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SUMMARY OF SIGHTINGS

No	Place/DATE	NAME	RECEIPT	REPLY	REMARKS
①	APOLLO BAY VIC 19 JAN 74	K. DICKENSON	6 FEB 74	27 FEB 74 ✓	RE-ENTRY OF 1973-027J
② ✓	ASCOT VALE VIC 15 JAN 74	C. NOBLE	6 FEB 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	PA-34 AIRCRAFT
③	MOORABIN VIC 16 JAN 74	B. C. KILPATRICK	6 FEB 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	PA-34 AIRCRAFT
④	ELDON WERR VIC 15 JAN 74	V. VIDOVIC	6 FEB 74	17 APR 74 ✓	INSUFFICIENT INFO TO DETERMINE CAUSE
⑤	BRISBANE Qld 4 JAN 74	HELEN HAMILTON	11 FEB 74	13 JUN 74 ✓	QAO-3 ROCKET
6 * 2	ODONNELLS TOWN NSW 23 NOV 73	G. & C. BALDWIN	15 FEB 74	2 SEP 74 ✓	UNKNOWN. POSSIBLY FLOCK OF BIRDS. NOISE UNEXPLAINED
7 * 1	WARATAH NSW 12 NOV 73	L. G. OSMOND	15 FEB 74	17 APR 74 ✓	MARS, HAMAL & MENKAR
8 * 5	TOUKLEY NSW 21 DEC 73	FAYE HUNT	15 FEB 74	17 APR 74 ✓	JUXTAPOSITION OF VENUS AND JUPITER
9 * 7	TASCOTT NSW 30 DEC 73	J. J. UPTON	15 FEB 74	17 APR 74 ✓	CANOPUS
⑩	NTH ENTRANCE NSW 13 JAN 74	J. FAGAN	15 FEB 74	17 APR 74 ✓	CANOPUS.
11 * 4	MOSSMAYR WA 1 DEC 73	J. D. LEWIS	15 MAR 74	25 JUNE 74 ✓	MET BALLOON
12 * 6	BALCATTA WA 23 DEC 73	D. G. JACKSON	15 MAR 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	AIRCRAFT MU-2
⑬	FLORRIAT PK WA 17 JAN 74	J. COLLINS	15 MAR 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	CATHAY PACIFIC AIRCRAFT
⑭	BAYSWATER WA 25 JAN 74	P. IASCHI	15 MAR 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	BOEING 707
15 * 3	KURI BAY WA 30 NOV 73	K. C. WILLIAMS	15 MAR 74	13 JUN 74 ✓	VENUS
⑯	BALGA WA 13 JAN 74	A. MAYORAL	15 MAR 74	27 MAR 74 ✓	SPACE DEBRIS
⑰	KEW VIC 12/16 JAN 74	R. B. BILLINGS	15 MAR 74	14 MAY 74 ✓	SATELLITES
⑱	TOWNSVILLE/AYR Qld 23 FEB 74	B. C. DAVIES	11 MAR 74	2 SEP 74 ✓	RIGEL KENTAUROS AND VENUS.

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Subject: RECLASSIFICATION OF FILES

Reference: A. DI(AF)AAP 810 para 326.

In accordance with Reference A, all folios, in all parts of Department of Air File series 580/1/1 are reclassified 'UNCLASSIFIED' with effect 7 May 82.

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(G.A. PERSKE)
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23 FEB 74

SIGHTING # 18

TOWNSVILLE/AYR B.C. DAVIES
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HOTVL 5/40/AR(79)
OF 28 FEB 74

TO

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SUBJECT

REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Enclosed for your records is a copy of a letter to Mr B C Davies in reply to his report of an unusual aerial sighting

ENCLOSURE Copy of letter to Mr B C Davies

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580/1/1 Pt 34(18a)

- 2 SEP 1974

Mr B. C. Davies,
3 Devon Street,
GULLIVER,
TOWNSVILLE, QLD. 4810.

Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd February, 1974 has been received and the investigating team considers that two separate light sources were sighted.

The initial sighting was probably the star Rigel Kentaurus which was visible with a magnitude of 0 at an elevation of about 60° on a bearing of about 165° . The second sighting was probably the planet Venus which was visible with a magnitude of -4 at an elevation of about 20° on a bearing of about 95° . Two factors are considered to have caused the apparent movement of the light sources. Firstly, whilst travelling in a car, the relative position of the lights, because of their distance from you, would not change when compared with much closer objects, thus creating the illusion of movement. Secondly a phenomenon known as atmospheric scintillation, caused by changes in atmospheric density, can produce apparent rapid movement of stars and planets, and can also cause increased magnitude of such light sources.

The disappearance of the two lights was probably due to either cloud or natural objects obscuring them from view.

We regret the delay in replying and trust that this explanation is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Odgers

(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Handwritten notes:
J. J. Odgers
JAN
20/8/74



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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Headquarters
RAAF Base
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

HQTVL 5/40/Air(79)

28th February 1974

Department of Defence (Air Office) (Attention: DAFI-IR)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CIO)

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORT


1. Enclosed is a report of an unusual aerial sighting in the Townsville-Ayr area of Queensland on Saturday 23rd February 1974.

Investigating Officer's Comments

2. The four witnesses to this alleged sighting were interviewed collectively at the home of one of the witnesses, Mr Barry DAVIES, in the presence of his parents. Mr DAVIES Snr affirmed that the boys were in the area described, early on the 23rd February 1974.

3. In compiling the report the witnesses agreed on the major points of the sighting with regard to relative size, colour, brightness, direction of movement, but did not agree with one witness who believed he saw a metallic reflecting surface behind the light source. The speed of the light and its actual shape, apart from being roundish, were major items of contention. The drawing supplied them, may not be a truly accurate representation of the shape, but the description and duration of the observation suggests that the relative speed was approximately that of the car in which the witnesses were travelling (50-60 mph).

4. It was impossible during the course of the interview to make an assessment of the witnesses' credibility, but generally, replies to the questionnaire were given in a seemingly genuine manner.


(P.J. HODGE)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Enclosures: (1) Sighting Report
(2) Statement by one of the witnesses
(3) Drawing by one of the witnesses



REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer BARRY CHARLES DAVIES Age 18
2. Address of observer 3 DEVON ST GULLIVER
TOWNSVILLE Phone 797389
3. Occupation of observer JUNIOR CLERK QUEENSLAND RLWYS
4. Date and time of start of observation 23 FEB 74 4-5 AM
How certain is the date? Quite certain
How accurate is the time of start? Between 4-5 AM
5. Duration of observation Approx 40 minutes
How accurate is your estimate? Approximate
6. Observer's location at time of sighting Driving between Townsville
and Ayr. First sighted approx 10 miles South of Townsville and
last seen approx 10 miles North of Ayr.
How familiar is observer with this locality? Very familiar.
7. Weather conditions at time of observation Scattered cloud
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation None
9. Where was object first observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings Ahead and to the right.
 - b. angle of elevation 60 deg.
 - c. compass angle bearing 150 - 180 ~~180~~ deg
 - d. how accurate are these estimates Approx

10. What first attracted observer's attention? *A constant bright light.*
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? *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)
Very bright. Similar to a very powerful fluorescent light. Roundish in shape.
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 - a. relative to Venus or Moon *Larger than Venus, and not much smaller than the moon*
 - b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) *About 2-3 inches*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? *Appeared to be on the ground. Bearing about ⁹⁰⁻¹⁰⁰ degrees true. Ahead + a little to the left. Stationary.*
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)? *60 deg and 0 deg*
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 *Uncertain*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases *5-10 secs*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres *None*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or ~~light~~ seen *None*

23. Where was object last observed:
- a. relative to your surroundings *Ahead to the left 0-20 deg*
 - b. angle of elevation *Zero*
 - c. compass angle bearing *90-100 About 100 deg*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Just disappeared*
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
One of the witnesses is a first year university Engineering student.
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? *Four*
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? *Nil*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
Too bright. Too large. Appeared to be stationary at times.
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 *Billy Coombe*

Date *26/2/74*

OTHER WITNESSES

STEPHEN WAYNE THOMAS - 11 SOULE ST HERMIT PARK TVL
19 YRS STOREMAN

THEO JAMES THOMAS - 2 PAXTON ST NORTH WARD TVL
17 YRS ENGINEERING STUDENT

MAX WELLINGTON - 110 WELLINGTON ST ATKENVALE TVL
13 YRS STUDENT

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 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 727 (1) (2) (3)
 Heading 116 T T T
 Height 4-5000 000ft 000ft 000ft
 Speed K K K
 ATD/ATA* 1930Z (5:30AM LOCAL) hrs hrs hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 19-30S Longitude 147-15E

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 TOWNSVILLE

at 1615Z colour WHITE Weight gm

(2:15AM LOCAL)
~~Radio-sonde~~ ~~**/radar~~ ~~**/Candle~~ ~~**/battery~~ ** (** delete as required)

General wind profile NE to E 15 knots to 24,000 ft ESE above 24000 approx 40kts

Maximum height tracked 000ft at Z

Was it known to have burst? yes

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

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, comets, meteorites etc. relevant to the sighting N/A Object was observed on ground.

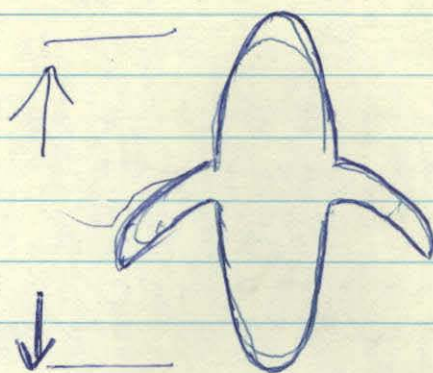
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating N/A
40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting can*/cannot* be determined.
41. The object reported probably was*/may have been* (delete as required)

..... HOTVL Unit..... P. J. HODGE (name)

..... 28 FEB 74 Date..... FLT LT (rank)

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APPROX 2"-3"
CALCULATED AT
ARMS LENGTH.



LIGHT SOURCE AS IT
APPEARED WHEN APPARENTLY
STATIONARY ON GROUND

Sketch by one of the witnesses as to the
appearance of the object when last sighted, close to
the ground and stationary. Appendages on sides may
be due to diffusion of light through car windows.

HQTVL 5/40/Air (79)
28th February 1974

While travelling to Agor and approximately 10 miles outside of Townsville a bright light, spherical in shape, appeared as if it were in the mountains. As we came closer it seemed to come down slowly. At some stage later it disappeared and appeared later in the air on our left seeming to keep level and a bit in front of us. This too disappeared and appeared about 10 minutes later as we were going around a left hand curve. This time it appeared to be ~~located~~ on the ground and (since) we were closer it seemed cylindrical. This was sighted for a few seconds and then disappeared without any sign of how it disappeared. It was not seen again.

T. Thomas

T. Thomas

Statement by one of the witnesses.

12/16 JAN 74

SIGHTING #17

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R.B. BILLINGS

FROM DUFAR	FILE 580/11/PA 4(173)	DATE 17 May 74	REFERENCES 11/11/11 BS/5/11/1A/R (37) OF 26 FEB 74
TO HOPCK ATTENTION UFO OFFICER			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a reply to Mr R B Billings report of an unusual aerial sighting.

ENCLOSURE: Copy of letter to R B. Billings

SIGNATURE M. CRETTON	NAME M. CRETTON	RANK FL OFF	APPOINTMENT IR 2	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt 34 (17a)

14 MAY 1974

Mr R. B. Billings,
38 Mont Victor Road,
KEW. VIC. 3101.

Dear Sir,

Your reports of unusual aerial sightings on 12th and 16th January 1974 have been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause on both occasions was a satellite or other space associated equipment.

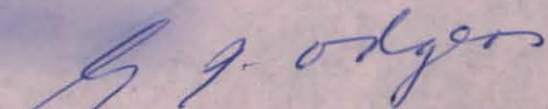
Of the 3037 man made objects currently in space, sighting predictions are issued only for long lived satellites of particular scientific or commercial interest, and of optimum visible magnitude, over major centres of population. In our case predictions are available for 12 such satellites over major Australian cities. Although none of these satellites were visible over Melbourne at the time of the sightings, the objects observed could have been rocket stages or short-lived satellites.

The difference in viewing time can be explained by the fact that a satellite with a low apogee and perigee i.e. about 400 kilometres, orbits the Earth approximately every 90 minutes and a satellite with a high apogee and perigee i.e. from 3000-4000 kilometres, takes about three hours to orbit the Earth. The lower satellite would, therefore, traverse the ground observers' field of view more quickly than the higher satellite.

Any apparent deviation or unusual flashes observed could be due to atmospheric conditions prevailing at the time.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

R. Sykes
Dad
12 May 74

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IN REPLY QUOTE BS/5/1/Air(37).....

26th February 1974

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Department of Defence (Air Office)

For Information:

Headquarters Support Command

UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING REPORTS

1. Forwarded herewith, two reports on unusual aerial sightings, made at Kew, Victoria on 12th and 16th January 1974.
2. Delay in reporting these sightings is regretted, however other unit commitments have precluded earlier investigation of these reports.

(A.J. FOOKES)
Wing Commander
for Officer Commanding

- Enclosure:
1. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting - 12th January 1974.
 2. Report on Unusual Aerial Sighting - 16th January 1974.

