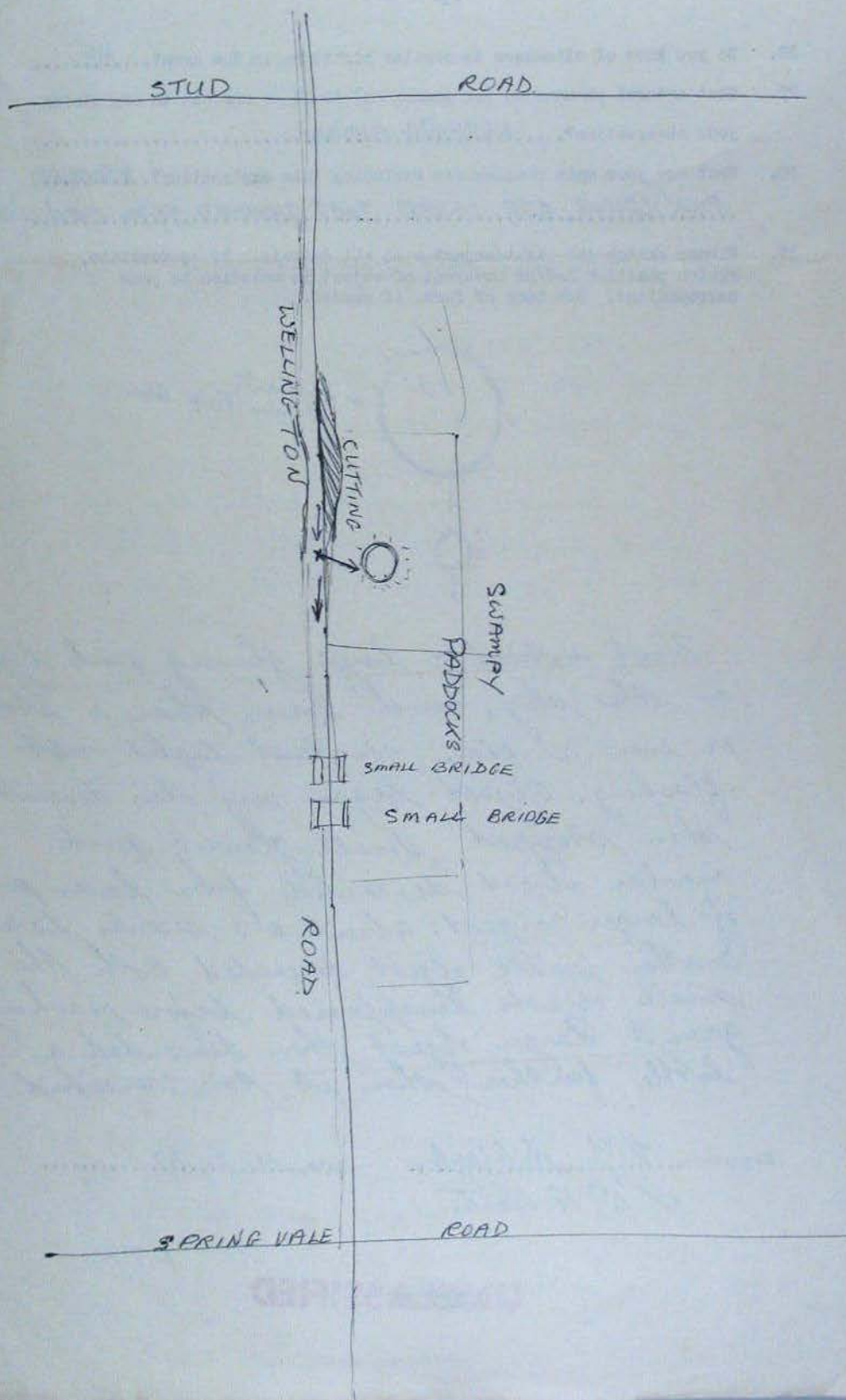
Signature... V. Y. Arblaster  
S. W. Arblaster

Date... 11.2.70.....

