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1	ROKENOOD VIC 1 JUL 73	MR. J. S. LEEMON	13 JUL 73	22 AUG 73 ✓	LIGHT AIRCRAFT
2	ROKENOOD VIC 4 JUL 73	MR. S. J. KLEIN	12 JUL 73	9 AUG 73 ✓	REFLECTION OF SUN FROM ICE LAYER OR CLOUD
3	GAP HILL VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. N. THURGOOD	1 AUG 73 <del>23 JUL 73</del>		 <p>Meteor.</p>
	KYNETON VIC 23 JUL 73	MRS. A. MILLER	"		
	TOORAK VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. R. A. COLLIS	"		
	PRESTON VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. R. G. TANNER	"		
	BURWOOD VIC 23 JUL 73	MRS. J. G. STEVENSON	"		
	KEILOR VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. A. M. WRIGHT	"		
	FRANKSTON VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. C. J. ADAMS	"	22 AUG 73 ✓	
	GLENHUNTLY VIC 23 JUL 73	MRS. D. E. TULLY	"		
	EAST HAWTHORN VIC 23 JUL 73	MRS. N. K. PERRY	"		
	PRISLEY VIC 23 JUL 73	THE VEN. E. SWEETMAN	"		
	ASCOT VALE VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. R. J. WOOD	"		
	TYLDEN VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. B. E. COHEN M.D.	"		
	BALLARAT VIC 23 JUL 73	J. & B. ROLLINS	"		
	BALLARAT VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. C. J. UNIACKE	"		
	EAST BURWOOD VIC 23 JUL 73	MR. D. W. READ	"		

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SIGHTING # 3.

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BALLARAT	VIC	MR. C.J. UNIACKE
EAST BURWOOD	VIC	MR. D.W. READ
<del>BEAUMARIS</del>	<del>VIC</del>	<del>MISS. M. HAMILTON</del>
<del>WATSONIA</del>	<del>VIC</del>	<del>MR. S. DORIGOTTI</del>
ESSENDON	VIC	C. C. BINMORE

580/1/1 Pt27 (3p)

12 OCT 1973

Mr C.J. Adams,  
22 Bembridge Avenue,  
FRANKSTON VIC 3199

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 5th October 1973.

According to our records Skylab would not have been visible over the Melbourne area at about 6.40 pm on 22nd August. The most recent information indicates, however, that there are currently 2949 man-made objects orbiting the earth. Predictions are made only for twelve selected satellites of optimum visible magnitude. The object sighted by you was probably a short-lived satellite or other space associated equipment.

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

Yours faithfully,

*G.J. Odgers*  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations



Not  
See file 3g and  
subsequent letter from  
Adams  
*Legal  
R2.*

Noted Oct 73.  
Dep by SPR  
12-10-73

24 AUG 1973

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Mr G.C. Binmore,  
61 McCracken Street,  
ESSENDON VIC 3040

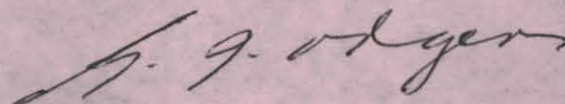
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Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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DMS  
23 Aug 73*

# MEMORANDUM

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OUR FILE

5/6/1/Air (43)

FROM

HQSC

DATE

2 AUG 73

TO

DEPAIR

ATTENTION

DAF1 IR2

REFERENCES

SUBJECT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed are meteorite sighting reports for 23rd 24th July 1973

2. An extract from Aviation Week is forwarded for your information.



SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

PRINTED NAME

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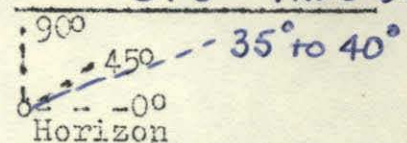
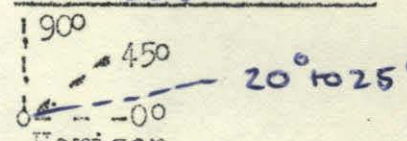
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer GEOFFREY. G. BINMORE Age 28 YRS  
Address 61 M<sup>c</sup> CRACKEN STREET ESSENDON  
State VICT. Postcode 3040  
Occupation AIRLINE PILOT  
Phone (home) 337 7413 (business) N/A.
2. Exact location of observer FACING NORTH IN LINCOLN ROAD ESSENDON OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 71.
3. Start of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1747 ~~am~~/pm } 3 SECS  
End of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1747 ~~am~~/pm } DURATION.
4. Accuracy of date 100% Times 100%
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc NIL CLOUD, WIND CALM.  
VISIBILITY AT LEAST 20 NM.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? 010° TRUE BRG.  
You   
Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? 350° T.  
You   
Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
2000ft at 3 nm. Descending to 800 ft. (Purely depending on apparent size and SPEED of course)
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

The single object sighted was bright green, similar in colour to green of a new traffic signal. It was circular in shape and as bright as the planet Venus is at the moment.

The size of the object can not be definitely given as it depends on the actual speed and distance, but if it was moving across the sky where it appeared to be i.e. from about over Stratmore towards Melbourne Airport, then it could only have been as big as a light twin engined a/c such as a Cessna 420. I suspect that this was an optical illusion, when the rate of descent is considered.

The most striking feature was what appeared to be two bright white capacitor discharge or "strobe" lamps, flashing simultaneously one on each end (or side depending on its orientation) and a long almost sparkling bright white trail following behind for a distance of about 5 times the diameter of the object. Its movement was rapid and smooth curving down in a ~~an~~ decreasing arc towards the ground (or over the horizon). The method of propulsion was not obvious compared with any methods known to me and there was no sound associated with it. (although I was in a closed car at the time). It simply disappeared on track behind some houses at the top<sup>10</sup> of the hill.

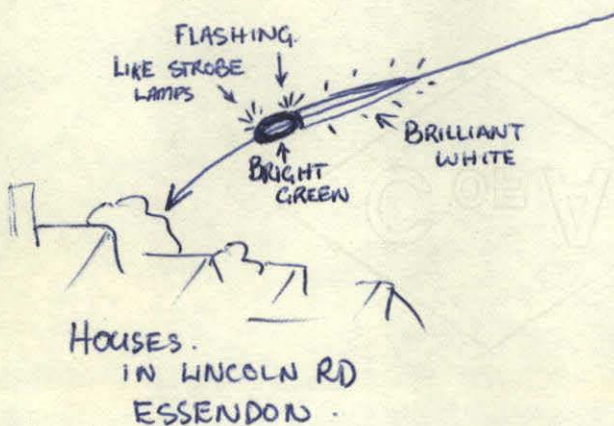
See over at section 12/ for sketches.

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

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

Miss Anne Sutcliffe - 71 LINCOLN RD  
ESSENDON 3040

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.



After the sighting, which occurred through enough time to alert the above person Miss Sutcliffe to look up and observe it, I asked her to describe what she saw in detail. She described very much what I had seen with the added point that she thought the object looked like a bright green "CIRCULAR FLOURESCENT TUBE"

She did not notice any flashing white lights. Perhaps, because I had longer to observe the object and because being a pilot I tend to take more notice of aerial phenomena, I was able to note a little more than she did? I am very interested in this sighting and ~~it~~ would appreciate a copy of any report which may be made on it.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.

I am Yours. Sincerely

Geoff. G. Binnmore.

Part 2 - Unit Report

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

/4. Details

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

Source of information

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

Source of information

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

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

Cloud Cover type

Temperature inversion of °C at ft measured at from hrs

Wind direction at ft

at ft

at ft

at ft

Pollution level

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

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Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

1.      a. Date of interview \_\_\_\_\_  
         b. Place of interview \_\_\_\_\_
2.      Names and addresses of persons interviewed (include  
         phone numbers where applicable)  
         1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_
3.      Narrative evaluation of personalities of witnesses  
         (include any relationship with UFO organizations and their  
         interest in subject matter).
4.      Investigating Officer's evaluation of possible cause(s).