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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....R.B. BILLINGS.....Age... 58.....
2. Address of observer. 38 MONT. VICTOR RD.....
KEW VIC 3101.....Phone... 80.3996.....
3. Occupation of observer..... PHARMACIST.....
4. Date and time of start of observation. 16JAN74 2230HRS.....
How certain is the date?..... ACCURATE.....
How accurate is the time of start?..... ACCURATE.....
5. Duration of observation..... 1 - 1 MINUTES.....
How accurate is your estimate?..... APPROXIMATE.....
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....
HOME ADDRESS.....
How familiar is observer with this locality?..... FULLY FAMILIAR.....
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..... WESTERN SKY.....
b. angle of elevation..... 55°.....
c. compass angle bearing..... 280°.....
d. how accurate are these estimates?..... ESTIMATES ONLY.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....
MOVEMENT OF OBJECT.....
11. If there was more than one light/object:
a. how many were there?..... ONE.....
b. in what formation were they?..... -.....
12. What was the colour of the light or object?..... YELLOW.....

13. What was the brightness? (compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance, eg ordinary street light at 100 yards). AVERAGE STAR BRIGHTNESS.....
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). HALF THUMB NAIL.....
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?.....
- WEST TO EAST.....
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)? 55° - 105°.....
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances... AVERAGE SATELLITE SPEED.....
-
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... NIL
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... VERY SINUOUS COURSE
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen.....
- NIL.....
23. Where was object last observed:
- a. relative to your surroundings. ALMOST OVERHEAD.....
- b. angle of elevation..... 105°
- c. compass angle bearing..... 95°
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... SLIGHT FLARE
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.... ONLY ARMY 1939.....
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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?MOVING STAR.....
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?SLOWER MOVEMENT.....
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 (ORIGINAL SIGNED).....Date.....1 Feb 74.....

Part II - UNIT EVALUATION

32. The following military aircraft were in the vicinity of the reported UFO position at the time:
- A/C type.....(1).....NIL.....(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.....(1).....NIL.....(2).....(3)
- Heading.....T.....T.....T
- Height.....,000ft.....,000ft.....,000ft
- Speed.....K.....K.....K
- ATD/ATA*.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs
- * Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.
34. Observer's Location: Latitude..37° - 48'.....Longitude..145° - 47'..
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 KNOWN.....
36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....NONE KNOWN TO BE.....
- at..RELEASED.....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?
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.....
39. When an aircraft is a possible identification, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating..AIRCRAFT CONSIDERED UNLIKELY.....

/40. The cause

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may

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ~~can be determined~~ be determined.

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

A MAN MADE SATELLITE ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE AND DISINTEGRATING,
(THE FLARE NOTICED ON ITS DISAPPEARANCE WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT THIS),
OR A METEOR.

B.H.F. van der Wijngaart

BSPCK (Unit) (B.H.F. VAN DER WIJNGAART) (Name)
26 FEB 74 (Date) Flying Officer (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... R.B. BILLINGS Age... 58
2. Address of observer... 38 MONT VICTOR RD
..... KEW VIC 3101 Phone... 80 3996
3. Occupation of observer... PHARMACIST
4. Date and time of start of observation... 12JAN74 2200 HRS
How certain is the date?..... ACCURATE
How accurate is the time of start?..... "
5. Duration of observation..... 2 - 4 MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate?..... APPROXIMATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting.....
..... FRONT GARDEN OF HOME
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.....
..... NIL
9. Where was object first observed?:
a. Relative to your surroundings... WESTERN SKY
.....
b. angle of elevation... APPROX 40°
c. compass angle bearing... APPROX 300°
d. how accurate are these estimates?..... ESTIMATES ONLY
10. What first attracted observer's attention?.....
..... MOVING SATELLITE OBJECT
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
MUCH BRIGHTER THAN USUAL SATELLITE

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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 THAN ANY STAR**
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) **THUMB NAIL SIZE**
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed? **FROM NW TO ESE**
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)? **80°**
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 **EAST**
- b. angle of elevation **140°**
- c. compass angle bearing **100°**
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? **FADE OUT**
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 **ARMY ONLY**
27. How many witnesses to the sighting? **THREE**
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area? **NO**

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29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? MOVING STAR
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation? SLOWER THAN SHOOTING STAR - MOVED ACROSS SKY
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.....(ORIGINAL SIGNED).....Date..... 1 Feb 74

Part II - UNIT EVALUATION

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude...37° - 48'.....Longitude...145° - 70'.

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 KNOWN

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....NONE KNOWN IN AREA
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?

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of.....°C
at.....ft, measured at.....Z hrs from.....
.....station. NOT KNOWN

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.....NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT

/40. The cause

~~RESTRICTED~~

-5-

40. The cause (or likely cause) of the sighting ^{may} ~~and/or cannot~~
be determined.

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

A PIECE OF OR A COMPLETE MAN MADE SATELLITE ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE
.....
AND DISINTEGRATING, OR A METEOR.

B.H.F. van der Wijngaart

.....BSPCK.....(Unit) (B.H.F. VAN DER WIJNGAART).....(Name)
26FEB74.....(Date) Flying Officer.....(Rank)

~~RESTRICTED~~

13 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 16

BALGA
WA

A. MAYORAL

FROM	FILE	DATE	REFERENCES
DEF AIR	5801.1.234(164)	27 MAR 74	
TO	ATTENTION		
HDPEN	FLC OFF PERS		
SUBJECT			
REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters to Messrs A. Maypral, P. laschi, J. Collins and D. C. Jackson in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to Messrs A. Maypral, P. laschi, J. Collins and D. C. Jackson.

SIGNATURE	NAME	RANK	APPOINTMENT	PHONE NO
M. Gault	M. Gault	FLC OFF	12.2	2405

580/1/1 Pt34 (16a)

Mr A. Mayoral,
5 Wolya Place,
BALGA. W.A. 6061

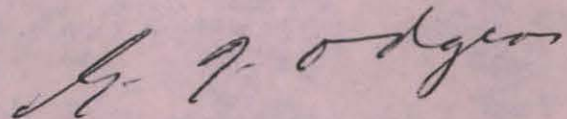
Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 13th January 1974, has been investigated and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was space debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Currently there are 3037 man-made objects in space and these periodically decay and burn-up during re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere. Your report is also consistent with reports of similar sightings.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

*By gplm
DAK
22/3*



FROM HQ PEA	FILE 5/9/AIRPT 6	DATE 25 FEB 74	REFERENCES DEPT. OF DEFENCE DAFI 7-2 580-1-1 DEPT. OF DEFENCE (AIR OFFICE)
TO DAFI DEFAIR ATTENTION DAFI			
SUBJECT UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENON REPORTS			

ATTACHED ARE REPORTS BY MR A. MAYORAL AND
MR. W. CHARLES.

SIGNATURE 	NAME R. MYERS	RANK FLT LT	APPOINTMENT UTO OFFICER	PHONE NO 2246
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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGPART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of Observer MR ANTONIO MAYORAL Age 29 YRS
2. Address of Observer MRS S. WOLYA PLAZA BALSA
SHOP 217 217 SCARBOROUGH BEACH Phone No 24 79 98
MT HAWTHORN
3. Occupation of Observer SHOP PROPRIETOR
4. Date & Time of start of Observation 13th JANUARY 1974
How certain is the date? VERY ACCURATE
How accurate is the time of start? 11:45 PM
5. Duration of the observation 6 SECONDS
How accurate is your estimate? APPROX VERY
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting AS SEEN
FROM OBSERVERS BACK YARD
How familiar is the observer with this locality? VERY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation WARM AND
STILL
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation ONLY
T.N.E. HUMAN EYE
9. Where was object first observed? IN BELOW CLOUD LEVEL
a. Relative to your surroundings FROM BACK OF
HOUSE
b. Angle of elevation 90°
c. Compass angle bearing EAST TO WEST?
d. How accurate are these estimates? APPROX
10. What first attracted observers attention? A VERY BRILLIANT
ROUND LIGHT IN THE SKY

11. If there was more than one light/object: *NO*
- a. How many were there? *NO*
- b. In what formation were they? *—*
12. What was the colour of the light or object? *BRILLIANT... LIGHT.*
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... MORE... BRILLIANT... THAN... ANY... LIGHT... SEEN.*
14. What was the apparent size of the nearest approach?
- a. Relative to Venus or Moon
- b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
- IN COMPARISON OF THE MOON TO EYE... OBJECT WAS TWICE THE SIZE.*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed?
-
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- ... NO SOUND ...*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?
-
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances
- ... FASTER THAN ... NORMAL ... AIRCRAFT ...*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases *NO*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres
22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen *A. ROUND...*
- RIGHT FROM FRONT OF OBJECT TAIL WITH*
23. Where was objects last observed?:
- a. Relative to your surroundings *BACK OF HOUSE*
- b. angle of elevation
- c. Compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *WE...THOUGHT...
MAYBE...QUIET...NEAR...T.O...LAND...OR...COULD...
HAVE BEEN TOWARD THE SEA*

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? *ONE...WIFE*

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area *N.P.*

~~*IN MY OPINION IT LOOKED*~~

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

IN MY OPINION IT LOOKED LIKE A SPACE SHIP

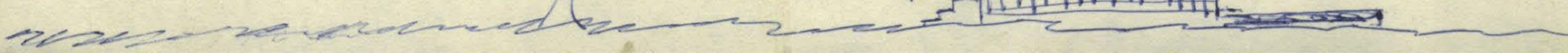
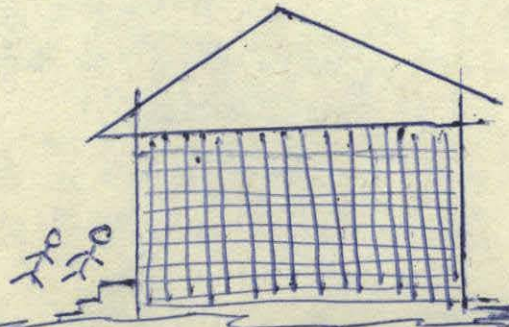
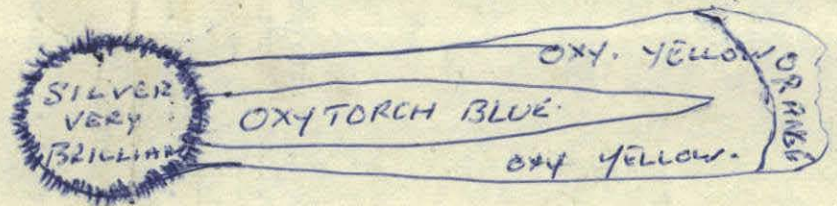
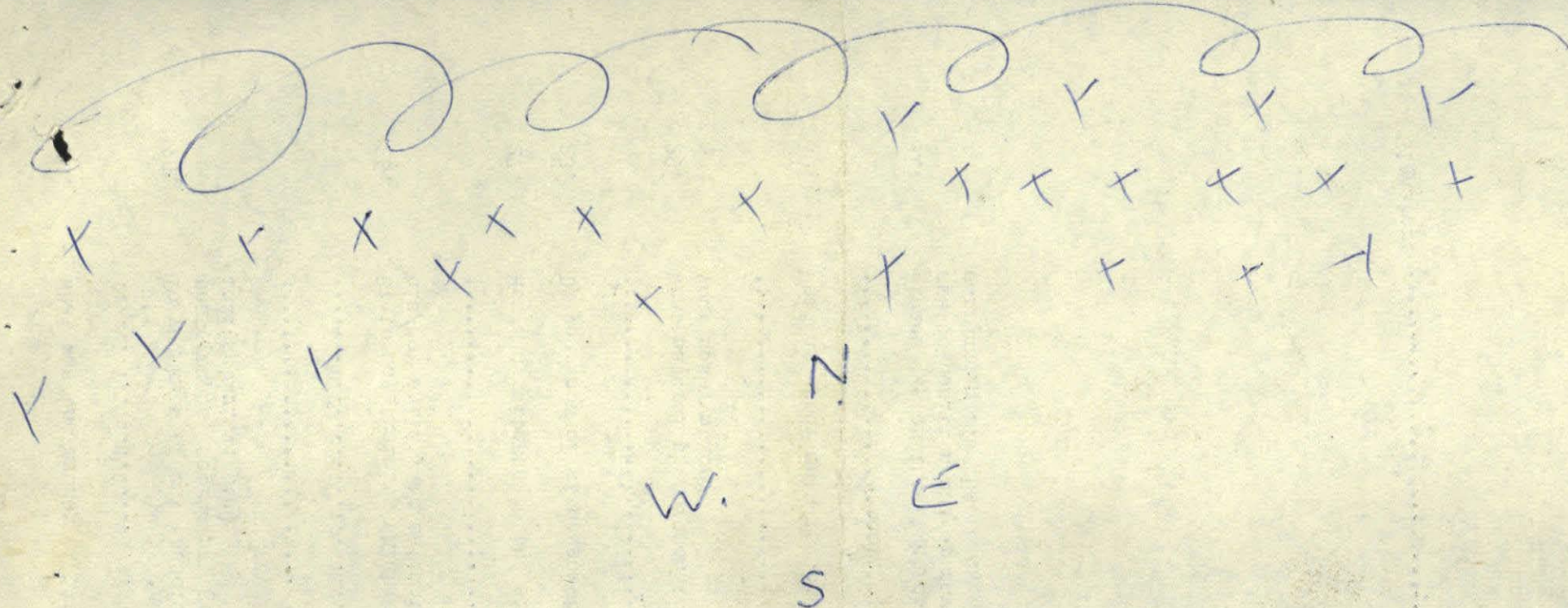
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?