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AREA OF SIGHTING



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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location : Latitude.....37.525.....Longitude.....145.12E

35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only.....N/A  
PLANETS - NIL  
MAJOR STARS - CANOPUS EL 215°  
- RIGID HEAT EL 65° 42 45°

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....NIL IN AREA AT 1312Z.....  
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.....N/A.....°C at  
.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....  
.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting.....EL 214° EL 71°  
COSMOS 1465 73F 48-2312K  
NO REMARKS

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..... *NA*

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

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

*See below.*

1. Wellington Road, from where <sup>observed</sup> he saw the lights, runs approx East-West. The lights were noted on the left-hand side of road, whilst travelling West, thus the AZ would be around 180°.
2. From observations of the area made in daylight from approx location of sighting (as per diagram on back of page 3) the land on the left of Wellington Road is fairly flat for about 400-500 yards, then rises sharply to form a range of hills running not quite parallel with the road. Along the crest of these hills are high voltage S.E. transmission lines suspended from steel towers. There are very few houses in the area, the land being used for grazing purposes.

3. The likely cause of this sighting cannot be determined with any degree of certainty, but the following theories are postulated:-

- a. Satellite COSMOS 1965 T3F would have been visible in the general area at the time, but <sup>no</sup> report of this satellite breaking up has been received, this theory is unlikely.
- b. The objects sighted were light reflections on the S.E. cables from motor vehicles travelling on roads on the other side of the hills - i.e. on Police Road which runs parallel to Wellington Rd. or Jacksons Road which runs at 90° to Wellington Rd. Possibly, and the most likely, is
- c. The lights were caused by the ionization of the atmosphere surrounding the H.T. lines.

*H. J. S. R.* (Unit)..... *Harvey* (Name)  
23 FEB 70. (Date)..... FLT LT (Rank)

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RECEIVED AI202 AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT PD QANTAS

740 OVER ALICE SPRINGS ALTITUDE 37000FT EN ROUTE SYDNEY TO

DARWIN AT 221744Z SIGHTED A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT CMM SIMILAR TO

A STAR CMA ON THE GROUND APPROX 60-65NM AWAY ON BEARING 240

-250DEGREES PD THE LIGHT WAS VISIBLE FROM 0740 FOR ANOTHER

200NM PD

2 INVESTIGATION TURNED UP REPORT THAT MAGELLAN PETROLEUM

CONDUCTED NATURAL GAS BURN-OFF AT PALMER VALLEY 60-65NM

FROM ALICE SPRINGS BEARING 215-220 DEGREES AT TIME OF SIGHTING

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3 INFORMATION FORWARDED IN CASE THERE WERE OTHER SIGHTINGS PD

NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED

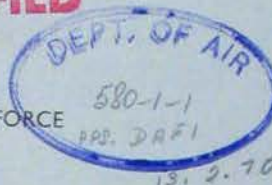
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed is a report on an unusual aerial sighting by  
Mr Neil Rudd.

*John B/L*  
(J.B. LUKER)  
Squadron Leader  
for Air Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part I - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... *MR. NEIL RUPP* ..... Age *39* .....
2. Address of observer... *11 ALICIA ST.* .....  
..... *T. O. M. B. L.* ..... Phone *66.96.01* .....
3. Occupation of observer *NEWS EDITOR* ..... *AND RADIO NEWS SERVICE* .....
4. Date and time of start of observation... *112955K Feb 70* .....  
How certain is the date?... *positive* .....  
How accurate is the time of start... *± 5 MINS* .....
5. Duration of observation... *15 MINS* .....  
How accurate is your estimate?... *± 2 MINS* .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... *400KF address* .....  
.....  
How familiar is observer with this locality?... *lived in* .....  
*area for 8 years* .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... *overcast* .....  
*broken cloud overhead* .....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... *Nil* .....  
.....
9. Where was object first observed:  
(a) Relative to your surroundings... *East. North East* .....  
.....  
(b) angle of elevation... *30° above horizon* .....  
(c) compass angle bearing... *060° T* .....  
(d) how accurate are these estimates... *± 10°* .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?... *small light* .....  
*light moving* .....
11. If there was more than one light/object: *N/A* .....  
(a) how many were there? .....  
(b) in what formation were they? .....