*Meteorite*

HQSCY (Unit)      R.O. Gibbs (Name)  
9 AUG 73 (Date)      Clg Off (Rank)

Part 2 - Unit Report

23 JUL  
1745

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Source of information \_\_\_\_\_

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

Temperature (dry bulb) 12 °C (wet bulb) 9 °C Relative Humidity 64 %

Cloud Cover 1/8 St Cu 3000' type \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature inversion of 4.5 °C at surf ft to 600' measured at  
from LAV 2°C fm 5000 to 6000' hrs 2100 EST

2100 EST Wind direction 150° @ 6 kts at 3000 ft

130° @ 10 v at 5 v ft

170° @ 4 v at 10 ft

200 @ 16 v at 15 ft

Pollution level \_\_\_\_\_

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          1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_
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Meteorite with the possible  
exception of Padre Sweetman's sighting

425CU (Unit)      Gibbs (Name)  
2 AUG 73 (Date)      Flight. (Rank)

24 AUG 1973

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Mr D.W. Read,  
19 Crow Street,  
EAST BURWOOD VIC 3151

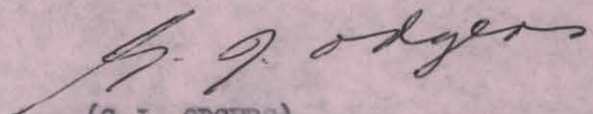
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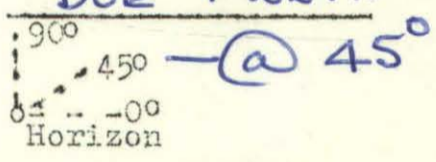
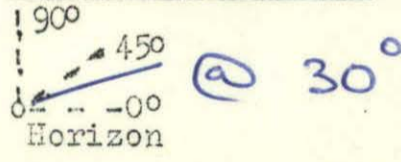


(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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*4/24/73*  
*DM*  
*23 Aug 73*

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer DAVID W. REND Age 42  
Address 19 CROW ST E. BURWOOD  
State VIC Postcode 3151  
Occupation ENGINEERING MANAGER  
Phone (home) 288-5053 (business) 544-5955
2. Exact location of observer CORNER OF  
BURWOOD HIGHWAY AND MIDDLEBOROUGH RD EAST BURWOOD
3. Start of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1715 <sup>HRS</sup> am/pm  
End of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1715 <sup>HRS</sup> am/pm
4. Accuracy of date Monday 23-July 73 Times 1715 HRS <sup>PLUS OR MINUS SECS ONLY</sup>
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc FOG STARTING  
TO COME DOWN VISIBILITY AT GROUND LEVEL  
5 TO 6 MILES
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
DUE NORTH  
At what angle to the horizon?  
  
You 0°  
Horizon 90°
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
20° WEST OF DUE NORTH  
At what angle to the horizon?  
  
You 0°  
Horizon 90°
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
NO IDEA
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

At The Time Mentioned on  
Page 1. The Object Appeared  
Due North From Where My Car Was  
Parked. The Duration of The  
Observation Was No Longer Than  
One Second And The Object  
Was Very Small Approx  $\frac{1}{16}$ " in Dia.  
At My Point Of Observation.

The Colour of The Object  
Appeared To Be Royal Blue And  
This Colour Remained Unchanged  
For The Duration of The Sighting.

My Own Estimation is That  
Which I Saw Was A Meteor

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

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible) NONE.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make. NONE.

Date 30-7-73.

Signature *John Read.*

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24 AUG 1973

Mr C.J. Uniacke,  
12 Little Valley Road,  
TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3106

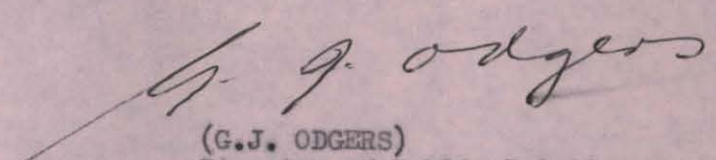
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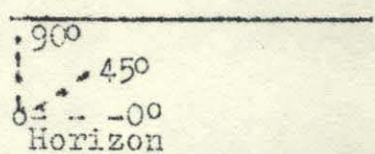
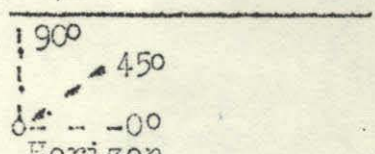
  
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Director of Public Relations

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4/8/73  
JAM  
23 Aug 73*

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer C. J. UNIACKE (MR) Age 48.  
Address 12 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD  
TEMPLESTOWN State Vic. Postcode 3106  
Occupation Mng. Director  
Phone (home) 846-2021 (business) 792-9455
2. Exact location of observer BALLARAT  
DID NOT NOTE NAME OF STREET.
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 6.45 am/pm APPROX.  
End of observation: Date 4.005 Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc Clear sky  
No wind. Good visibility.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? N.EAST.  
At what angle to the horizon? 75°.  

7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? N.N.EAST.  
At what angle to the horizon? 45°.  

8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
6000' - 8000'
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

Object was a blue green light  
with a silver tail. ~~then~~

Cylindrical in shape and moving,  
probably at a speed of at least a  
couple of hundred miles per hour.

No sound was evident and before  
reaching the horizon it just disappeared.

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

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

MR. B. K. CORAM

BOUNDARY ROAD.

BRAESIDE VIC.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date

29/7/73

Signature

[Signature]

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24 AUG 1973

Mr B.E. Cohen,  
16 Bayndon Street,  
KYNETON VIC 3444

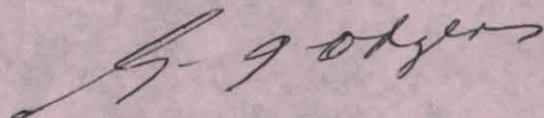
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(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*Handwritten note:*  
A. 4/11/73  
D.H.  
23 Aug 73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Bryan Ernest COHEN Age 45  
Address 16 Baynton St  
Kyneton State Vic Postcode 3444  
Occupation Medical practitioner  
Phone (home) 221622 (business) 221622
2. Exact location of observer In car travelling from  
Heatham to Kyneton approx 2 miles from Kyneton
3. Start of observation: Date 23.7.83 Time 5.45 am/pm  
End of observation: Date " " Time " " am/pm
4. Accuracy of date on sure date Times with no suns.
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring  
to cloud, wind, visibility etc early evening. Some  
cloud, visibility good.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
Right hand side gear approx South east.  
At what angle to the horizon?  
about 60°

90°  
45°  
0°  
Horizon

You
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
Left hand side gear approx North west.  
At what angle to the horizon?  
about 60-70°

90°  
45°  
0°  
Horizon

You
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
I would have no idea
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own  
words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape,  
brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound,  
speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance  
and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

I was travelling home from a visit to a patient and about 5-6 miles from Trentham I observed a bright incandescient object travelling in air and across the evening sky. I was able to observe it for about 30 seconds but as I was travelling at 70-80 mph. I was more concerned with forward vision on the road so did not observe it closely.

It was an orange-blue colour with a greenish perimeter

I wondered if this colour could be reflected light from the setting sun.

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

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

None from position  
on Truntham Kyneton road

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 26/7/73

Signature *Collier*

24 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt27 (3k)

Mr R.J. Wood,  
236 Ascot Vale Road,  
ASCOT VALE VIC 3032

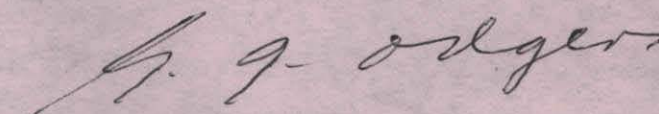
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We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

*F  
23 Aug 73  
DMS*

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer WOOD RONALD JAMES Age 50 8/12  
Address 236 ASCOT VALE RD  
ASCOT VALE State VICT Postcode 3032.  
Occupation TRANSPORT DRIVER (OIL)  
Phone (home) — (business) 64-2331 (B.P. AUSTR)
2. Exact location of observer OUTSIDE OF 236 ASCOT VALE RD ASCOT VALE
3. Start of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1745 am/pm  
End of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 1745 am/pm +2 or 3 SECS
4. Accuracy of date MONDAY 23-7-73 Times APPROX WITHIN 2 MINS
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc NO CLOUD  
NO WIND VISIBILITY GOOD.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
At what angle to the horizon? NORTHERN SKY EAST  
90°  
45° ✓ 450  
You 0° - 00°  
Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? NORTH WEST.  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
45° ✓ 450.  
You 0° - 00°  
Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
3 MILES:- GAVE THE IMPRESSION IT WOULD BE OVER ESSON DON DROME.
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

AT ABOUT 1745 HRS ON 23-7-73 I WAS STANDING ON THE EAST SIDE OF ASCOT VALE RD FACING NORTH AND ABOUT TO COVER THE WIND SCREEN OF MY PANEL VAN; AS WEATHER CONDITIONS INDICATED A FROST WAS DUE THAT NIGHT.