*ON SEEING AIRCRAFT...AND...COMETS...THIS...OBJECT...RESEMBLED
NEITHER*

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 *A. Mayoral*

Date *12-6-74*



Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type P.4.....(1).....(2).....(3)
 HeadingT.....T.....T
 Height,000 ft,000 ft.....,000 ft
 SpeedK.....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 RMD 727.....(1).....(2).....(3)
 Heading FROM SYDNEY.....T.....T.....T
PERTH
 Height.....,000 ft.....,000 ft,000 ft
 SpeedK.....K.....K
 ATD/ATA* 2334.....hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 115° 50' E Longitude 32° 07' S

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 GUILFORD.....

at 13/1000 Z. Colour WHITE.....Weight 500.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar**: Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as
2000' 1000 14000' 18000' 30000' 38000' required.)

General wind profile 14/14.....10/8.....14/4.....24/2.....29/28.....29/26

Maximum height tracked,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NIL AT °C 13/1000Z

atft, measured atZ hrs from

.....station.

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

	AZIMUTH	ELEVATION	HEADING
<u>CESMOS 44</u>	<u>288 121</u>	<u>83 50</u>	<u>27 28</u>

/39. When

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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*
(delete as required)

.....
.....

..... HQPEA 21 FEB 74
(Unit) (Date)
..... ODWYER PLT OFF
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

30 Nov 73

SIGHTING # 15

KURI BAY
WA

K. C. WILLIAMS

580/1/1 Pt 34 (15a)

13 JUN 1974

Mr K. C. Williams,
1 Welwyn Avenue,
MANNING, W.A. 6152.

Dear Sir,

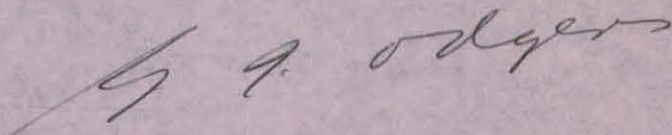
Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 30th November, 1973 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was the planet Venus.

At the beginning of your sighting Venus, with a magnitude of -4.2, in close proximity to the moon was in the eastern sky at an elevation of about 25°. During the course of the day both rose to an elevation of about 90° by 2.00 p.m. Mt Stromlo observatory in the A.C.T. has confirmed that Venus and the moon could have been visible for most of the day.

The investigating team discounted the comet Kohoutek as a possible cause as this was never visible to the naked eye.

We regret the delay in replying to your report and trust that this explanation is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,


(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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sent
12 Jun 74*

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Copy sent to HQ
19 Jun 74*

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 -- Report by observer

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

1. Name of Observer. Williams, Keith Charles Age 51
2. Address of Observer. (A.T. PRESENT UNTIL MID-JUNE 1974 —
1 WELWYN AVE, MANNING, WA. 6152 Phone No. 604715
3. Occupation of Observer. RADIO OPERATOR/WEATHER OBSERVER/FIRST AIDER, ETC.
4. Date & Time of start of Observation. ABOUT 9AM 30-11-73
How certain is the date? ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN!!
How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN SAY $\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR, BUT NEVERTHELESS
SEE WHAT TIME I QUOTED ON MY ORIGINAL REPORT TO FLYING DOCTOR
5. Duration of the observation WATCHED FOR PERIOD 5 HOURS BASE AT DERBY.
How accurate is your estimate? THE FIVE HRS PART IS QUITE ACCURATE
6. *Observers' location at the time of sighting. A.T. (KURI BAY) CULTURED PEARL
FARM, ON COAST ABOUT 220 MILES NORTH OF BROOME — ALONG
COAST.
How familiar is the observer with this locality? BEEN THERE SINCE NOV 1965.
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR — FEW CLOUDS — NO HAZE
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. NIL
9. Where was object first observed?
a. Relative to your surroundings. NOT QUITE OVERHEAD — SLIGHTLY TO
EAST OF KURI BAY.
b. Angle of elevation. MEASURED FROM HORIZONTAL TOWARDS THE VERTICAL, 80 OR
75 DEGREES.
c. Compass angle bearing. NOT TAKEN — ANGLE WAS NEARLY OVERHEAD
d. How accurate are these estimates? QUITE CLOSE TO ACCURATE
10. What first attracted observers attention? TWO OTHER AUSTRALIANS WORKING
WITH ME DIRECTED MY ATTENTION TO IT.

(AS YOUR LETTER TO ME)
* KURI BAY (NOT KURI POOLS) — THE CULTURED PEARL FARM HAS BEEN
THERE SINCE 1956 — SORELY YOU PEOPLE CAN GET ITS NAME COR-
RECTLY? — YOUR ORIONS HAVE OVERFLOWN IT ENOUGH RECENTLY!!

11. If there was more than one light/object:
- How many were there ? ONLY ONE
 - In what formation were they ? SEE ABOVE
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)
- NOT BRIGHT, OR SHINY - DULL WHITE AS A NEW TENNIS BALL
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
- Relative to Venus or Moon. MOON WAS VERY CLOSE TO IT WHEN FIRST SEEN, BUT RELATIVE SIZE NOT NOTED. - BUT I RETAIN IMPRESSION OF IT BEING, SAY $\frac{1}{8}$ OR $\frac{1}{10}$ SIZE OF MOON
 - Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
- Q. NOT UNDERSTOOD -
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ? BEARING (OF EAST OF KURI BAY - ACTUALLY A LITTLE TO SOUTH OF EAST) WAS EASY TO ASSESS USING WIND INDICATOR VANE AT KURI BAY. ELEVATION WAS BY VISUAL ESTIMATE
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? NIL - MOVEMENT WAS SO EXTREMELY SLOW THAT IT WAS, SAY, TWO HOURS BEFORE I NOTED MOVEMENT HAD
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity occurred.
- NIL
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ? BY TIME CLOUDS HID IT (ABOUT 2 PM W.S.T) IT HAD SLOWLY TRAVELLED THROUGH SAY 75° LOOKING AT IT TO THE EAST TO SAY, 75° LOOKING AT IT TO THE WEST OF KURI BAY.
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 a stated distances
- EXTREME SLOWNESS (SEE Q16 ABOVE) AND IT REMAINED CLOSE TO MOON BUT DISTANCE THEREFROM HAD ALTERED A LITTLE AT 2 PM - SEE Q18 ABOVE
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 - NO TAIL, TRAIL, ETC
23. Where was objects last observed ? :
- Relative to your surroundings ABOUT SAME POSITION NEXT DAY
 - Angle of elevation ABOUT SAME
 - Compass angle bearing ABOUT SAME
- I HAD TOO MUCH OTHER WORK NEXT DAY (1-12-73) TO OBSERVE IT AND IN THIS Q. I AM MERELY QUOTING THE OTHER AUSTRALIANS WHO SAID IT PERSISTED FOR 4 OR 5 DAYS. - SEE Q27.

~~11:50~~ 2PM 30-11-73.

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)

NIL

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

RAAF AIRCREW LAST WAR & WEATHER OBSERVER AT KURI BAY SINCE NOV. 1965

27. How many of witnesses to the sighting? 2 AUSTRALIANS & 2 NATIVES.....

28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area. YES - KALUMBURU

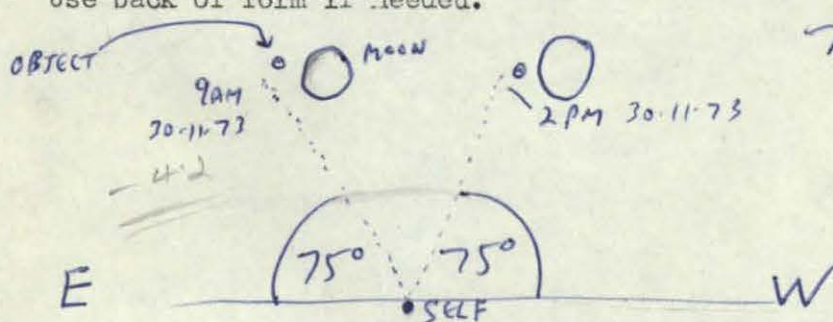
MISSION, VIA WYNDHAM (ABOUT 140 MILES NORTH ALONG COAST FROM KURI BAY, AND CAPE LEVEQUE LIGHTHOUSE, NORTH ALONG COAST FROM BROOME

29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? — EXCEPT FOR ITS BEING STATIONARY, I WOULD HAVE SAID IT WAS A WEATHER BALLOON, BUT THESE ALWAYS RISE UNTIL BURST AND THEY ALWAYS MOVE WITH THE WIND — see below

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

see below

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.



Movement from 9AM to 2PM

I discussed this by radio with the Lighthouse Keeper at Cape Leveque & he said it was the Comet KEHOV TEK. I was on the lookout for Kehoutek & would have realized this was Kehoutek but expected a spectacular sight as described by

Signature.....

Date.....

newspapers — ie — brilliance exceeding that of HALLEY'S Comet, long tail, etc. But those descriptions MAY have referred to say Perth's latitude sightings & not to sightings at Kuri Bay Latitude (15°30' S)

SUGGEST YOU ALSO CONTACT, FATHER B. NOSEDA, KALUMBURU MISSION, VIA WYNDHAM, W.A.

J. Williams.

21-12-73.

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 F 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 Longitude

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.

36. A meteorological balloon was released from BROOME
at 29.2200 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 300 gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar **: Candle **/ battery ** (** Delete as required.)

General wind profile 20 30 50 100 140 300
25/4 33/12 01/10 07/14 06/8 28/8

Maximum height tracked 62000' ft at Z

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of 3 °C
at 2000 ft, measured at 29.2200 Z hrs from BROOME
..... station.

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

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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*
(delete as required)

.....
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HQ PFA
(Unit)

21 FEB 74
(Date)

R. PYERS
(Name of Investigating Officer)

FLT LT
(Rank)

25 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 14

BAYSWATER
WA

P. IASCHI

580/1/1 Pt34 (14a)

Mr P. Iaschi,
3 Goldmead Street,
BAYSWATER. W.A. 6053.

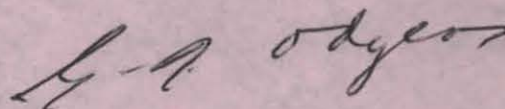
Dear Sir,

Your report of unusual aerial sighting on 25th January 1974 has been investigated and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was the landing light of an aircraft.

On 25th January a Boeing 707 landed at Perth Airport at 1.47 a.m.. The track of the aircraft into the airport would be directly towards your position, giving the impression that the light was stationary. Final aircraft manoeuvring prior to landing could have obscured the light from your view.

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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580/1/1.

FROM 109 PEA.	FILE 5/9/air pt 6 (2)	DATE 5 MAR 74	REFERENCES
TO DEF (AIR)			ATTENTION DAFI
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.			

ATTACHED FOR YOUR INVESTIGATION ARE REPORTS
BY MESSRS LEWIS, IASCHI, COLLINS

SIGNATURE 	NAME R. P. YEARS	RANK FLTLT OICHEL	APPOINTMENT 2246	PHONE NO 2246
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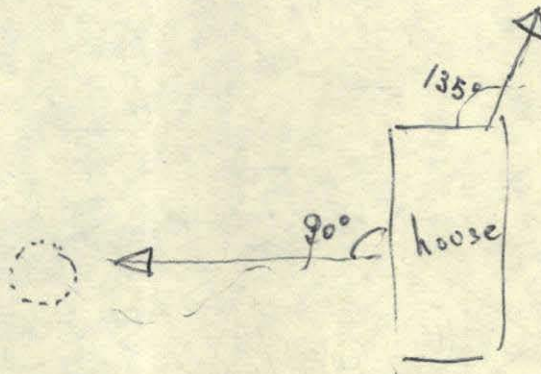
REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGPART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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

1. Name of Observer .. MR. PAYS. IASCHI Age
2. Address of Observer .. 3. GOLDHEAD ST. BAYSWATER
..... Phone No 740196..
3. Occupation of Observer .. Draughtsman
4. Date & Time of start of Observation .. 1:41 a.m. of 25th of January 74
How certain is the date?
How accurate is the time of start? .. Accurate
5. Duration of the observation .. 5 minutes
- How accurate is your estimate? .. Very accurate
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting .. Address as above
.....
How familiar is the observer with this locality? .. My home
7. Weather conditions at time of observation .. clear sky
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation .. Nil
.....
9. Where was object first observed?
a. Relative to your surroundings .. South-west
.....
b. Angle of elevation .. 7° of the horiz.
c. Compass angle bearing .. 220°
d. How accurate are these estimates? .. 90%
10. What first attracted observers attention? .. bright light
..... in the sky

11. If there was more than one light/object:
- a. How many were there? Nil
 - b. In what formation were they?
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)
- the same brightness
14. What was the apparent size of the nearest approach?
- a. Relative to Venus or Moon
 - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ size of the moon
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed?
- Still
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)?
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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 a stated distances
-
20. Give duration of any stationary phases 5 minutes
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres
22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen
-
23. Where was objects last observed?:
- a. Relative to your surroundings
 - b. angle of elevation
 - c. Compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Suddenly...disappeared*
.....
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.
..... *Draughtsman*
27. How many witness to the sighting?
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?
..... *Comet*
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 *Paul Gasech* Date *1st of February 1974*

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type N/A (1).....(2).....(3)
 HeadingT.....T.....T
 Height000 ft000 ft.....000 ft
 SpeedK.....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 707 (1)...CONVAIR... (2).....(3)
 Heading.....350.....T.....170.....T.....T
 Height.....2000.....000 ft.....1000.....000 ft000 ft
 SpeedK.....~~N/A~~.....K.....K
 ATD/ATA*PM 0148 LOCAL hrs PM 0158.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 115° 55' E Longitude 32° 06' S

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.

