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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Subject "Flying Saucers"

Request by Mr. J. B. Hubbard
Daily News. "Chicago" correspondent.
for information.

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DEFENCE REGISTRY

Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

14th August, 1952.

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of
13th August, 1952, on the subject of "Flying Saucers".

I am giving consideration to the questions
you have submitted in this connection, and will
communicate with you further as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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August 13, 1952

The Hon. Philip A. McBride
Minister for Defense
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT



Dear Sir:

The Chicago Daily News Foreign Service, which I represent in Australia, is preparing for 60 U.S. and Canadian daily newspapers what is intended to be the most comprehensive examination yet made of the "flying saucer" situation.

This examination is being prepared on a world-wide basis, and I have been assigned the task of obtaining all possible information that would shed any light on whether the "saucers" reported in Australia are explainable objects or not.

In this connection, I would greatly appreciate knowing if your department--within the limits of security--can furnish me replies to the following questions:

1. Has Australia developed any missiles which have provided a basis for "flying saucer" reports?

2. Is there any evidence in your possession tending to prove or disprove the existence of "saucers" as mysterious aircraft or missiles?

3. Is the Defense Department concerned over the mysterious phenomena Australians have reported seeing in the skies?

4. Is the Department making any investigation into these reports? If so, has the investigation provided any conclusive proof of the existence or non-existence of "flying saucers"?

5. Is there any scientific basis for worry over these phenomena?

I should like to make the point here that the Daily News' examination is a completely open-minded one aimed at obtaining all possible evidence. It is not being made on any prior assumptions that "saucers" are space ships, hallucinations, or what-have-you.

Whatever assistance you can give, therefore, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,


FRED B. HUBBARD

Daily News correspondent.