SUDDENLY FROM BEHIND A CHURCH BUILDING ON THE CORNER OF MOONEE ST (EAST SIDE ASCOT VALE RD). A BRILLIANT GREENISH BLUE LIGHT APPEARED WITH A WHITE VAPOR LIKE TAIL. I BELIEVE I OBSERVED THIS FOR 2 OR 3 SECONDS BEFORE IT DISSAPPEARED FROM MY VIEW BECAUSE MY VIEW WAS BLOCIED BY THE ROOF STRUCTURE ON A HOUSE NO 241 ON THE WEST SIDE OF ASCOT VALE RD.

I DID NOT SEE ANY BURNING AFFECT AS IS GENERALLY SEEN WITH SO CALLED "FALLING DEBRIS" WHICH TO MY PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS OF THESE, THEY ARE JUST A FLASH TRAILING "SPARKS" AND HEADING EARTHWARDS

FOR THE TIME I SAW THIS OBJECT, IT WAS TRAVELLING FROM EAST TO WEST IN THE NORTHERN SKY IN A STRAIGHT LINE OF FLIGHT, VERY FAST, NO SOUND WAS AUDIBLE TO ME

THE UNFORTUNATE FACT IS THAT I DID NOT REALISE AT THE TIME WHAT I WAS WATCHING; HAD I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE I WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE ABLE TO PERHAPS GIVE MORE DETAILS, IN OTHER WORDS; I JUST THOUGHT TO MY SELF "THAT WAS A BEAUT BIT OF DEBRIS BECAUSE IT DID NOT BURN OUT WHILST IN MY VIEW."

I AM UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE METHOD OF PROPULSION BECAUSE THE "TAIL" COULD HAVE BEEN A VAPOUR TRAIL AND AS I HAVE SAID I HEARD NO SOUND.

/10.

A SKETCH BY ME WOULD NOT DO JUSTICE TO THE OBJECT AS I HAVE EXPLAINED ABOVE; TO ME IT WAS BRIGHT GREENISH BLUE ~~WITH~~ WITH A WHITE "TAIL" THE "TAIL" WAS PROBABLY ABOUT THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE "LIGHT"

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

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

NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE DISTANCE AND HIGHT MEASUREMENTS FROM MY POINT OF STANDING AND THE BUILDINGS MENTIONED I WILL BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE. AS I LOOK NORTH FROM MY SIGHTING POSITION\* THE GROUND IS GAINING ELEVATION.

Date 26-7-73.

Signature R Wood.

580/1/1 Pt27 (3j)

24 AUG 1973

The Venerable E. Sweetman,  
Chancery House,  
RAAF  
485 Bourke Street,  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

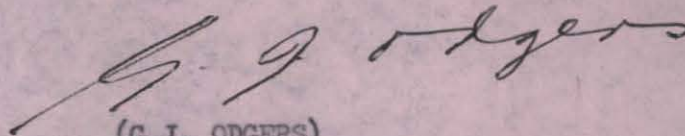
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Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

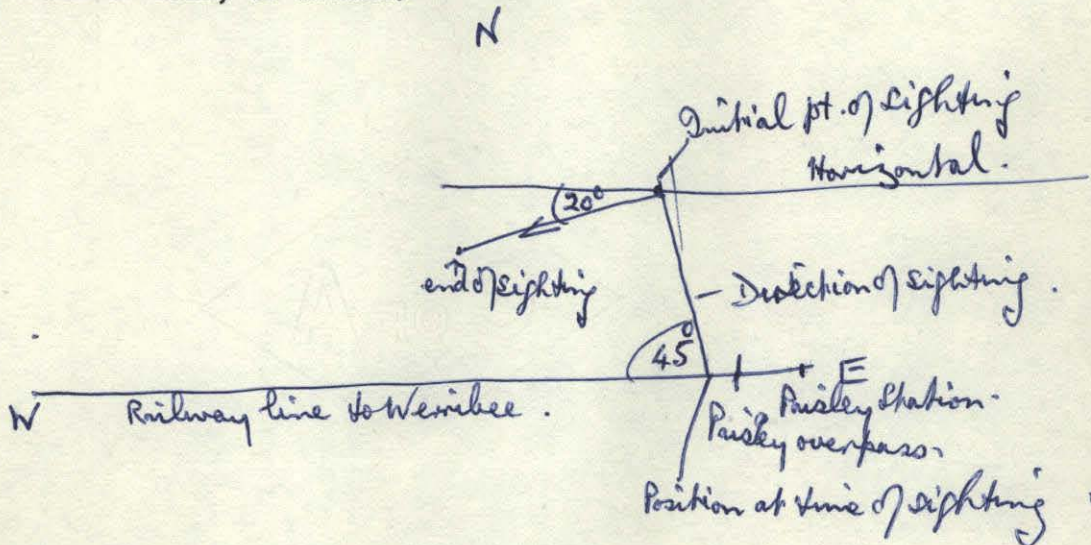
PART I - REPORT BY OBSERVER

(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. *The Ven. E. Sweetman* Age *57*
2. Address of observer. *Chancery House, RAAF 485 Bourke St, Melbourne.*  
..... Phone *600261 ext 474*
3. Occupation of observer. *Principal Air Chaplain, RAAF.*
4. Date and time of start of observation. *23 July 73 - between 1741 hrs and 1755 hrs*  
How certain is the date? *Certain*  
How accurate is the time of start? *Sighted from the 1749 hrs train ex Spencer's St, scheduled at Paisley 1741, but running a little late.*
5. Duration of observation. *a few seconds (3 or 4)*  
How accurate is your estimate? *normal accuracy*
6. Observer's location at time of sighting. *In railway carriage, facing West, slightly to West of Paisley overpass, looking through adjacent window towards the North*  
How familiar is observer with this locality? *Quite familiar*
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. *clear sky, pre-frost conditions, little wind, small fog patches beginning at ground level, few low clouds on horizon.*
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. *Nil*
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings. *See Para 6 - hence to NNW of my position*
  - b. Angle of elevation. *approx. 45° from my position*
  - c. Compass angle bearing. *—*
  - d. How accurate are these estimates? *only general*
10. What first attracted observer's attention? *The light in the sky moving to the West, on a trajectory roughly 30° down from the horizontal*
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? *Similar to a star seen at a higher elevation within one minute after lighting - slightly blue-green tinge due to the twilight conditions*

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). *Not a very strong glow, but stronger than the star referred to - enough to attract attention.*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:
- Relative to Venus or Moon... *? double magnitude of star mentioned above*
  - Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)... *does not apply*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? *W. - E. Horizontal Trajectory*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *Disappeared Far too far away for any detectable source of light.*
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)? *See Para 15 - approx. angle of descent  $20^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ}$  from horizontal.*
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... *Not available*
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:
- Relative to your surroundings... *See Para 6*
  - Angle of elevation... *See Para 15*
  - Compass angle bearing... *? NNW*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *ceased to give light*
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... *purely from training in mathematics*
27. How many witnesses to the sighting)? *My wife, sitting next to me*

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?... *? meteorite ? space debris burning up.* .....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?.....  
*I do not exclude 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.



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My wife & I both saw the light object, the sighting lasting for only a few seconds. The impression was of a distant object, equivalent to a "shooting star", travelling in the flat trajectory indicated. I would guess that the distance travelled by the object from initial sighting to end of sighting would be only about 5° of direction. There was no flare at the end of sighting - merely a disappearance of light.

Signature *E. Sweetman* .....

Date... *24/7/73.* .....