220° ...55° DEGREE ELEVATION... CANOPUS.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from GUILFORD.....

at 24/1600...Z. Colour WHITE.....Weight.....100.....gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar**: Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)
5000 7000 10000 14000 23000 34000 38000

General wind profile 08/8...02/14...04/24...33/4...37/4...05/2...28/18

Maximum height tracked000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst? YES.

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of°C

atft, measured at 24/1000...Z hrs from GUILFORD..

.....station.

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

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 AZMUTH ELEVATION SAT. HEADING

/39. When

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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)

.....EITHER OF THE A/C IN PARA 33.....
.....

.....1HQ PIA.....28 FEB 74.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....R. PYERS.....FCI LT.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

17 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 13

FLOREAT PK
WA

J. COLLINS

580/1/1 Pt34 (13a)

Mr J. Collins,
51 The Boulevard,
FLOREAT PARK. W.A.

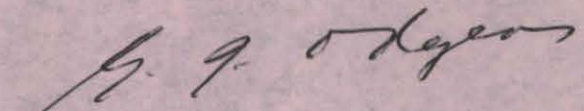
Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 17th January 1974 has been investigated and the investigating team considers that the most likely cause was an aircraft on approach to Perth Airport.

A Cathay Pacific Coronado jet airliner landed at Perth Airport during the time period of your sighting. The aircraft's route would have taken it over the Floreat Park vicinity. The bright light would probably have been the aircraft's landing lights and the others, cabin lights.

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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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of Observer *Ms. J. Collins* Age
2. Address of Observer *51 The Boulevard*
Floriet Park Phone Number *---*
3. Occupation of Observer
4. Dat & Time of Start of Observation *17 2015 to 17 2030 JAN*
 How certain is the date? *Exact*
 How accurate is the time of start? *Not sure but very still*
of finish time
5. Duration of Observation *15-20 min.*
 How accurate is your estimate? *good because of other sightings*
6. Observer's location at time of sighting *Path area above address*
 How familiar is observer with this locality? *local for years*
7. Weather conditions at time of observation *sky clear*

8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation
Binooculars - No help
9. Where was object first observed?:
 a. Relative to your surroundings *West travelling east*
(Total of 4 objects)
 b. Angle of elevation
 c. Compass angle bearing
 d. How accurate are these estimates?
10. What first attracted observer's attention?
Very bright moving light
11. If there was more than one light/object:
 a. How many were there? *six*
 b. in what formation were they? *in line approx*

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)
..... *1st really bright best same as stars*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach? :
a. relative to Venus or Moon..... *smaller*
b. relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (About 20 inches from eyes)..... *1st larger than stars rest same as stars*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
..... *Overhead*
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)?
..... *Overhead to horizon*
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.....
..... *described as very fast - faster than aircraft and very high*
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 *disappeared below horizon*
b. angle of elevation *zero*
c. compass angle bearing..... *East approx*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *below horizon*
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? see below
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area?
..... see below
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation?
..... unknown
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.

note.

Fly off Messer supported information.

He sighted seven objects between 172008
of 172030 as described above. travelling
approx in line in a west to east
direction.

Signature.....

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O/O

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... NIL(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....TT.....T
Height000 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 CONVAIR(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading ... 170°TT.....T.....T
Height... 2000000 ft.....000 ft.....000 ft
Speed.....K.....K.....K
ATD/ATA* 2015hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude... 45° 50' E Longitude... 32° 07' 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.

NIL

36/ A meteorological balloon was released from GUILDFORD.

atZ. Colour. WHITE Weight... 500 gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar ** : Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>7000</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>12000</u>	<u>34000</u>	<u>53000</u>
General wind profile...	<u>20/14</u>	<u>10/6</u>	<u>14/8</u>	<u>24/10</u>	<u>22/8</u>	<u>24/10</u>

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst ? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NIL.....°C

atft, measured atZ hrs from
.....station.

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

N/A

/ 39. When an

39. When identified as possible aircraft, include radar trace if available, and ascertain which of the aircraft lights were operating.

.....
.....

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

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

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THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A LARGE AIRCRAFT

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23 DEC 73

SIGHTING # 12

BALCATT
WA

D. C. JACKSON

580/1/1 Pt 34 (12a)

Mr D.G. Jackson,
107 Amelia Street,
BALCATTA. W.A. 6021

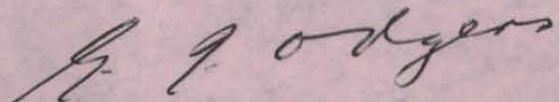
Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd December 1973 has been investigated and the investigating team considers that the most likely cause was a Mitsubishi MU-2 aircraft (VH-CJP) landing at Perth Airport.

This aircraft landed at about 8.15 p.m. on the night of the 23rd December so would have passed over Balcatta at about 8.10 p.m.. The white light would probably have been the aircraft's white landing light.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)

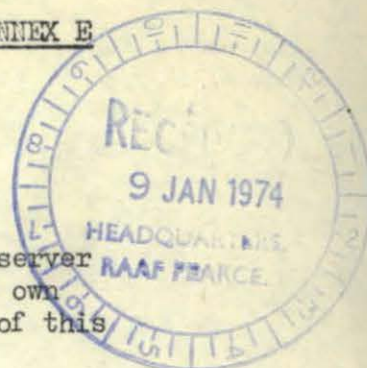
Director of Public Relations

Handwritten notes:
J. G. Odgers
DGM
22/13

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

PART 1 - REPORT BY OBSERVER

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



1. Name of Observer DONALD G. JACKSON Age 44
2. Address of Observer 107 AMELIA ST
BALCETTA Phone No 494655
245633
3. Occupation of Observer RETIRED
4. Date & Time of start of Observation 8:10 pm 23 DEC
How certain is the date?
How accurate is the time of start? WITHIN 1 minute
5. Duration of the observation Approx. 30-40 seconds
How accurate is your estimate? VERY close
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting FRONT LAWN
of 107 AMELIA ST BALCETTA
How familiar is the observer with this locality? MY RESIDENCE
7. Weather conditions at time of observation FINE & CLEAR
STARS VERY BRIGHT
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation N/A
9. Where was object first observed? DIRECTLY OVER HEAD
 - a. Relative to your surroundings STRAIGHT up
 - b. Angle of elevation HEAD S/EAST From
 - c. Compass angle bearing NORTH WEST
 - d. How accurate are these estimates? VERY
10. What first attracted observers attention? I JUST HAPPENED
TO GLANCE up AND THOUGHT IT WAS A
SHOOTING STAR

11. If there was more than one light/object:
 - a. How many were there? ONE
 - b. In what formation were they? N/A.
12. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE (SIMILAR TO A STAR.)
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance; eg ordinary street light at 100 yards)

..... CONSTANT COLOUR SAY COMMON HOUSE LIGHT AT ANY BE A MILE AWAY.
14. What was the apparent size of the nearest approach?
 - a. Relative to Venus or Moon JUST SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN VENUS
 - b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)

..... APPROX. THE SIZE OF A MATCH HEAD.
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed?

..... ?
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)?

..... HARD TO JUDGE BUT IN THE VICINITY OF 50 TO 60 THOUSAND FT
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at a stated distances

..... HARD TO JUDGE BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE THOUSANDS TO DISAPPEAR SO QUICKLY AT THAT HEIGHT.
20. Give duration of any stationary phases NIL.
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres A TENDANCY TO ZIG ZAG.
22. Describe any trail or exhaust, vapour or light seen N/A.
23. Where was objects last observed?:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings SOUTH EAST SOUTH EAST.
 - b. angle of elevation ?
 - c. Compass angle bearing

24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *out of sight*
..... *going away*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity, etc)
..... *N/A*
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? *3*
28. Do you know of witnesses to similar sightings in the area
..... *NO*
29. What natural phenomenon (or phenomena) would be nearest to explaining your observation? ~~THE~~ *A SATELLITE THE CLOSEST BUT*
NATURAL - NIL - BUT I HAVE SEEN A SIMILAR SIGHTING
IN 1950. DEC.
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?
..... *IT WAS TOO FAST FOR A SATELLITE AT THAT HEIGHT*
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

Don Jackson

Date /

7 Jan. 1974

Dear Sir

With regard to some of your questions I could not accurately judge them as I have no experience with this sort of thing. But I can say that the object would be at about the same height as you would expect to see a satellite and similar in appearance as though the sun was shining on it, the only difference is the speed. The satellites that I have seen have been a lot slower and have taken minutes to cross the sky not 30 or 40 seconds.

As to my previous sighting ^{Dec.} 1 1950 the object was the same but a lot brighter but then that one appeared as though a light had been turned on in the middle of the sky and then zigzagged about the heavens for about 10 mins coming back to approx. the same position and then disappearing away from the earth. This sighting was about 12 pm.

Don Jackson

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

A/C type N14.....(1).....(2).....(3)
HeadingT.....T.....T
Height000 ft000 ft000 ft
SpeedK.....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 CTP MU2.....(1).....(2).....(3)
Heading.....170.T.....T.....T.....T
Height.....3000.....000 ft000 ft000 ft
SpeedK.....K.....K
ATD/ATA* ~~1200~~ 1215Zhrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 115° 50' E Longitude 32° 10' S

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.

N/A

36. A meteorological balloon was released from GUILFORD

at 23/1000 Z. Colour WHITE Weight 500 gm

Radio-sonde **/ radar**: Candle **/ battery** (** Delete as required.)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>7000</u>	<u>23000</u>	<u>34000</u>	<u>53000</u>
General wind profile	<u>19/26</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>28/54</u>	<u>28/106</u>	<u>27/56</u>

Maximum height tracked000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of NIL °C

atft, measured atZ hrs from

.....station.

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

N/A

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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)

.....*THE A/C IN PARA 29, AND COULD HAVE*.....
.....*NOTICED THE LANDING LIGHT*.....

.....*HQ PEA*.....*28 FEB 74*.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....*R. PYERS*.....*FLT LT*.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

1 DEC 73

SIGHTING # 11

MOSSMAN PK
WA.

J. D. LEWIS

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 5801.1A34(11a)	DATE 3 Jul 74	REFERENCES
TO HUPA ATTENTION UFO OFFICER			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed for your records, is a copy of a letter to Mr J D Lewis in reply ~~to~~ to his report of an unusual aerial sighting.

ENCLOSURE: Copy of letter to Mr J D Lewis

SIGNATURE M. CREATION	NAME M. CREATION	RANK FAC OFF	APPOINTMENT IR 2	PHONE NO 2405
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580/1/1 Pt 34(11a)

- 2 JUL 1974

Mr J. D. Lewis,
135 Victoria Street,
MOSMAN PARK, W.A. 6012.

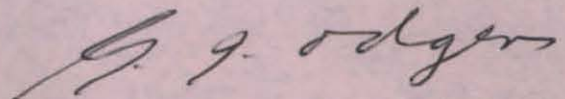
Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 1st December, 1973 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was a meteorological balloon.

A radio-sonde balloon was released from Albany at 5.00 a.m. on 1st December. Although the majority of balloons rise until they burst, occasionally balloons develop small leaks and will drift for considerable distances gradually descending. The upper wind structure on 1st December was south-easterly to about 10,000 feet and veered to the south-west with increasing altitude, becoming 250/60 kts at about 40,000 ft. The time and distance involved makes it very probable that you saw the balloon released from Albany. Additionally, the balloon and clouds, being at different altitudes, were subject to different winds and would move in different directions.

We regret the delay in replying and trust that this explanation is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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DAG
27 Jun 74*

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGPart 1 - Report by observer

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

1. Name of Observer.....JOHN DAVID LEWIS.....Age.....
2. Address of Observer.....135 VICTORIA ST MOSSMAN PIK......
.....Phone No.....314193.....
3. Occupation of Observer.....TUG MASTER.....
4. Date & Time of start of Observation.....011212Z.....
How certain is the date?.....CERT.....
How accurate is the time of start ?.....ACCURATE (±15 sec).....
5. Duration of the observation.....3 minutes.....
How accurate is your estimate?approx.....
6. Observers' location at the time of sighting.....BRUCE LEE OVAL.....
.....SOUTH F.R.E......
How familiar is the observer with this locality ?fairly.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation.....By strong southerly.....
.....light small cumulus.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....NONE.....
9. Where was object first observed?
a. Relative to your surroundings.....
.....to the south.....
b. Angle of elevation.....30°.....
c. Compass angle bearing.....190°.....
d. How accurate are these estimates ?rough.....
10. What first attracted observers attention ? ,.....movement.....
.....through the clouds.....