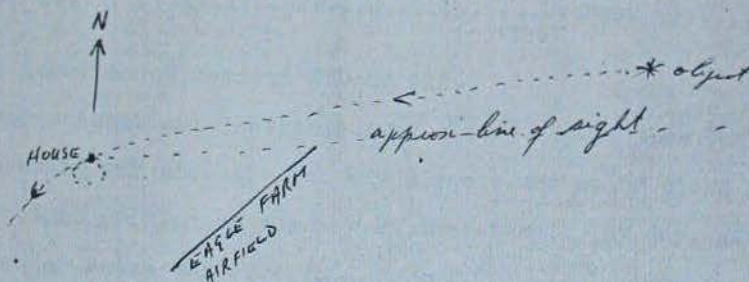
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12. What was the colour of the light or object?... *white*.....
13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, e.g. ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... *dim. white star*.....
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
- (a) relative to Venus or Moon.... *approx. = Venus*.....
- (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes).... *1/2"*.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.. *90° above horizon, estimated*.....
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)?.. *30° to 90°*.....
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.....
- 1st. 15° travelled in 4 to 5 minutes, reaching 45° in 10 mins ± 2 mins*.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases. *1st. almost overhead, 1st. 1st.*.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.... *circle once overhead*.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.. *short trail light briefly*.....
23. Where was object last observed:
- (a) relative to your surroundings.. *still almost overhead but heading SW*.....
- (b) angle of elevation.... *90°*.....
- (c) compass angle bearing.... *225°*.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?.. *light disappeared*.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *No*.....

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26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity. *Junior level geometry and general knowledge*
27. How many witness to the sighting? *5 adults + 4 children*
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? *No*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? *Appaloosa flight*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? *observed Appaloosa flights and app. not quite the same*
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.  
*Brilliant white flashes increasing size of object by 10 to 12 times normal when in almost overhead position.*



Signature *H. H. H.* Date *12 Feb 70*

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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 C-47 BEA.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
 Heading FORWITS BN.....T.....T.....T  
 Height 10,000.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
 Speed 150.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\* FROM 1840K to 2230 K hrs.....hrs.....hrs  
7 cameras in area only 4 or 5 up at one time

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

A/C type PA-6.....(1).....(2).....(3)  
 Heading.....T.....T.....T  
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000ft  
 Speed.....K.....K.....K  
 ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

\* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 27° 24' S Longitude 153° 04'

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 P. N. NE SKY.....  
REGULUS in NE SKY 22° Elevation 060 T.

36. A meteorological balloon was released from ENSELE FARM.....  
 at 1100.....Z Colour WHITE.....Weight 350.....gm  
 Radio-sonde \*\* / radar \*\*: Candle \*\* / battery \*\* (\*\*delete as required)  
 General wind profile 2000 FT 130/16, 5000 FT 120/25, 18,000 FT 200/12  
 Maximum height tracked.....54.....,000 ft at 1154.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....No.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....6.....°C at  
6700.....ft, measured at 1104.....Z hrs from 5955.....  
FARM.....station.

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

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39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..... *All navigator lights operating* .....
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can <sup>\*</sup>/~~cannot~~ <sup>\*</sup> be determined.
41. The object reported probably was <sup>\*</sup>/~~may have been~~ <sup>\*</sup> (delete as required)  
... *Canberra JBX completing circuits of Leigh Salmon then departing for Amberley at approx. time of sighting* .....

..... *110. 82 WING* ..... (Unit) ..... *FCI LT J.W. HESHER* ..... (Name)

..... *12 FEB 70* ..... (Date) ..... *FCI LT* ..... (Rank)

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*See folio 9*

Headquarters Operational Command  
RAAF  
PERNITH NSW 2750

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Reference: A. HQOC ASI No 3/A/5

1. Attached are two copies of a report on an unidentified flying object which was sighted at Rosedale Headland NSW on 22nd January 1970.
2. The report was raised at the recent verbal request of the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence who received the initial report from the observer.

*K.R. McMartin*  
(K.R. McMARTIN)  
Flight Lieutenant  
For Officer Commanding

For Information

Department of Air (DAFI)

D/DAFI (IR)

*Folio 2 refers.*

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*F. F. L. L.*  
*McMartin*

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INTELLIGENCE - REPORT OF AERIAL  
OBJECTS OBSERVED

(Operational Command ASI 3/A/5)