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported USO 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.....000 ft
- Speed..... K.....K.....K
- ATD/ATA\*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
- \* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....Longitude.....
35. Give bearing and elevation of any planets and major stars that were in that portion of the sky at that time. By day, give location of Venus only
- .....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....
- at.....Z. Colour.....Weight.....gm
- Radio-sonde \*\* / radar \*\*: Candle \*\* / battery \*\* (\*\* delete as required)
- General wind profile.....
- Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft at.....Z
- Was is 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 satelllites, 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

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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).

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Jesus on finals for 27 at TULA

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

I'm claiming the 1st amendment.

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

580/1/1 Pt27 (31)

24 AUG 1973

Mrs N.K. Perry,  
32 Outlook Drive,  
EAGLEMONT VIC 3084

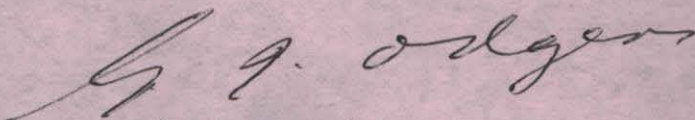
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Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

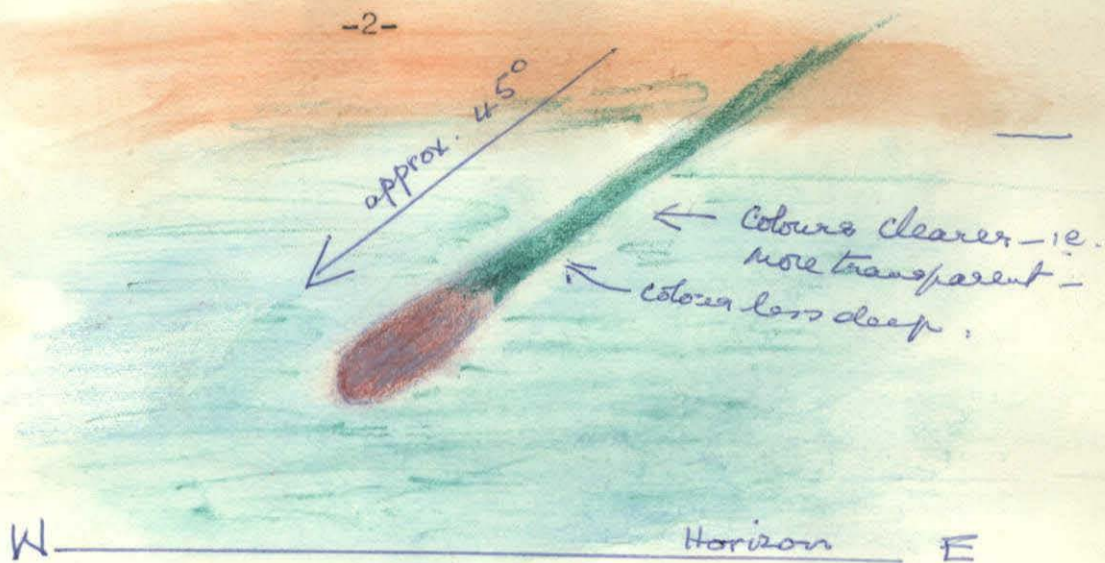
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23 Aug 73

# REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer (Mrs) Nancye Kent PERRY <sup>B.Sc.</sup> Age 54  
Address 32 OUTLOOK DRIVE  
EAGLEMONT State VIC Postcode 3084  
Occupation ~~Home duties~~ - former professional entomologist  
Phone (home) 49-5309 (business) —
2. Exact location of observer Outside no. 7, Condor Street,  
East Hawthorn, Vic
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time bet. 1745 hrs + 1750 hrs.  
End of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time as above  
am/pm
4. Accuracy of date Definite Times ABX. Stock exchange  
report had just commenced
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring (weekdays?)  
to cloud, wind, visibility etc This programme commences 1745 hrs. daily.  
Sky very pale clear aqua  
tinted in places with sunset orange. No clouds in area  
of sighting. Visibility good.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? Facing North.  
At what angle to the horizon? 45°  
You 90°  
Horizon 45°  
0°  
-00°
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? 0°  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 45°  
Horizon 0°  
-00°
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
On near horizon
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

Travelled east to west  
in northern sky.



The probable <sup>meteor or</sup> meteorite was noticed in the northern sky not far above the horizon and therefore appeared quite large - about the same size as a jet aircraft in the same position would have looked. Its speed seemed to approximate that of an aircraft in flight, although the angle of flight,  $40^\circ - 45^\circ$ , was of course different. The object travelled from east to west until it disappeared from sight at horizon level.

Colour: Vivid clear pink nose } note - may have been  
" " aqua tail } aqua nose & pink tail.

Size: See above (see sketch).

Shape: See sketch

Brightness: Showed clearly against pale & aqua sunset sky.

Movement: See above

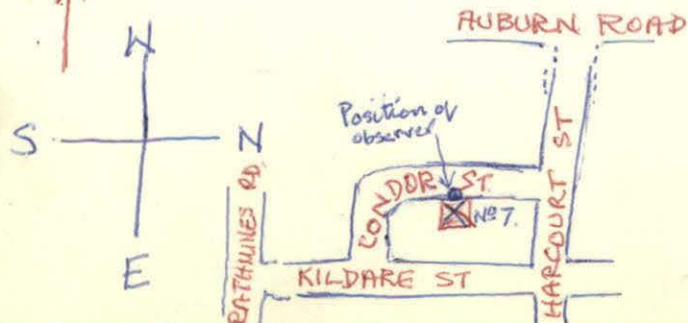
Sound: None

Speed: See above

Method of propulsion: —

Manner of disappearance: Vanished at approx 10. just above horizon.

Direction of Melbourne  
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⊕ Meteorite seen in northern sky.

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

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

Mrs. R. Hand

7 Condor St.

East. Hawthorn, Vic. Tel. 82-4429

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 26 July 1973

Signature Nancy Kent Perry  
B.Sc. (Syd.)

24 AUG 1973

580/1/1 Pt27 (3h)

Mrs D.E. Tully,  
1 Etna Street,  
GLENHUNTLY VIC 3163

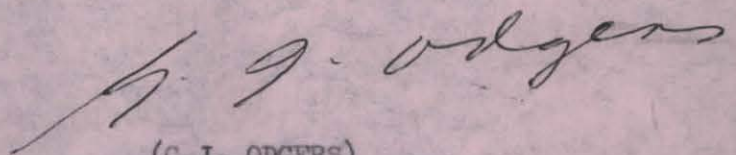
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Yours faithfully,