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 ? *silver*
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 & Bigger than Venus*
14. What was the apparent size at the nearest approach ? :
- a. Relative to Venus or Moon..... *slightly much brighter than Venus*
- b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from eyes)
- */*
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at the nearest approach and how these values assessed ?
- *270° 70°*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious ? *NONE*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
- *nn*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified) ?
- *30° - 70°*
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 a stated distances
- */*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *NONE*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *NONE*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *NONE*
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23. Where was objects last observed ? :
- a. Relative to your surroundings *015°*
- b. Angle of elevation..... *30°*
- c. Compass angle bearing *015°*

24.

What was the manner of its disappearance ? *stopped looking*

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.

MASTER TUG CAPT'

27.

How many of witnesses to the sighting ? *3*

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 ?

;..... *g. mit balloon*

30.

What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation ?

..... *moved faster than the clouds*

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.....

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)
HeadingF.....T.....T
Height,000 ft,000 ft.....,000 ft
SpeedK.....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
SpeedK.....K.....K
ATD/ATA*hrs.....hrs.....hrs

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude 32° 03' Longitude 115° 50'

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.

N/A.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from GFD.....

at 010400 Z. Colour WHITE.....Weight.....100.....gm

~~Radio-sonde~~ **/ radar**: ~~Candle~~ **/ ~~battery~~ ** (** Delete as required.)

General wind profile 20 50 100 140 300 390
15/16 17/16 19/42 21/40 21/50 25/54.....

Maximum height tracked 44000....., ~~000~~ ft atZ

Was it known to have burst? YES

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of°C

at SURFACE.....ft, measured at 302200.....Z hrs from GFD.....

.....station.

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

NIL.....

/39. When

39. When identified as possible aircraft, 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)

.....IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN.....
.....

.....HQ PIBA.....28 FEB 70.....
(Unit) (Date)

.....R - PYERS.....FCT LT.....
(Name of Investigating Officer) (Rank)

13 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 10

NTH ENTRANCE
NSW

J. FAGAN

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 580/11/P.34(105)	DATE 18 APR 74	REFERENCES
TO HOWLM	ATTENTION F10		
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters to David Fagan, Mr L. G. Osmond, Mrs F. Hunt and Mr J. J. Upton in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to David Fagan, Mr L. G. Osmond, Mrs F. Hunt and Mr J. J. Upton.

SIGNATURE M. Gretton	NAME M. GRETTON	RANK FLC RFF	APPOINTMENT IR. 2	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt34 (10a)

17 MAY 1974

David Fagan,
1/15 Mitcham Street,
PUNCHBOWL. N.S.W. 2196

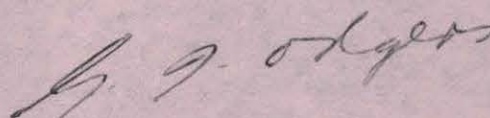
Dear David,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 13th January 1974 has been received, and the investigating team believes that the most probable cause was the star CANOPUS.

At the time of your sighting, CANOPUS was visible with a magnitude of -1 at an elevation of 55° on a bearing of 145° . A strong temperature inversion of 5°C existed between 7-8000 feet, where trapped pollutants below the level could provide a ground observer with a very distorted view of the star. Cloud moving across the star would account for its disappearance.

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

Yours sincerely,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Handwritten:
Fagan
DAM
11/4/74



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65 1221

Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314

11th February 1974

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(48)


~~DAFI~~
Department of Defence (Air Office)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting from Master David Fagan, aged 15 years of 1/15 Mitcham Street, Punchbowl, NSW, who was holidaying at The Entrance at the time of the sighting. The object was a very bright orange/yellow light at "60° South" which remained stationary for the full two minutes of the sighting.
2. Weather at the time in question (2050 hours) was: $\frac{1}{8}$ strato-cumulous at 5500 feet, wind Easterly at 8 knots, temperature 21°C. A 5° temperature inversion was recorded from 7000 - 8000 feet. No satellites were visible. Canopus (Star 17) was at AZ 145° EL 55°, and the sighting most likely was this star, strongly distorted by the temperature inversion.
3. Forwarded for your further investigation.


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

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer



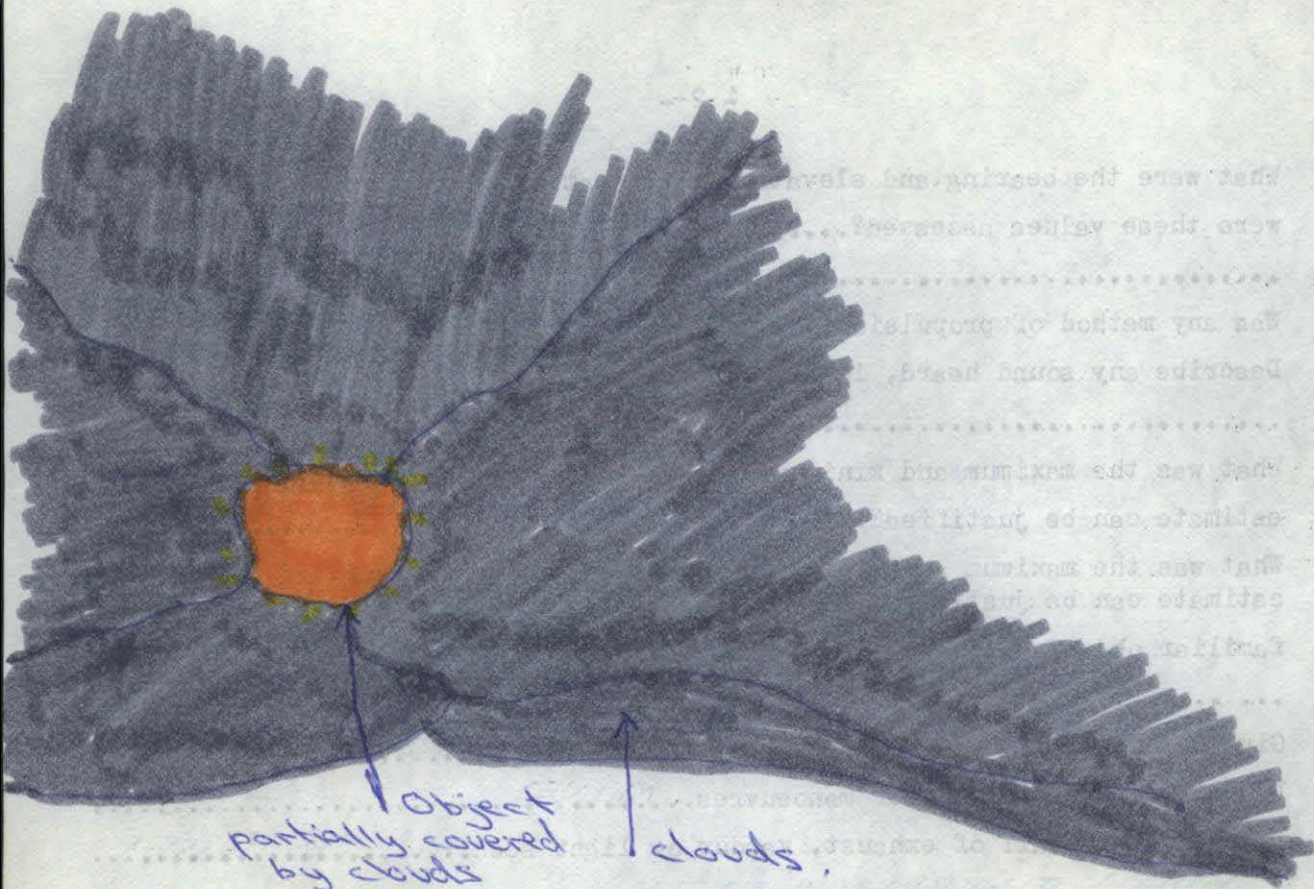
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer... DAVID FAGAN Age 15
2. Address of observer... 115 Madison Street
Summit 2196 Phone 534-1832
3. Occupation of observer... HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
4. Date and time of start of observation... 13-2-74 AT 8-50 PM
How certain is the date? ... ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
How accurate is the time of start? ... PERHAPS OFF BY A FEW MINUTES
5. Duration of observation... TWO MINUTES
How accurate is your estimate? ... APPROXIMATION
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... NORTH ENTRANCE
BEACH
How familiar is observer with this locality? ... LIVED HERE
ONLY 2 WEEKS ON HOLIDAY
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... CLOUDY, OVERCAST,
LITTLE WIND
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... NONE
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... SOUTH
.....
b. Angle of elevation... 60° SOUTH
c. Compass angle bearing.....
d. How accurate are these estimates? ... FAIRLY ACCURATE
10. What first attracted observer's attention? ... THE LIGHT IN
SKY
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? ... YELLOW-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)
.....
VERY BRIGHT
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon... 1/2 size Moon
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes)... 3"

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)?..... **60° DID NOT CHANGE**.....
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..... **2 MINUTES**.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... **NONE**.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... **NONE EXCEPT LIGHT ALREADY MENTIONED**.....
23. Where was the object last observed:
- a. Relative to your surroundings..... **60° SOUTH**.....
- b. Angle of elevation..... **60° SOUTH**.....
- c. Compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... **CIRCULAR - (LIKE TURNING OFF A 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..... **ONLY HIGH SCHOOL MATHS**.....
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... **3 MORE**.....
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?..... **NONE**.....
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..... **David Page**.....

Date..... **17-1-79**.....



Object
partially covered
by clouds

clouds

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....33° 20'.....Longitude.....151° 30'

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

.....CANOPUS (Star 17) A2 145° EL 55° at
.....2050 hours.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....N/A.....

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

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

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of5.....°C at

.....7-8000.....ft, measured at1015.....Z hrs from.....WILLIAMTOWN
.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons,

meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....NIL.....

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

.....N/A.....

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

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

.....CANOPUS Strongly distorted by temperature inversion.....

.....HQ WLM.....(unit)A. F. BLACKBURN.....(Name)

.....11 Feb 74.....(date)FLT LT.....(Rank)

30 DEC 73

SIGHTING #9

TASCOTT
NSW

J. J. UPTON

O. H. M. S.



Mr J.J. Upton,
29 Broadwaters
TASCOTT NSW 2251

Left this address

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IN REPLY QUOTE: 580/1/1 Pt34 (9a)

17 MAY 1974

Mr J.J. Upton,
29 Broadwaters
TASCOTT. N.S.W. 2251

Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 30th December 1973 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was the star CANOPUS.

At the time of your sighting CANOPUS was at an elevation of 28° on a bearing of 140° with a magnitude of -1. A brief sighting of the star through a break in dark clouds could produce the effect described in your report.

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

Yours faithfully,

(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Not A

*Lighter by DPR
G. J. Odgers
3 May 74*

DAFI.

This has been returned to D.P.R. (our office.) It appears that Mr J.J. Upton has left this address. Suggest you hold on file just in case he writes again from his new location.

3 May 74.

*Kelany Senesh
P.H.*

580/1/1 Pt34 (9a)

17 MAY 1974

Mr J.J. Upton,
29 Broadwaters
TASCOTT. N.S.W. 2251

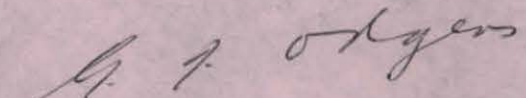
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We trust that this explanation is satisfactory and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Upton
DAM
11/4/74



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65 1221

Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(47)

11th February 1974

DAFI
Department of Defence (Air Office)

For Information:


Headquarters Operational Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting observed by Mr John Joseph Upton of 29 Broadwater, Tascott at 2000 hours on 30th December 1973. The sighting took the form of a white light seen for some 5 - 6 seconds, after which it disappeared. He has likened the object to a light globe on the proforma; there is no expansion to account for the hamburger-like object in the sketch. As can be seen, the report was forwarded by the Central Coast UFO Research Bureau.

2. Weather at the time of the sighting was: rain, overcast, cloud base 8000 - 10000 feet, visibility 7 miles, wind North Easterly at 8 knots, temperature 23°. No satellites were visible, there was no significant temperature inversion. However, at 2000 hours, Canopus, a star (No 17) with the same magnitude as Mars was visible at AZ 140° EL 28°. Dark clouds scudding across the night sky could account for his own particular account of the sighting.