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

1. Name of observer... MRS. F. PARRIN ..... AGE... 51...
2. Address of observer... 7. GOLDEN GROVE, RED HILL, CANBERRA ACT .....  
..... PHONE 956304 .....
3. Occupation of observer... HOUSEWIFE .....
4. Date and time of observation... 22 JAN 70 ..... 8.10 PM .....
5. Duration of observation... 5 MINUTES .....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... ROSEDALE HEADLAND (SOUTH) .....  
5 MILES SOUTH OF MAINA BAY 60 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL .....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE CLEAR BRIGHT MOON .....  
.....
8. Describe any aids or equipment used in the observation.....  
VISUAL SIGHTINGS .....
9. Where was object first observed? (eg, overhead, coming from behind  
a hill, over the horizon).  
TO SEAWARDS PROCEEDING SLOWLY DOWN COAST 1 MILE TO SEA .....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? (eg, light or noise).  
FLASHING RED LIGHTS .....
11. Did object appear as a light or as a definite object? .....  
DEFINITE OBJECT BEHIND FLASHING LIGHTS .....
12. If there was more than one object:  
a. How many were there?..... ONE ONLY .....  
b. In what formation were they?..... + .....
13. What was the colour of the light or object? RED/WHITE FLASHING LIGHTS .....
14. What was its apparent shape?..... SEE ATTACHED .....
15. Was any detail of structure observable?..... DISH LIKE - ONE LITERING IT TO  
AN AIRBORNE CORVETTE .....

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16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... NO
17. Was there any sound?..... NO NOISE
18. What was its height? ( or angle of elevation) 200 - 300 FEET
19. What was its speed? (or angular velocity) VERY SLOW ALMOST HOVERING  
THEN ACCELERATING VERY FAST
20. Was the object stationary?..... ALMOST
21. What was the direction of flight with reference to landmarks or  
points of the compass?  
..... FOLLOWING COASTLINE THEN SE TO SEAWARDS
22. Did the object remain on a straight path, deviate, or manoeuvre  
at all?  
..... ON A STRAIGHT COURSE PARALLEL TO COAST FOR APPROX 1 MILE THEN TO SEAWARDS
23. Was any trail of exhaust, vapour, or light seen?..... LIGHTS ONLY
24. Where did object disappear? (eg, in mid-air, behind a hill,  
over the horizon)  
..... TO SEAWARDS ACCELERATING VERY FAST AS IF DISAPPEARING INTO FOG - THERE  
WAS NO FOG
25. Do you know of any physical evidence? (such as fragments, photo-  
graphs, or other supporting evidence)  
..... NO
26. Have you observed any unusual phenomena previously?..... NO
27. If so, give brief details of incident(s).....
28. State any experience which enables observer to be reasonable certain  
about the answers given to 18 and 19.  
..... WATCHING FISH SPOTTING AIRCRAFT IN SAME AREA
29. Are you a member of any organization interested in aerial phenomena?  
..... NO
30. Name and address of organisation.....
31. Any additional information which relates to the sighting.  
..... TWO CHILDREN PLAYING ON BEACH WERE SAID THEY SAW SOMETHING (COULD NOT  
DESCRIBE) SPLASH IN SEA ABOUT 8.30 PM - THEY WERE TERRIFIED

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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:

Aircraft type.....HOWRA TRAINING AREA - NO NIGHT FLYING.....  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

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

Aircraft type.....NIL.....  
Heading.....T.....T.....T  
Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft.....,000 ft  
Speed.....K.....K.....K

34. Calculations show that the following planets or major stars were in that portion of the sky at the time:.....MOON APPROX 10 DEG ALPHARD.....

.....8 DEG REGULUS 20 DEG.....

35. A meteorological balloon was released from.....NIL FROM 3PM - 9PM.....  
at.....Z and could have been in the reported UFO position at the time.

36. The State Observatory in the nearest capital city affirms that arial phenomena in that portion of the sky at the time were

.....NIL KNOWN.....(comet, meteorite shower, etc).

37. Any other relevant remarks (eg about satellites, rockets, research balloons).....NIL KNOWN.....

38. There is conclusive evidence that the object reported was.....

39. The object reported could have been.....A MIRROR IMAGE OF A NAVY VESSEL WHO USE BARS OF RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS IN TRAINING AREA - THE MOVING RED LIGHT COULD BE STEERING LIGHT ALTERING POSITION AS THE VESSEL TURNED - THE FLASHING EFFECT COULD BE CAUSED BY HAZE.....

The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting cannot be determined.