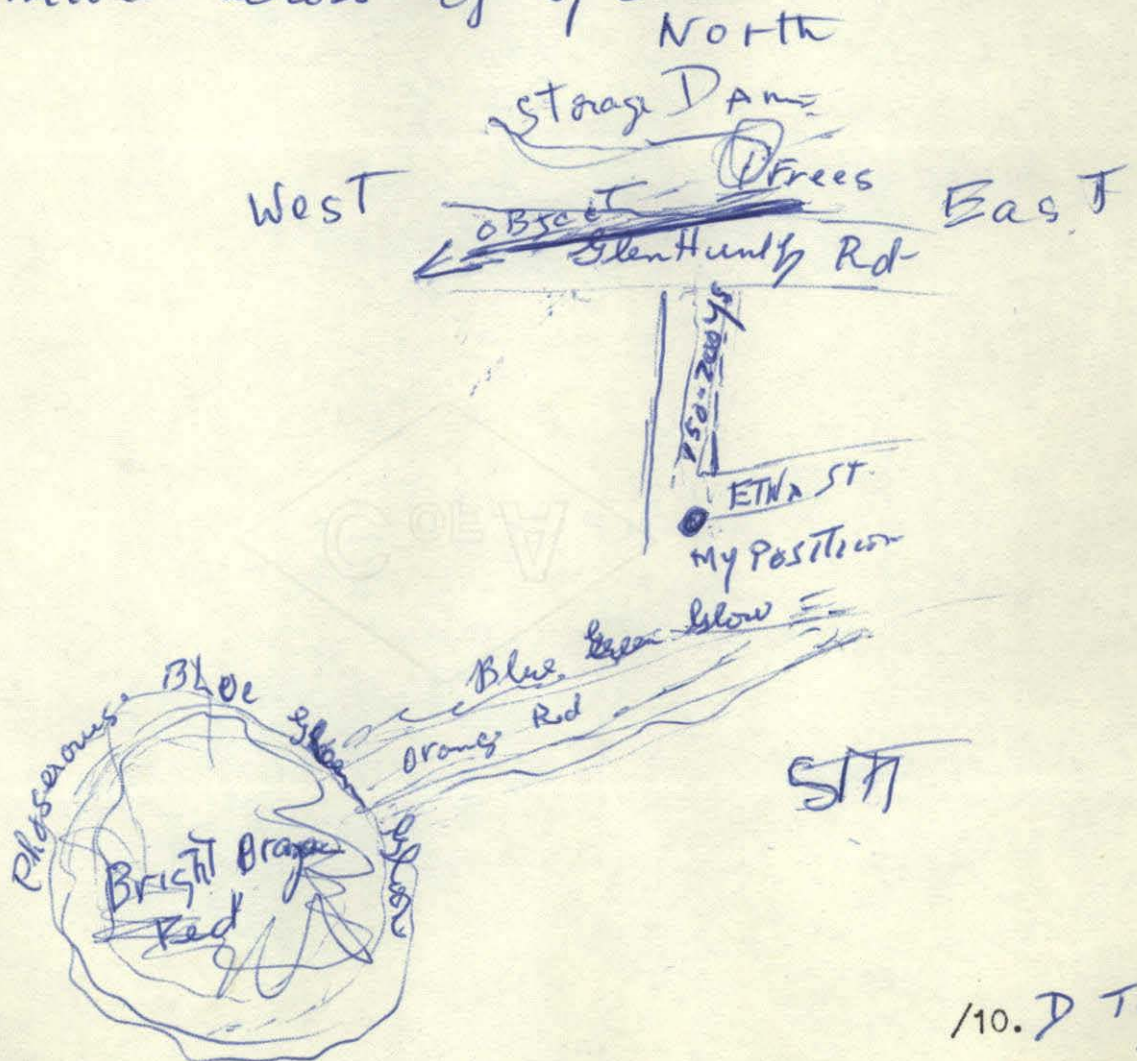


(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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DASH  
23 Aug 73



Object observed was in a Northern direction from me travelling "East to West" low in the Horizon Visibility was perfect. first sighted as it moved from behind tree tops at the Storage Dam & moved very fast Parallel with Glen Huntly Rd lost sight in the matter of seconds behind trees & Church steeple no sound at all, at first I thought it was just a rocket. Object was a very bright orange Red Ball not quite as big as full Moon but much larger than a star trailing a tail of orange Red with a Blue Green Phosorows glow making it very eerie looking. My visibility was perfect as sky was clear & I was just looking straight up the street where there was no Obstruction as it moved across top of street -



10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? NOT To my Knowledge

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

I know of No one as I have not discussed this with any one in case they thought I was weird

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

There is a Helicopter that Passes over this area around ~~and~~ about this time & also Planes but this was not either of them. I would be interested to hear of findings if it was a meteor.

Date 26<sup>th</sup> July

Signature D. E. Tully

787 5660  
PHONE: 36015



22 X BEMBRIDGE AVENUE,  
OLIVERS HILL,  
FRANKSTON

5-10-73.

DEPT. OF AIR  
580/1/1 PT 27 (3G)  
DAFI 18-9-73

Dear Sirs

DAFI

Thanks for reply dated 24-8-73.

Is it possible for you to tell me if I saw the Sky. lab approx 6-40 PM almost overhead & travelling from South to North. I saw the movement for around 30 seconds in & out of cloud & between a five & ten degree of travel & the date was AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> 73, & seen at Frankston

Yours Truly  
G. J. Adams

TRANSITION  
CLUBS HIT  
AVENUE  
BENNING  
COTTONWOOD

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580/1/1 Pt27 (3g)

24 AUG 1973

Mr C.J. Adams,  
22 Bembridge Avenue,  
FRANKSTON VIC 3199

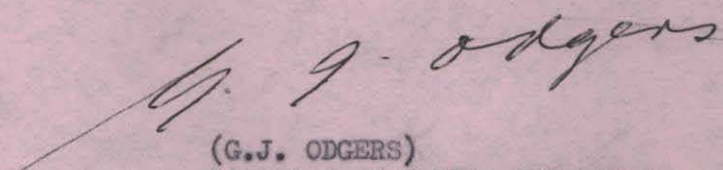
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(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer MR C J ADAMS Age 74  
Address 22 BEMBRIDGE AVE, FRANKSTON  
VICTORIA State                      Postcode 3199  
Occupation RETIRED  
Phone (home) 787 5660 (business)
2. Exact location of observer 22 BEMBRIDGE AVE  
FRANKSTON
3. Start of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 5.45 pm  
End of observation: Date 23-7-73 Time 5.45 pm
4. Accuracy of date TRUE Times TRUE
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc PERFECT WEATHER,  
CLEAR SKY, DROPPING DARK, NO WIND.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? EAST TO WEST  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 64° 45° ALMOST  
Horizon -00° HORIZONTAL
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? EAST TO WEST.  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  
You 64° 45° ALMOST  
Horizon -00° HORIZONTAL
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
TEN MILES PLUS TEN THOUSAND FEET +.
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

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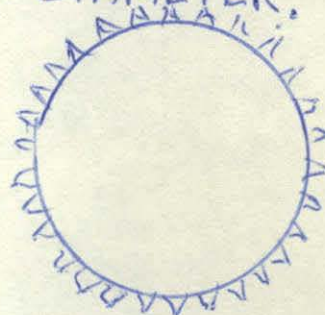
THE OBJECT WAS ONLY SEEN FOR A SPLIT SECOND JUST AS I GLANZED THROUGH THE WINDOW AND ITS TRAVEL WAS THE LAST SIX INCHES OF GLASS.

IT WAS A SINGLE OBJECT.

THE COLOUR WAS THE MOST BRILLIANT GREEN AND BLUE AND DARKNESS WAS FALLING.

MOST HAVE BEEN OVER TEN FEET IN DIAMETER.

ROUND IN SHAPE YET APPEARED AS



THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE SKY

MOVEMENT FASTER THAN ANY AIRCRAFT

SOUND NIL. I WAS DINING IN HOME.

PROPULSION, COULD ONLY SUGGEST IT COULD HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH SPACE FROM A PREVIOUS THRUST.

DISAPPEARED BECAUSE MY WINDOW DIDNT ALLOW SEEING IT GO OUT OF SKY NORMALLY.

SORRY I DIDNT SEE THE SAME? AGAIN AS I BELIEVE IT WAS SEEN THE TWO FOLLOWING NIGHTS?

10. Have you any photographs of the sighting, or is there any physical evidence of fragments, scorching or ground indentations? NOTHING
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11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)

MY WIFE WAS WITH ME BUT DID NOT SEE IT

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12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

I DID SEE THE FIRST SPUTNIK COME OVER ESSENDON. THAT WAS FAST BEING SO LOW.

I HAVE SEEN TWO OTHER SATELITES MOVING APPARENTLY SLOW DOWNG TO THE TERRIFIC HEIGHT OF SAME. FROM OVER-HEAD TILL OUT OF SIGHT TWELVE TO THIRTEEN MINUTES.

Date 28-7-73

Signature C. J. Addams

580/1/1 Pt27 (3f)

24 AUG 1973

Mr A.M. Wright,  
12 Winters Way,  
DONCASTER VIC 3108

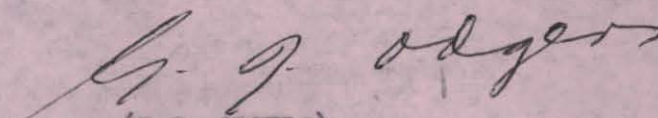
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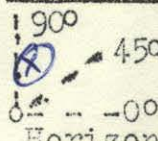
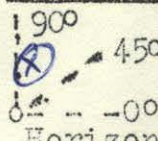
Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer ARTHUR M. WRIGHT Age 37  
Address 12 WINTERS WAY DONCASTER  
MENBOURNE State VIC Postcode 3108  
Occupation ADMINISTRATION MANAGER  
Phone (home) 857 6858 (business) 372271
2. Exact location of observer  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile East of Keilor on  
Calders Highway facing west.
3. Start of observation: Date 23.7.73 Time 5.45 am/pm  
End of observation: Date 23.7.73 Time 5.45 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date \_\_\_\_\_ Times VAR 60-120 MIN
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc  
CLOUD + WIND - MIN. VISIBILITY GOOD FOR TIME OF DAY
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
At what angle to the horizon?   
You   
Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon?   
You   
Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
NOT KNOWN - BUT WAS VERY FAR OFF
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

The object was first observed at the very top of  
windscreen of car, which was travelling <sup>west</sup> along Calder  
highway just east of the "Keilor" sign post.