3. Forwarded for your further investigation.


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

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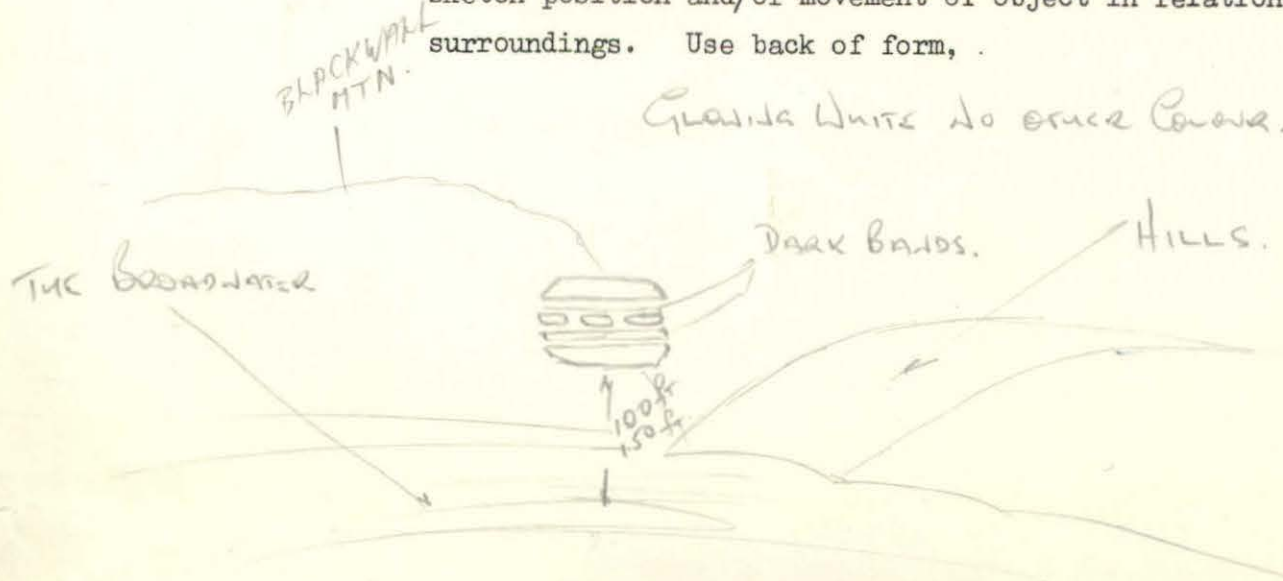


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17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
..... *Non*
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *100-150 ft.*
19. What was the maximum and minimum angular velocity (or speed, if an estimate can be justified)? If necessary, compare with the movement of familiar objects at stated distances..... *Non*
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *5-6 sec.*
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *Non*
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *Non*
23. Where was the object last observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings..... *Same Position.*
- b. Angle of elevation..... *"*
- c. Compass angle bearing..... *"*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *Like a Light Switched Off*
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc)..... *Non*
26. State any training which enables observer to be reasonably certain of his/her ability to estimate angles and angular velocity..... *No*
27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... *4*
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 House Hold GLOBE*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... *Light GLOBES Don't Don't Fly*
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 *John J. Upton* SP.

Date *2-1-74*

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude.....33° 26'.....Longitude.....151° 20'

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

.....CANOPUS (Star 17) A2.140 A EL 28° at 2200hrs.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....N/A.....
at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of°C at

.....ft, measured atZ hrs from.....

.....station.

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

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

.....N/A.....

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

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

.....CANOPUS.....

.....H. D. WLM.....(unit)A. F. BLANKBURN.....(Name)
.....11 Feb 74.....(date)PLT LT.....(Rank)

21 DEC 73

SIGHTING # 8

TOUKLEY
NSW

FAYE HUNT

580/1/1 Pt34 (8a)

17 MAY 1974

Mrs F. Hunt,
10 Emu Drive,
DAYALSON
Via TOUKLEY NSW 2263

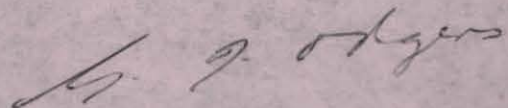
Dear Mrs Hunt,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 21st December 1973 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was the planets VENUS and JUPITER.

At 9.55 p.m. on 21st December VENUS and JUPITER were visible with magnitudes of -1.6 and -4.4 respectively at an elevation of 25° on a bearing of 265° . The juxtaposition of the planets would create an unusually bright light and any fluctuations or discolouration could have been due to the planets being viewed through the polluted lower layers of the atmosphere. Both planets were also setting and this would account for the slow descent below the horizon during the period of the sighting.

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

Yours sincerely,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE



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11th February 1974

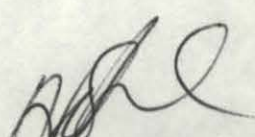
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Department of Defence (Air Office)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Forwarded herewith is a report on an unusual aerial sighting observed by Mrs Faye Hunt of 10 Emu Drive Dayalson via Toukley NSW, on 21st December 1973. Sighting took the form of a "bright rosy pink glow in the sky", and bearing and elevation were lined up the following day as 15° North of sunset, elevation 15°-30°, timing was 2155 hours.
2. Weather was: wind North Easterly at 3 knots, sky clear, temperature 22°. There was no significant temperature inversion. At 2155 hours local Jupiter and Venus were at AZ 265° EL 25°. Sunset was at AZ 240° approximately. No satellites were visible. Juxta position of Jupiter and Venus are thought to be the source of the glow.
3. Forwarded for your further assessment.


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



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1. The first part of the document is a letterhead which contains the name of the organization and the name of the person who is writing the letter. The letterhead is followed by a salutation and a brief statement of the purpose of the letter.

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer



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

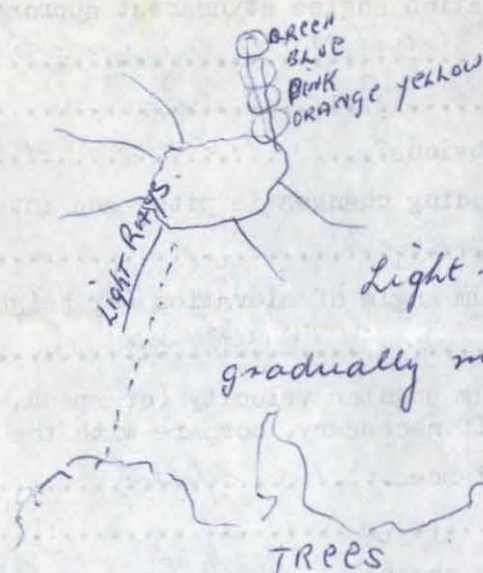
1. Name of observer... *Faye Hunt* Age. *45*
2. Address of observer... *10 E. 1st Ave. Dayton*
via Toukley 2263 Phone. *58532*
3. Occupation of observer... *Housemaid*
4. Date and time of start of observation... *21-12-73* *9:55pm*
 How certain is the date? *on previous day*
 How accurate is the time of start? *end of T.V. programme + clock*
5. Duration of observation... *Full hour*
 How accurate is your estimate? *approximate*
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... *at home in yard*
 How familiar is observer with this locality? *living in area*
 *for 18 months*
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... *Still air, no moon*
visible, slight hazy cloud
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... *only by eyesight*
9. Where was object first observed:
 a. Relative to your surroundings... *Westerly direction*

 b. Angle of elevation.....
 c. Compass angle bearing... *not available*
 d. How accurate are these estimates? *almost accurate*
10. What first attracted observer's attention? *bright rosy pink*
 *glow in sky*
11. If there was more than one light/object: *no*
 a. How many were there? *one*
 b. In what formation were they? *not in formation*
12. What was the colour of the light or object? *similar to star*
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source
 at a stated distance eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
 *3 times brighter than average star*
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 a. Relative to Venus or Moon..... *not known*
 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?..... *building alignment, at sunset (on date 22nd Dec)*.....
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *remained hovering*.....
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity..... *no sound noticed*.....
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)?..... *30 to 15 degrees*.....
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.... *no speed*.....
20. Give duration of any stationary phases..... *approx. 15 minutes*.....
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres..... *seemed to descend slowly*.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... *coloured light in spiral form, occasionally & fading dim, then bright (see back of form)*.....
23. Where was the object last observed:
- a. Relative to your surroundings..... *15 degrees north of sunset*.....
- b. Angle of elevation..... *30 degrees to 15 degrees*.....
- c. Compass angle bearing..... *not available*.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *just lowered down to horizon*.....
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 witnesses to the sighting?..... *one*.....
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?..... *nil*.....
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..... *A. Hunt*.....

Date..... *22-12-73*.....



Light rays very bright at times & more
pinpoint at
other times.
gradually moved lower
& disappeared
appeared to be
revolving

RESTRICTED

Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: Latitude...*33°16'*.....Longitude...*151°32'*.....

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

.....*Jupiter and Venus A2 265° E 15°*.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....*N/A*.....
 at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst?.....

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

.....station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....*N/C*.....

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

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

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

.....*Juxtaposition of Jupiter and Venus*.....

.....*HQ WLM*.....(unit)*A. F. BLANKENBUSH*.....(Name)
*8 FEB 74*.....(date)*FCLT*.....(Rank)

12 Nov 73

SIGHTING # 7

WARATAH
NSW

L. G. OSMOND

580/1/1 Pt34 (7a)

17 MAY 1974

Mr L.G. Osmond,
88 Lambton Road,
WARATAH. NSW 2298

Dear Sir,

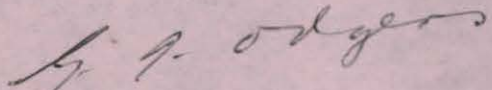
Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 12th November 1973 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was the planet MARS and the stars HAMAL and MENKAR.

When initially sighted MARS (magnitude -1.8), HAMAL (magnitude 2.2) and MENKAR (magnitude 2.8) were visible in the north-east at an elevation of about 30° and were in a 'V' formation similar to that described in your report. During the course of the evening these light sources remained in the 'V' formation and moved gradually to the north-west and when finally viewed would have been at an elevation of about 30°. A strong temperature inversion of 3°C recorded at 12000 feet, trapping pollutants below that level, could have caused an apparent increase in magnitude of the light sources.

The second sighting on the following evening is considered to have been caused by the same light sources.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE



TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65 1221

Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(45)

11th February 1974

DAFI
Department of Defence (Air Office)


For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: C C Intel 0)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Reference: A. HQWLM 5/2/Air(11) of 13th February 1973

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting observed on 12th November 1973 by Mr L.G. Osmond of 88 Lambton Road Waratah, while he was holidaying at Lostock in the Gresford area. The sighting is well described in the attached narrative report.
2. Weather conditions at Newcastle were: local showers, overcast with cloud at 5000 feet, wind North Westerley at 5 knots, temperature 18°C. A 3⁰ temperature inversion was recorded at 12000 feet at 2115 hours local time. Although the weather at Lostock was described as fine, there is no doubt that the temperature inversion would have extended over that area. No satellites were visible at the time. At 2000 hours local Mars and two stars, almost in line, were clearly visible in the Eastern sky, and moved Westerly across the sky in similar formation throughout the night. It would appear that this is what Mr Osmond saw, but was disorientated, reading East for West. Unusual effects as described could well have been caused by the strong inversion. Reference A detailed a similar situation in the Dungog area. The fact that there was a repeat performance the following night also lends credence to this solution.
3. Forwarded for your further in investigation.


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

FOLIO No.	
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(2)



'88 Lambton Road
Waratah 2298
2-1-74.

A.R. Blackburn
Flight Lieutenant
Raaf Williamtown.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry for not submitting my report Ref. 5/2/Air(340 before this but I have been very busy during the later half of November and all of December as this is a very busy time for the Postoffice and I was on the relief staff for the Christmas period and was not always in the Newcastle Area.

I hope my own report (in duplicate) may be of some assistance to you and I will be more than happy to discuss any further details over the telephone with you as in my job I spend most of my time on the telephone at work (671021 between 9am - 5pm) Or at home 682871 any time.

Should you wish to contact my cousin or her family at Lostock the telephone number is Lostock 317161 its just near Gresford.

Once again I am very sorry for the late submitting of this report.

Yours faithfully,

L G Osmond

L. G. Osmond

P.S. all the best for 1974

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88 Lambton Rd.
Waratah 2298
2-1-74.

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Attention Flight lieutenant Blackburn

When I first sighted the three objects with the naked eye(I wear glasses) they appeared to me in the formation of three two bright ones and one slightly larger yellow one. When I viewed the objects through the binoculars they appeared to shaped similiar to a shuttle cock as used in badminton games.

I am sorry but I am not much of a judge of distance in height or width.

the objects did not lose any of their glow or colour while they moved slowly from North West to North East or while they were stationary. They all appeared to make use of the few clouds around which they "hid " behind but once the clouds moved(if they move) the objects made no attempt to hid behind same again.

I was able to observe the objects from 7/30pm till 8/30pm then they remained stationary at the north east point from this time till approximately 10/30pm then moved up all three objects till they were no longer visible through the binoculars after approx 1/30am (my cousin's son observed the objects under the same pattern the following night also.

The observers were myself,my wife ,my cousin, her son, till approximately 10-30pm.

After 10/30pm myself , my cousin husband and his friend till approximately 1-30am.