.....BSPBN.....(Unit).....Romer.....(Name)  
.....16 Feb 70.....(Date).....R.G. THORPE.....(Rank)  
.....FLT LT.....(Rank)

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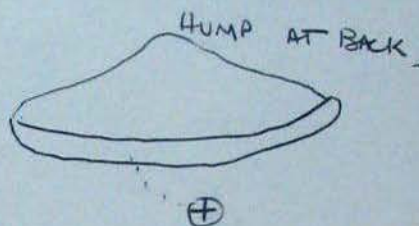
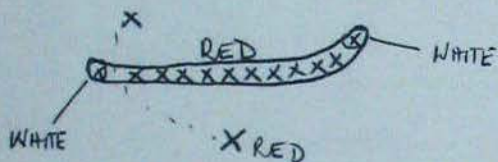
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OTHER OBSERVERS.

MRS NICHOLAS  
MICHAEL NICHOLAS  
(X) MR. R. RANKIN  
(Y) PETER RANKIN  
(X) NOT INTERVIEWED

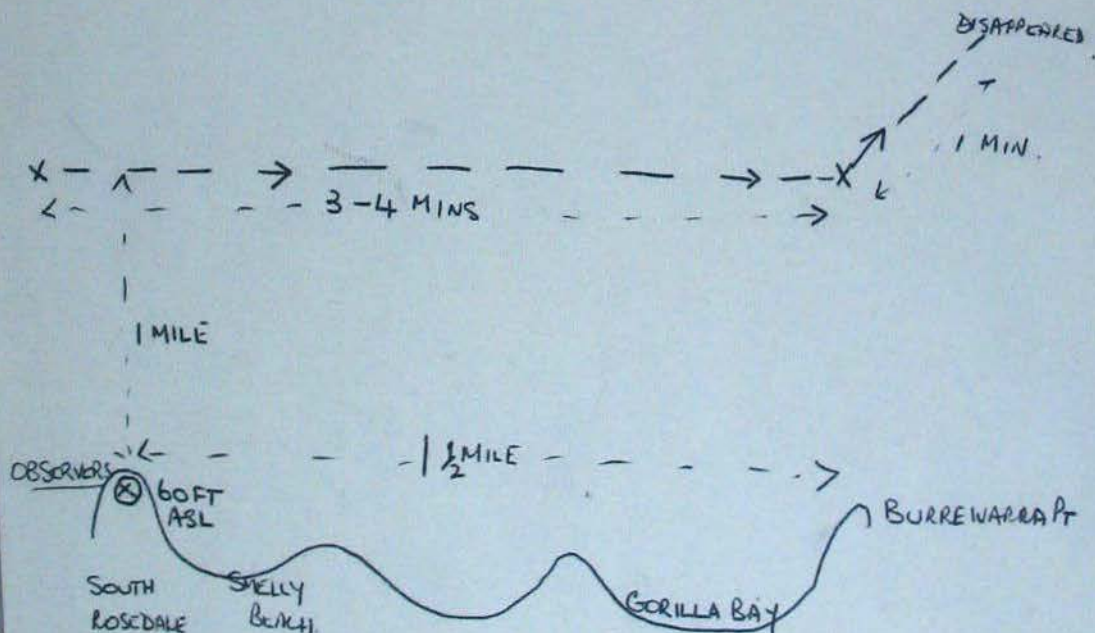
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7 GORDEN GROVE RED HILL PHONE 956904  
7 GORDEN GROVE RED HILL

SHAPE OF OBJECT



THE RED LIGHT BELOW OBJECT  
SEEMED TO MOVE INTO OBJECT

ROUTE OF OBJECT



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RUDD OF 11 ALICIA ST TOOMBUL REPORTED SIGHTING OCCURING AT 111055Z  
PD WHITE CIRCULAR LIGHT TRAVELLING FROM EAST TO OVERHEAD BRISBANE THEN  
SOUTH WEST PD REPORT FOLLOWS

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Pr B.

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UFOLOGY

Roy

Pass to Fairbairn  
to action. pls advise  
me of any results.

The people to Contact  
are MR+MRS R Rankin  
7 Golden Grove  
Red Hill

Phone 95 6904

I would be interested  
in any results

6 Feb 70.

Ern Carney  
DEPA.

NOA have contacted Fairbairn.  
(BS Admin - Keith McMartin) who will  
handle and let me know. t. 9 Feb.

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