The object had the appearance of a blue/green light  
and was travelling at a very great speed, and  
disappeared before reaching the horizon.

Size appeared to be approx 5/10 times that of an  
evening star, round in appearance without  
any ~~off~~ definite tail.

The whole sighting lasted for something like  
3-5 seconds.

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

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

DOUG MARKHAM

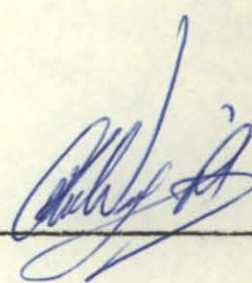
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12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 29/7/73

Signature 

580/1/1 Pt27 (3e)

24 AUG 1973

Mrs J.G. Stevenson,  
West Road,  
PEARCEDALE VIC 3912

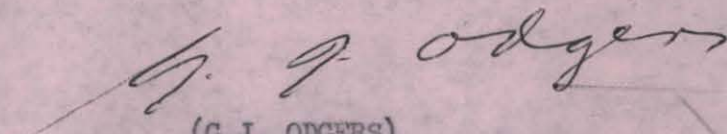
Dear Mrs. Stevenson,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your report has been compared with 14 other reports of an identical sighting in the area from Frankston to Kyneton, and the descriptions indicate a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting the phenomenon is increased during July or August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

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

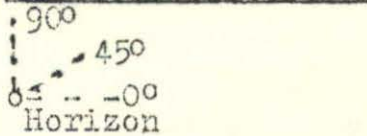
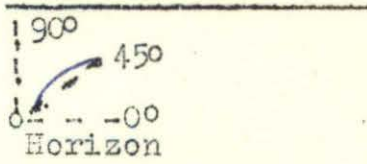
Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer (Mrs) J.G. STEVENSON Age 67  
Address West Road, Peacedale  
Victoria State 3912 Postcode   
Occupation Housewife  
Phone (home) 786 384 (business)
2. Exact location of observer Passenger in car travelling  
North on Blackburn Road towards Burwood
3. Start of observation: Date 23.7.73 Time 5.30-6.00 pm  
End of observation: Date 23.7.73 Time a few seconds  
after 6.00 pm
4. Accuracy of date ✓ Times Between 5.30 & 6.00 pm  
probably 5.40 pm.
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring  
to cloud, wind, visibility etc  
clear evening sky, no wind, excellent visibility
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? N.W.  
At what angle to the horizon?  
45° You 
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
At what angle to the horizon?  
The object travelled in a curve apparently down to earth You 
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
In the very distant sky
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

As stated, I was a passenger in a car travelling North along Blackburn Road, near the intersection of Waverley Road. Looking out of the car window to my left I saw a sudden flash of brilliant green with a "tail" of pale flame colour. It travelled in an arc across the sky apparently down to earth, but I could not see where because of intervening buildings, landscape, etc. I saw it for only a few seconds. At the time the sky was absolutely clear & only one star was becoming visible. The unknown object was of a peculiarly vivid green, & appeared to me to shoot out particles on all sides as in an explosion.

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

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

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12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 28<sup>th</sup> July 1973

Signature T. G. Stevenson

580/1/1 Pt27 (3a)

24 AUG 1973

Mr R.G. Tanner,  
44 Malpas Street,  
EAST PRESTON VIC 3072

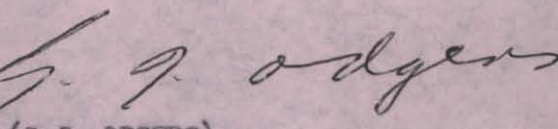
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We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

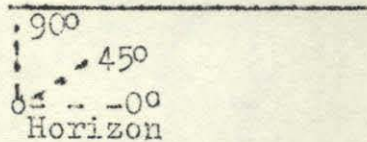
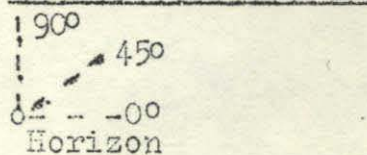
Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by Observer

1. Name of observer Mr R. B. TANNER Age 23  
Address 44 MALPAS ST EAST  
PRESTON State VIC Postcode 3072  
Occupation C. A.  
Phone (home) 474784 (business) 9495233
2. Exact location of observer 100 yds north of  
corner of Malpas Wood St & Phatys Rd Preston
3. Start of observation: Date 23.7.73 Time 5:56 am/pm  
End of observation: Date 23 Time 5:57 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date 23.7.73 Times 5:56 PM - 5:57 PM
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc  
Wind - 5 knots  
visib: very heavy to 1
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
North  
At what angle to the horizon?  
75°  
You 
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
same as above N.W.  
At what angle to the horizon?  
110°  
You 
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
altitude 5000 ft
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

The colour of the object was a greenish colour on bottom while there was an orange or yellowish colour on top.

~~At the particular time could have been~~

The movement was so fast that it was hard to keep a true estimate of the true speed of the object.

There was no sound from it.



size is debatable as the distance was so great.

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

NA

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

none to my knowledge

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

personally I think the object is a meteorite, but as there is no actual evidence of this particular spot being found, I have changed my views, despite the report of a meteorite findings on the ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday of that week due to sightings of a similar object the night before.

Date 30.7.73

Signature Raymond G Tanner  
(RAYMOND G TANNER)

580/1/1 Pt27 (3c)

24 AUG 1973

Mr R.A. Collis,  
7 Glen Road,  
TOORAK VIC 3142

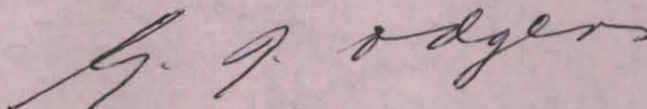
Dear Sir,

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

Yours faithfully,



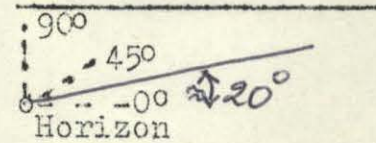
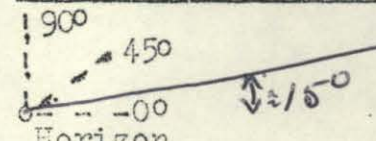
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Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73*

# REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

## Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer RONALD A. COLLIS Age 39  
 Address 7 GLEN ROAD  
TOORAK State VICTORIA Postcode 3142  
 Occupation MATHEMATICIAN  
 Phone (home) 20-1132 (business) 847-6311 ext 391
2. Exact location of observer east side KOORYONG ROAD  
TOORAK 100 yds south GLEN ROAD
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 25.45 am/pm  
 End of observation: Date 23/7/73 Time 25.45 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date exact Times within 5 mins.
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc could be checked with MMTB  
clear sky shortly after sunset, one bright star visible in west.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed?  
≈ NNW  
 At what angle to the horizon?  

7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?  
≈ NNW  
 At what angle to the horizon?  

8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer  
difficult to say whether 1/4 miles or 20 miles
9. Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

/9. (cont'd)

I was walking on the east side of Koojong Road, northwards towards Glen Road at about 5.45pm. The sun had just set, the sky was clear and only one star, in the west, was visible. I glanced up and in a NNW direction, at a low elevation, I noticed a very bright light. It was a very bright emerald green and about the size of a very bright star. It fell in a straight line at about  $10^\circ$  from the vertical for about one second and disappeared behind the trees and houses. At first I thought that it might have been the end of a firework rocket, but the speed of descent and its straightness was more like a "shooting star". The unusual features were the brightness of the object and the emerald green colour. I read about the reported sightings the next morning (and also on the radio news) and decided to report my own sighting.