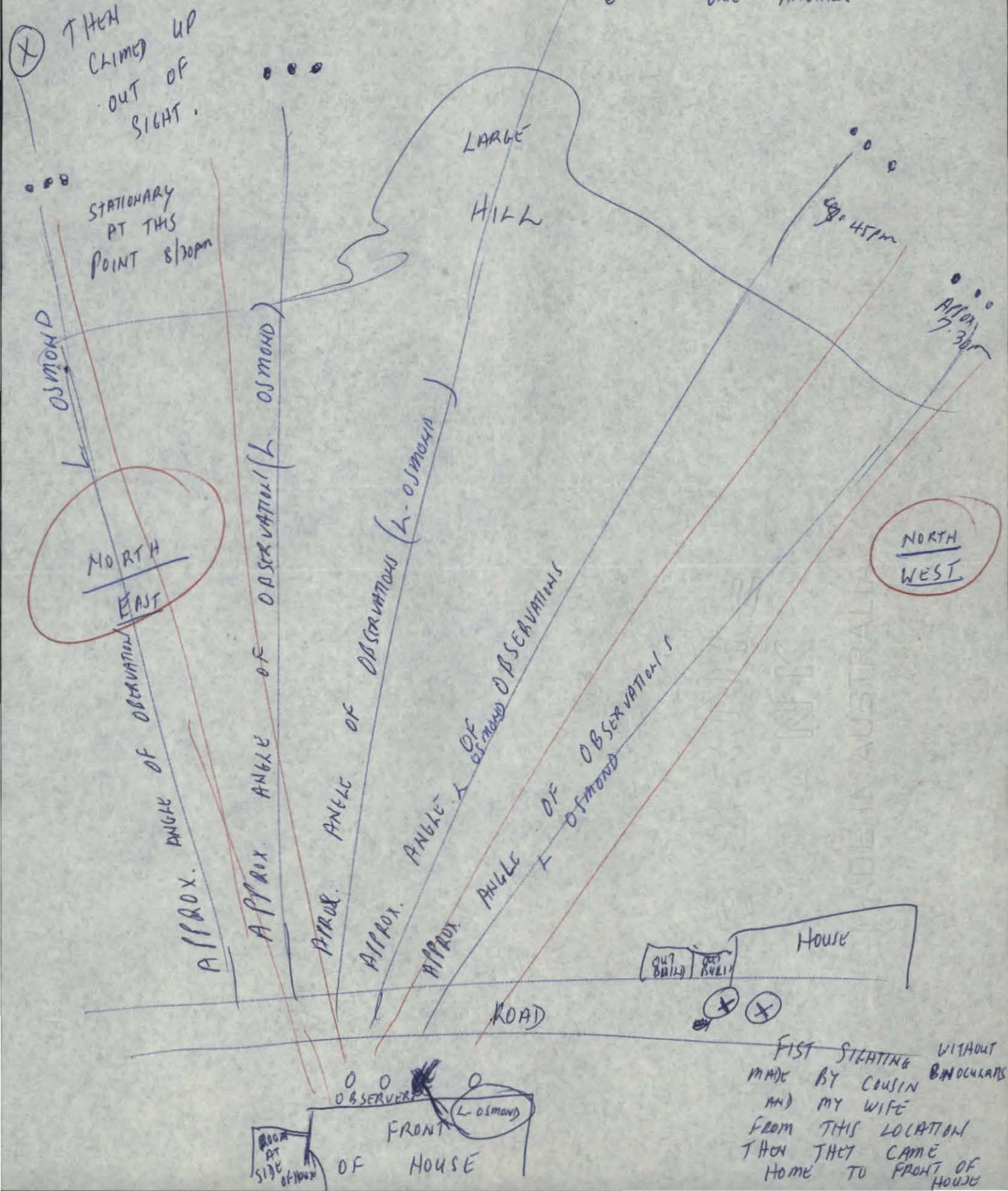
all of them definately state the objects were not stars or planes . Mycousin,her husband, and her sons have never seen anything like these objects at Lostock at any other times nor seen any since.

Yours faithfully,

L G Osmond
L G. OSMOND.

L. OSMOND ————— OBSERVATIONS
OTHER OBSERVERS —————

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BY EACH PERSON
PASSING SAME TO
ONE ANOTHER.



REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

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

1. Name of observer... LESLIE GRAHAM OSMOND Age 32
2. Address of observer... 88 LAMBTON ROAD WARATAH 2248
..... Phone 682871
3. Occupation of observer... POSTAL CLERK
4. Date and time of start of observation... 12/11/1973 APPROX 7.15PM
How certain is the date? ON ANNUAL HOLIDAYS FROM WORK
How accurate is the time of start? BASED ON T/V SHOW GREAT TEMPTATION CHL. 3
5. Duration of observation... APPROX 7.30PM - 1.30AM
How accurate is your estimate? WATCH IN USE ALL TIME
6. Observer's location at time of sighting... APPROXIMATELY LOOKING NORTH
FROM FRONT OF HOUSE - MAP ATTACHED
How familiar is observer with this locality? SPEND ALL MY HOLIDAYS IN AREA FOR LAST 18 YEARS
7. Weather conditions at time of observation... FINE - VERY FEW
CLOUDS - OBJECTS APPEAR TO USE CLOUDS FOR COVER FROM TIME TO TIME
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation... BINOCULARS
9. Where was object first observed:
a. Relative to your surroundings... IN NORTH WEST TRAVELLING
VERY SLOWLY TO NORTH WEST EAST REMAINING STATIONARY FROM 9/30PM 1.30AM
AT NORTH EAST
b. Angle of elevation... ALMOST VERTICAL WITH GROUND SEE MAP
c. Compass angle bearing... —
d. How accurate are these estimates? FAIRLY ACCURATE - BUT SEE ATTACHED DRAWING.
10. What first attracted observer's attention? COLOUR HEIGHT AND
MOVEMENT OF THE OBJECTS - PLUS OTHER OBSERVER'S POINTING SAME DIR.
11. If there was more than one light/object:
a. How many were there? THREE
b. In what formation were they? IN LINE OF THREE
12. What was the colour of the light or object? 2 COLOUR OF STARS 1 YELLOW
13. What was the brightness? (Compare with full moon or common light source at a stated distance eg, ordinary street light at 100 yards)
VERY BRIGHT - 2 (WHITE) VERY BRIGHT (YELLOW ONE)
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
a. Relative to Venus or Moon... APPROX 8 SIZE OF FULL MOON
b. Relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) APPROX 18" IN CIRCUMFERENCE

NORTH EAST
3 2 1 N.W.
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2 WHITE
OBJECTS
1. YELLOW
OBJECT.

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**
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..... **8/30pm - 1.30am APPROX.**
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres.....
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen..... **NIL**
23. Where was the object last observed:
- a. Relative to your surroundings. **IN NORTH EAST**
- b. Angle of elevation.....
- c. Compass angle bearing.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... **ROSE UP BEYOND SIGHT (ALL 3 OBJECTS)**
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..... **NO**
- # 27. How many witnesses to the sighting?..... **4 BETWEEN 8/30pm - 10/30pm - THEN 3 BETWEEN 10/30pm - 1.30am**
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?..... **NO**
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..... **L G Osmond**

Date..... **2/1/74**

TWO OTHER PEOPLE - BESIDE ORIGINAL FOUR INCLUDING MYSELF (ORIGINAL THREE WENT TO BED APPROX. 10/30PM)

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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: *General vicinity* Latitude.....*32° 25'*.....Longitude.....*151° 32'*

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

.....*MARS 2000HRS local AZ 55° EL 30°*.....

36. A meteorological balloon was released from.....*N/A*.....
 at.....Z...Colour.....Weight.....gm

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

General wind profile.....

Maximum height tracked.....,000 ft atZ

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...*3*...°C at

.....*12,000*...ft, measured at ...*1005*.....Z hrs from.....*WILLIAM TOWN*.....
station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....*N/C*.....

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)

.....*Mars plus two stars distorted by strong inversion*.....

.....*F&WLM*.....(unit)*A. F. BLACKBURN*.....(Name)

.....*8 FEB 74*.....(date)*RET LT*.....(Rank)

23 Nov 74

SIGHTING # 6

O'DONNELL TOWN
NSW

G. & C. BALDWIN

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 5801.1 Pt 34 (65)	DATE 3 SEP 74	REFERENCES Your 5/2/AIR (42) OF 8 FEB 74
TO HOWLM ATTENTION FIO			
SUBJECT REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING			

Enclosed, for your records, is a copy of a letter to Mr. Mrs G. Baldwin in reply to their report of an unusual aerial sighting.

ENCLOSURE Copy of letter to Mr. Mrs G. Baldwin.

SIGNATURE M. G. GRETTON	NAME M. G. GRETTON	RANK FLYING OFFICER	APPOINTMENT R-2	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt 3 (6a)

- 2 SEP 1974

G. and C. Baldwin,
7 Penrose Street,
EDGEWORTH, N.S.W. 2285.

Dear Mr and Mrs Baldwin,

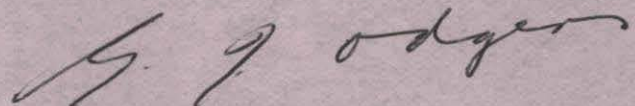
Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 23rd November, 1973 has been received and following thorough investigation this Department has been unable to definitely determine a cause of the sighting.

Our investigation covered the possibility that you may have sighted a meteor shower or space debris. Both were discounted, however, as neither would appear silver-white due to the burning-up process during entry to the Earth's atmosphere, nor would there be any accompanying noise with the objects at such a low altitude. Additionally, although meteors and space debris have been known to withstand the burning-up process, the probability that several objects would reach Earth in a shower is extremely remote.

A further explanation considered by the investigating team is that the sighting was of a flock of birds, although the accompanying noise cannot be accounted for. RAAF aircraft, operating out of Williamtown, were over the area at the time of the sighting but at an altitude of 30,000 feet and are not considered to have had any bearing on the sighting. No civilian aircraft were known to have been active in the area at the time. This theory is, therefore, unsubstantiated.

We regret that we have been unable to definitely determine the cause of your sighting, and the delay in replying, and thank you for your report.

Yours sincerely,



(G. J. ODGERS)

Director of Public Relations

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE: Newcastle 65 1221



Headquarters
RAAF Base
WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2314

8th February 1974

IN REPLY QUOTE 5/2/Air(42)


DAFI
Department of Defence (Air Office)

For Information:

Headquarters Operational Command (Attention: CC Intel 0)

REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

1. Attached is a report on an unusual aerial sighting observed on 23rd November 1973, by Constable Gary Baldwin of the Maitland Police Breathalyzer Squad and his wife, a school teacher. The sighting took the form of "ten to fifteen silver or white objects" approximately 4 feet square descending at a rapid speed into bush country. The movement was accompanied by a noise like that of a low flying jet. Constable Baldwin is a shift worker and therefore difficult to contact, and some time had elapsed from his original verbal report and the lodging of his written report. He was questioned as to why he hadn't tried to locate the objects, and replied that he would have been unable to find them because of the nature of the area (thick bush) and distance (well over half a mile).
2. Weather conditions at the time of sighting were: Wind SS Westerly at 3 knots, visibility 15 miles with some smoke haze, $\frac{3}{8}$ large Cumulus at 2,500 feet, temperature 22°C. At 222215Z a 1°C temperature inversion was recorded at 8,000 feet. No satellite sightings were forecast for that time. RAAF aircraft were active in R519 over the time of the sighting at a height of 30,000 and therefore have no bearing on the sighting. No civilian aircraft were active in the area over the period. The only possible explanation is that of space debris, but this would hardly fit the description given. It has been confirmed locally that the objects were not drop tanks.
3. Forwarded for your further investigation.


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

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REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