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

11. How many other witnesses to the sighting? (Please provide names and addresses if possible)  
written in Melbourne Sun 24/7/73 (if same as seen by me). Other sightings in subsequent nights - could be meteorite

12. Any additional comments you wish to make. shower. am there

Green colour could indicate copper vaporising and burning. (ex rocket debris)  
Path was about  $10^{\circ}$  from vertical and almost a straight line indicating high speed.

Date 26/7/73

Signature 

24 AUG 1973

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Mrs A. Miller  
'Ellerslie'  
KYNETON VIC 3444

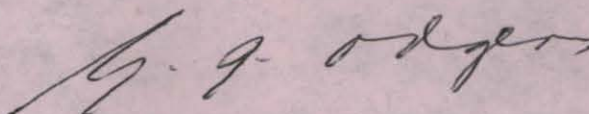
Dear Mrs Miller,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was a meteor.

Your report has been compared with 14 other reports of an identical sighting in the area from Frankston to Kyneton, and the descriptions indicate a typical sighting of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere on a low trajectory. The bright glow would have been caused by the heat generated by friction with the atmosphere continuously melting the outer layers of the meteor which stream off leaving a luminous tail. Additionally, the possibility of sighting the phenomenon is increased during July or August as these months are recognized as periods of greatest meteor activity.

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

Yours faithfully,

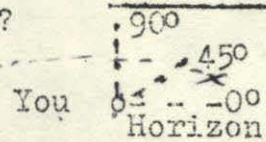
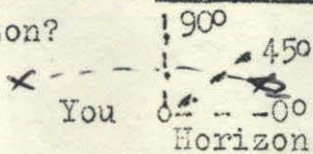


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Director of Public Relations

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23 Aug 73*

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer ALISON MILLER. Age 42.  
Address "ELLERSLIE"  
KYNETON. State VIC. Postcode 3444.  
Occupation HOME DUTIES.  
Phone (home) <sup>(054)</sup> 234.150. (business) —
2. Exact location of observer On Kyneton - Redesdale Road. approx 7 miles heading towards Redesdale.
3. Start of observation: Date 23/7/73. Time 5.45 <sup>approx</sup> am/pm.  
End of observation: Date 23/7/73. Time 3-4 secs am/pm.
4. Accuracy of date — Times —
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc clear —  
cloudless sky. dusk but no stars were out.
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? in nth. east.  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  

7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? in nth. west.  
At what angle to the horizon? 90°  

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

/9. (cont'd)

I was driving along the Lynelton Redesdale Road in a northerly direction and was on top of a hill when I saw a bright light in the north east sky. At first I thought it was a falling star but realised there were no stars out and that it was too large and bright, being two or three times the size of the largest star. It went across the sky at right angles to me trailing a tail behind it and appeared to be a pale translucent green tinged with pink. It suddenly vanished at about the same distance above the horizon as I had first noticed it. The whole sighting <sup>over</sup> lasted about 4 seconds as far as I can judge. It appeared to be a long way off and I could not venture any estimates of distance etc.

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

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

Dr. B. Cohen. Alameda.  
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12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 31st July.

Signature Alison M. Miller.

Royal Australian Air Force <b>A273</b> Feb 70 <b>MEMO</b>		For use within the RAAF only Write or print clearly	OUR FILE 5801/1, Pt 27	FOLIO 3p
FROM DEPAIR (DAFI)		DATE 27 Aug 73		REFERENCES 5/6/1/AIR (43) OF 2 AUG 73 5/6/1/AIR (44) OF 9 AUG 73
TO HOSC		ATTENTION CINTELLO		
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS				

1. Enclosed for your records are copies of letters from this Department to Master K. O'Rourke and Mr. N. Thurgood in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

2. Replies identical to Thurgood were also sent to the following:

Mrs A. Miller  
 Mr. R.A. Collis  
 Mr. R.G. Tanner  
 Mrs J.G. Stevenson  
 Mr. A.M. Wright  
 Mr. C.J. Adams  
 Mrs D.E. Tully  
 Mrs N.K. Perry  
 The Ven. E. Sweetman  
 Mr. R.J. Wood  
 Mr. B.E. Cohen  
 Mr. C.J. Uniacke  
 Mr. D.W. Read  
 Mr. G.C. Binnmore

Copies of these are not enclosed.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to O'Rourke and Thurgood

SIGNATURE M. Gretton	PRINTED NAME M. GRETTON	RANK FLG OFF	APPOINTMENT IR 2	PHONE EXT 2408
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Mr N. Thurgood  
'The Croft'  
Main Road  
MOUNT MACEDON VIC 3441

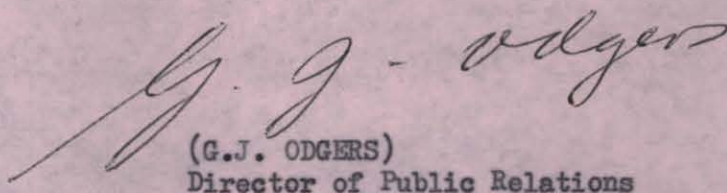
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Yours faithfully,

  
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Director of Public Relations

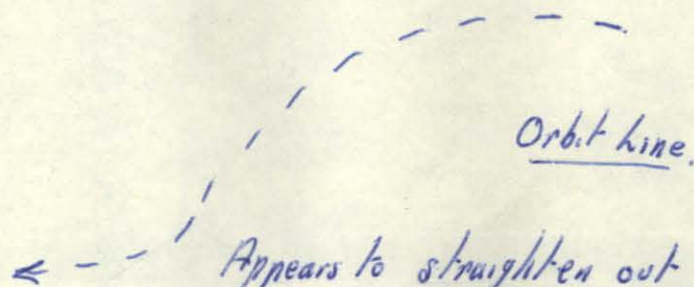
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Report by Observer

## Part 1 - Report by Observer

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Appears to straighten out & shoot off  
at Target to original orbital path.

In sighting crossed from S.E. to NW changing  
course in Northerly direction.

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

NO

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

Mrs Eva Mary Thurgood

Same address

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

My laymans opinion is that it was a comet by the size of it or a large Meteor. The reported fall of a meteorite later in the week could have been some debris from the tail of this. The only odd thing was the change of orbit whereas it should have continued to below the horizon instead of going horizontal from the observers point of view.

Date

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1973

Signature

Paul Thurgood

4 JUL 73

SIGHTING NO 2

ROKEWOOD  
VIC

MR. S.J. KLEIN

FROM DEPAIR	FILE 580/11.P.27(2a)	DATE 13 AUG 73	REFERENCES HOSC 5/6/1/A.R(4) OF 31 JUL 73
TO HOSC ATTENTION CINTENLO			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

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

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mr. S.J. Klein.

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- 9 AUG 1973

Mr S.J. Klein,  
ROKEWOOD, VIC 3330

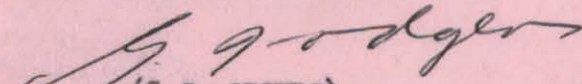
Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of unusual aerial sightings at about 5.30 PM on the 4th and 5th July 1973, it has been determined by our investigating team that the most probable cause was the setting sun reflecting from either an ice crystal layer in the upper atmosphere or from a small cloud.

Although the sun would have been below the surface horizon, it would still be visible from a high altitude. The manner of disappearance of the object could be explained by the fact that, as the sun set, its angle in relation to the ice layer or cloud would change, causing the reflection to flatten out and disappear as described. This theory is subscribed to by specialists in the Bureau of Meteorology.

We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

  
(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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*9 Aug 73*

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# MEMORANDUM

RAAF FORM A273 MAR 63

For use within the RAAF only  
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OUR FILE

5/6/1/Air (41)

FROM

HQSC

DATE

31 JUL 73

TO

~~DETAIR~~

ATTENTION

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REFERENCES

DEPT. OF AIR  
DAF1  
12.7.73  
580-1-1

SUBJECT

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. Enclosed are unusual aerial sighting reports from Mr/Mrs GAGLIARDI of MORNINGTON and Mr KLEIN and Mr LEEMON of ROKEWOOD 3330. The KLEIN and LEEMON reports have been actioned together.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

R.O. GIBBS

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

A/C type.....*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° 52'S*.....Longitude.....*143° 40'E*

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

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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.....00 ft at.....Z

Was it known to have burst?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of

....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

39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

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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~~  
the setting sun reflecting from an ice  
crystal layer that was not visible from  
the ground. The manner of disappearance  
may be consistent with the sun changing  
its angle to such an ice layer.  
Discussed this with the Met Bureau & although  
they can find nothing in the upper wind  
pattern to indicate ice, they cannot disprove  
the theory and agree in principle.

..... HQSCU .....	..... 31 JUL 73 .....
(Unit)	(Date)
..... R.O. Gibbs .....	..... Flg Off .....
(Name of Investigating Officer)	(Rank)

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 STANLEY JAMES KLEIN Age 62
2. Address of observer ROKEWOOD 3330  
Vic Phone 461254
3. Occupation of observer STATION HAND
4. Date and time of start of observation 4<sup>th</sup> July 5.25 PM  
How certain is the date? TRUE  
How accurate is the time of start? 5.25 PM
5. Duration of observation 15 MINUTES  
How accurate is your estimate? 100 %
6. Observer's location at time of sighting PLACE of  
EMPLOYMENT: R.S. WALTON WURROOK, ROKEWOOD  
How familiar is observer with this locality? LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE
7. Weather conditions at time of observation CLEAR SKIES EVERY  
EVENING. WED. <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> THURSDAY <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> & FRIDAY <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup>
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation NAKED EYE
9. Where was object first observed? :
  - a. Relative to your surroundings DIRECT: WEST  
WED. & THURSDAY FRIDAY NORTH of WEST
  - b. angle of elevation 60°
  - c. compass angle bearing
  - d. how accurate are these estimates? WITHIN MY NATURAL ABILITY
10. What first attracted observer's attention? UNUSAL LIGHT  
IN CLEAR 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? BRIGHT ORANGE

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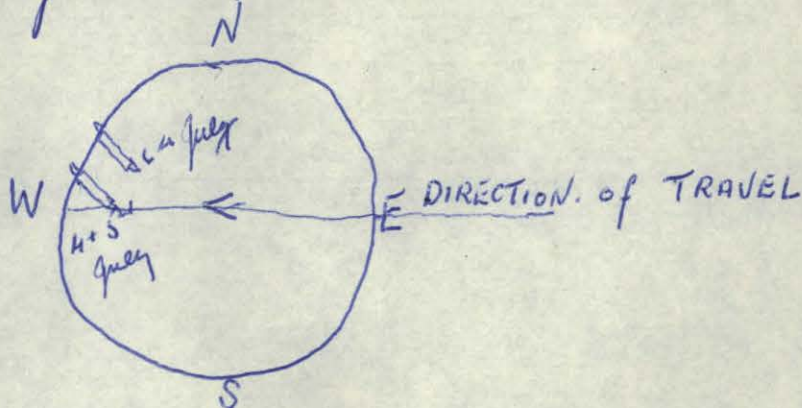
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13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)..... A. FIRE AT NIGHT (REFLECTION)
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?:  
a. relative to Venus or Moon..... 10 FEET LONG AS I SAW IT  
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)..... 10 FT. LONG
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... BEARING DUE WEST 60° ELEVATION ASSESSED BY MY OWN VIEWS
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... NO
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... NO
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... 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 .....  
..... STATIONARY
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... 15 MINUTES
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... NIL
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... NIL
23. Where was object last observed :  
a. relative to your surroundings..... IN ORIGINAL POSITION  
b. angle of elevation..... 60°  
c. compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... IT FLATTENED OUT & SUDDENLY DISSAPPEARED
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 witness to the sighting?..... AT LEAST 25

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?.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?...*I HAVE NO SATISFACTORY...EXPLANATION...FOR WHAT I HAD SEEN...*
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 the 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> of July at between 5:20 + 5:35 PM  
I observed in the Western Sky a bright Stationary  
object, on Friday at the same time it was  
further North but bearing the same  
characteristics, On all occasions the sky  
was clear with little or no wind

On each occasions the object flattened  
out & completely dissappeared



Signature.....

*Stanley James Klein*

Date.....

*July 10<sup>th</sup> 1973*

22 AUG 1973

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Mr J.S. Leemon,  
'Pendower',  
ROKEWOOD VIC 3330

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 1st July 1973, it has been determined that the most probable cause was an aircraft.

There were no Royal Australian Air Force or scheduled commercial aircraft operating in the area at the time, however, the airspace is uncontrolled for light aircraft flying below 8000 feet. The opinion of the investigating team is that a light aircraft operating in this uncontrolled airspace was the cause of the sighting, although we are unable to verify the type of aircraft due to flight records being unavailable. The promulgated track for aircraft from Melbourne to Hamilton or Mt Gambier, however, is in close proximity to Rokewood and the period of observation is consistent with this theory.

The changing colour of the light described in your report can be attributed to the navigation lights of the aircraft being sighted through varying layers of atmospheric density which would be present on a clear frosty night.

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

Yours faithfully,

*G. J. Odgers*

(G.J. ODGERS)  
Director of Public Relations

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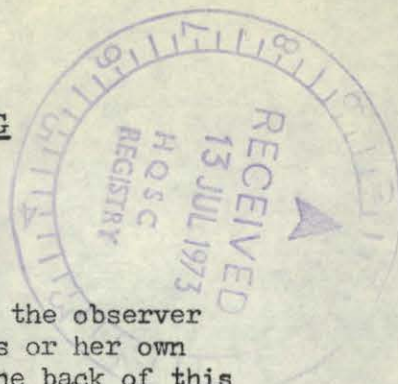
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VIC

MR. J. S. LEEMON

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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 John S. Leeman Age 55 yrs.
2. Address of observer Pendower 053  
Rokenwood 3330 Phone 461362
3. Occupation of observer farmer & grazier
4. Date and time of start of observation July 1st no time taken  
How certain is the date? absolutely correct  
How accurate is the time of start? about 6.45 PM - 7.00 PM
5. Duration of observation about 5 or 6 minutes  
How accurate is your estimate? within a minute or two
6. Observer's location at time of sighting I was coming  
home from church which started at 6 P.M.  
How familiar is observer with this locality? Born here
7. Weather conditions at time of observation at very clear  
night - frosty
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation no  
equipment used - just eyesight
9. Where was object first observed? :  
a. Relative to your surroundings Western sky → West  
well up in sky - moved away quickly  
b. angle of elevation changing colour from  
c. compass angle bearing orange to red & bluey  
d. how accurate are these estimates? unless I'm silly  
& seeing things - quite correct
10. What first attracted observer's attention? at big light in  
the sky - all other stars looked quite  
pale & puny after
11. If there was more than one light/object : looking at it  
a. how many were there? only one  
b. in what formation were they?
12. What was the colour of the light or object? orange  
(changed colour) bluey green & 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~~) *at big splash of light about 3 of the biggest stars put together.*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach?  
 a. relative to Venus or Moon..... *But not a pale colour like the stars.*  
 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? *Cannot answer these.*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? *None - but it moved away fast.*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity  
 ..... *no sound at all* .....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? *I'd only be guessing.*
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 *again I'd only be guessing.*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases *None - it moved fast.*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres *Did not see any.*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen *To me there seemed to be two bright rods sticking out the top of it.*
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? *Over the horizon, but just as bright.*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *EPO* .....
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity.....  
 ..... *No training at all* .....
27. How many witness to the sighting? *My wife + a friend*  
*a Mr Knight of Exendon saw the last minute or so of it.*

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quite a few have seen it in daylight since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, but I have not.

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?.....

30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? Because I don't know what the hell they mean.

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.

(23). When I first sighted it, it seemed to be reasonably close, but it went so fast without losing its brightness or colour. It is hard to describe everything it seemed something like this.



There could have been a string of lights or something.

p.s. Is it possible for a star to turn or revolve, and throw these different colours. My drawing doesn't do it justice - more of a big splash.

Signature

John S. Leemon

Date

July 10<sup>th</sup> '73.

Mr Kevin Knight.  
165 Bradshaw St.  
Epsom

The other witness.

# REGISTRY CLASSIFICATION PARTICULARS

## CLASSIFIER

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