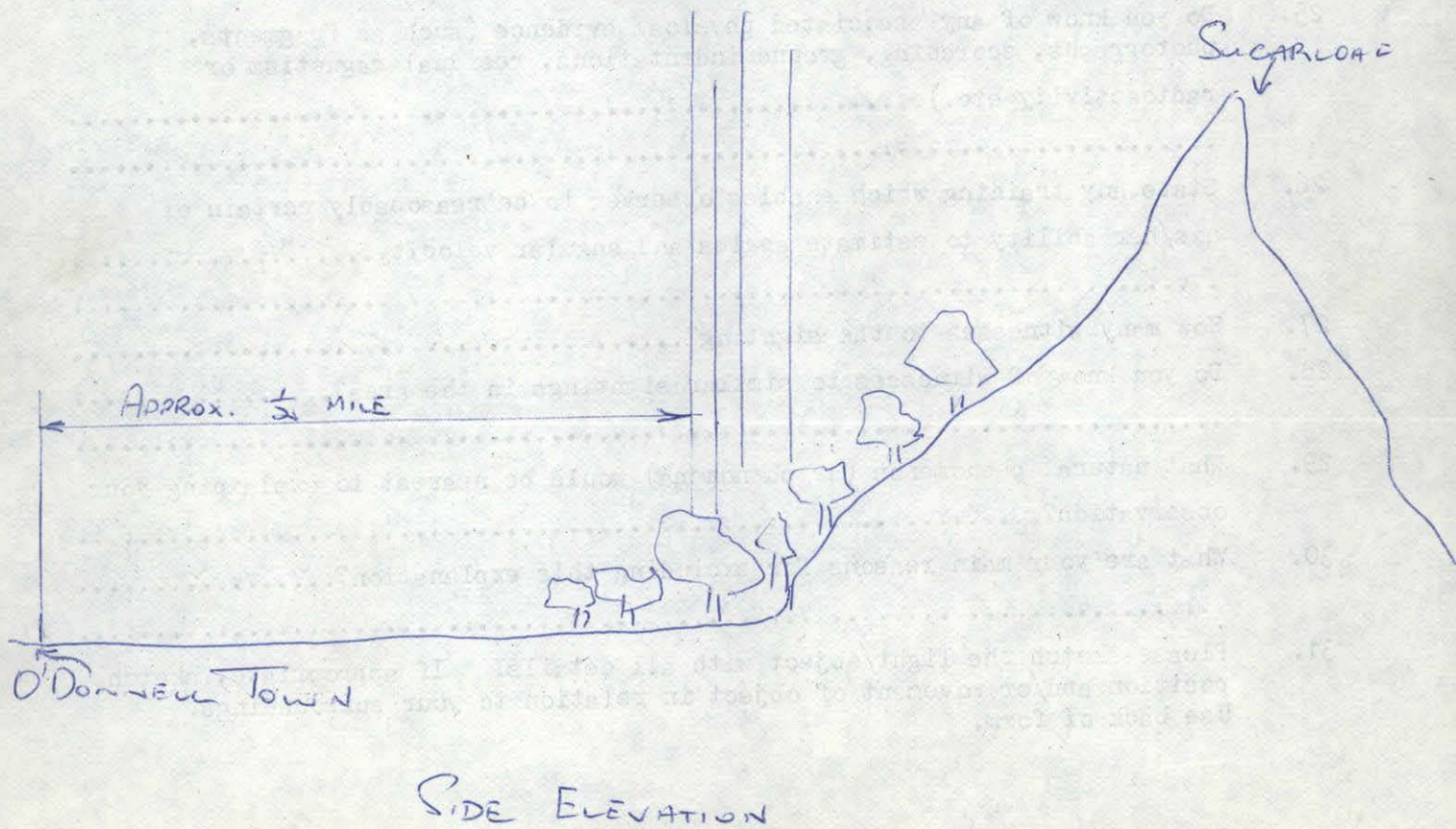
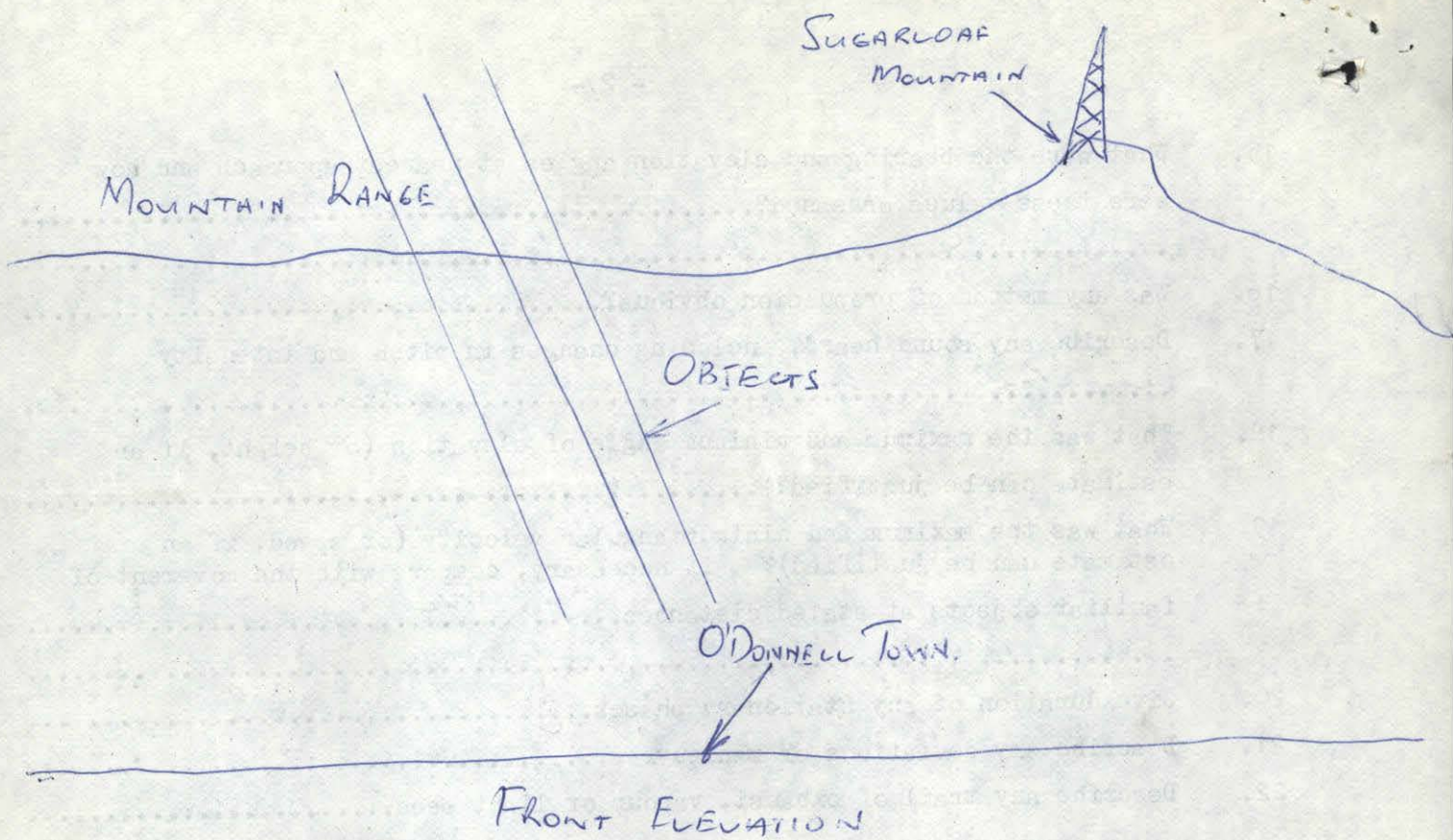
(As a preliminary to completing this form, the observer is invited to describe the sighting in his or her own manner, using either separate sheets or the back of this form.)

1. Name of observer..... GARRY A. CORAL BALDWIN Age. 36 + 34
2. Address of observer..... 7 PENROSE ST. EDGEMORTH
..... Phone. 582344
3. Occupation of observer..... POLICE CONSTABLE — TEACHER
4. Date and time of start of observation..... 23-11-73 10.45 AM
How certain is the date?..... DEFINITE
How accurate is the time of start?..... WITHIN 15 MINUTES
5. Duration of observation..... 15 TO 20 SECONDS
How accurate is your estimate?..... APPROXIMATE
6. Observer's location at time of sighting..... O'DONNELL TOWN VIA
..... WEST WALLSEND
How familiar is observer with this locality?..... VERY FAMILIAR
.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation..... FINE & CLEAR
.....
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation.....
.....
9. Where was object first observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... Objects observed
..... silhouetted against mountains
 - b. Angle of elevation..... Approx 60°
 - c. Compass angle bearing..... West of O'Donnell town
 - d. How accurate are these estimates?..... Estimates only
10. What first attracted observer's attention?..... A loud noise
..... similar to low flying jet
11. If there was more than one ~~light~~/object:
 - a. How many were there?..... between ten to fifteen
 - b. In what formation were they?..... Not known
12. What was the colour of the ~~light or~~ object?..... silver and 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)
..... rel brightness (not glowing)
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 4' square

15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?..... *60° to ground and appeared to descend into the trees*
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious?..... *no*
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity
Similar to bus flying yet no change in pitch
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified?)..... *60°*
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. *Unable to estimate but descended at fast rate*
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..... *no*
23. Where was the object last observed:
 - a. Relative to your surroundings..... *descend approx 1/2 mile away*
 - b. Angle of elevation..... *60°*
 - c. Compass angle bearing..... *to west*
24. What was the manner of its disappearance?..... *disappeared into trees*
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 witnesses to the sighting?..... *two (2)*
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?..... *Shower of meteors or space garbage*
30. What are your main reasons for excluding this explanation?..... *Lack of sound when objects hit trees*
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..... *J. Bacon*

Date..... *30.11.73*



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Part 2 - Unit Evaluation

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

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

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

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

* Give location of nearest ATD or ATA.

34. Observer's Location: *vicinity of* Latitude.....*32° 53'*.....Longitude.....*151° 32'*

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

.....*N/A*.....

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 ..*1*.....Z

Was it known to have burst?.....

37. The first significant temperature inversion was of ...*1*.....°C at

....*8,000*.....ft, measured at *222215Z*..Z hrs from.....*WILKINSON TOWN*
station.

38. Any remarks on satellites, rockets, research balloons, meteorites etc relevant to the sighting.....*None forecast*.....

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)

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.....*HQ WLM*.....(unit)*A.F. BLACKBURN*.....(Name)
*8 FEB 74*.....(date)*FLT LT*.....(Rank)

4 JAN 74

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SIGHTING #5

BRISBANE
QLD

HELEN HAMILTON

Miss H. A. Hamilton,
Flat F/41 QHC Wellington Road,
Red Hill,
BRISBANE, QLD. 4059.

13 JUN 1974

Dear Miss Hamilton,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 4th January, 1974 has been received and the investigating team considers that the most probable cause was a satellite.

At the time of your sighting there were 3037 man made objects in space. Predictions are made for visible satellite passes over major Australian cities for about 12 long-lived satellites of optimum visible magnitude. On 4th January a satellite designated OAO-3 Rocket was visible at 7.47 p.m. on an azimuth of 330° at an elevation of 62° heading 63° . This satellite is considered to be the most likely cause of your sighting.

Two possible explanations exist for the apparent erratic course of the satellite. Firstly, the light from it could have been refracted through varying atmospheric density layers. Secondly, movement of the binoculars whilst viewing the object could have been mistaken for movement of the object.

We regret the delay in replying to your report and trust that the explanation is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

Handwritten:
L. G. Odgers
D.A.S.
12 Jun 74

Handwritten:
Not
Copy sent to Horne
19 Jun 74
H. G. Odgers
D.R.

FROM HQAMB	FILE HQAMB/5/9/AIR (66)	DATE 6 Feb 74	REFERENCES
TO DEFAIR HQOC		ATTENTION DAFI-IR2 CIO	
SUBJECT REPORT ON UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING.			

1. Forwarded is one report on an unusual aerial sighting. Because of the nature of this sighting, and the several days delay in receiving the initial report, ~~the~~ Part 2 of the format is not applicable. A written report by the investigating officer is included.

Enclosure: 1. Report by Miss H.A. HAMILTON



SIGNATURE <i>R. M. Bertram</i>	NAME R. M. BERTRAM	RANK Sgt. Ldn	APPOINTMENT PIO	PHONE NO 2357
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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. HELEN... ANNE... HAMILTON..... Age 17 yrs 3 mths
2. Address of Observer. FLAT... F/41... Q.H.C. WELLINGTON.....
...ROAD... RED HILL... BRISBANE... QLD..... Phone 44-5337...
3. Occupation of Observer. TYPIST.....
4. Date and time of start of observation 4-1-74? 7:50 AM.....
How certain is the date? CERTAIN ENOUGH (VERY SURE)...
How accurate is the time of start? CHECKED WATCH.....
5. Duration of observation. 2-3 MINUTES (ROUND ABOUT)...
How accurate is your estimate? CHECKED WITH WATCH...
6. Observer's location at time of sighting POSITION SOUTH?.....
LOCATION... RED HILL... ON TOP STOREY FLATS.....
How familiar is observer with this locality? KNOWN.....
LOCALITY FOR ELEVEN YEARS.....
7. Weather conditions at time of observation. CLEAR NIGHT...
SLIGHT BREEZE... NO CLOUD FORMATIONS WHERE SEEN
8. Describe any aids/equipment used in the observation. 1 (ONE)
PAIR OF 12 X 50 BINOCULARS... FIELD 5°... ROTATING LENS
[EYE PIECE
RIGHT EYE]
9. Where was object first observed:
 - (a) Relative to your surroundings IN THE SKY AT A
WESTERN ANGLE CRUISING TOWARDS THE EAST...
 - (b) angle of elevation 11.000 miles?
 - (c) compass angle bearing WEST 270° - EAST 90°.....
 - (d) how accurate are these estimates CHECKED.....
10. What first attracted observer's attention? WHILE SCANNING
THE SKY... I SAW MOVEMENT WHICH CAUGHT MY ATTENTION

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11. If there was more than one light/object:
 (a) how many were there? ONE
 (b) in what formation were they? NO FORMATION. JUST SINGULAR
12. What was the colour of the light or object? WHITE - BLUE
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) IT WAS VERY BRIGHT... BRIGHTER THAN MOON OR STARS
14. What was the apparent size at nearest approach:
 (a) relative to Venus or Moon 1/4 INCH AT ARMS LENGTH SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN VENUS
 (b) relative dimensions in inches at arm's length (about 20 inches from the eyes) 1/4 INCH WIDTH... BINOCULARS
15. What were the bearing and elevation angles at nearest approach and how were these values assessed?
16. Was any method of propulsion obvious? YES! A TRAIL BEHIND IT
17. Describe any sound heard, including changes in pitch and intensity. PULSATING... LIGHT... AROUND IT
18. What was the maximum and minimum angle of elevation (or height, if an estimate can be justified)? 14.089 TIMES
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 CAN NOT MAKE OUT SPEED BUT IT WAS VERY FAST
20. Give duration of any stationary phases THIRTY SECONDS
21. Describe any deviations or manoeuvres ZIGZAGGING IN SKY
22. Describe any trail of exhaust, vapour or light seen THERE WAS A TRAIL... ALSO A FAINT THROBBING LIGHT
23. Where was object last observed:

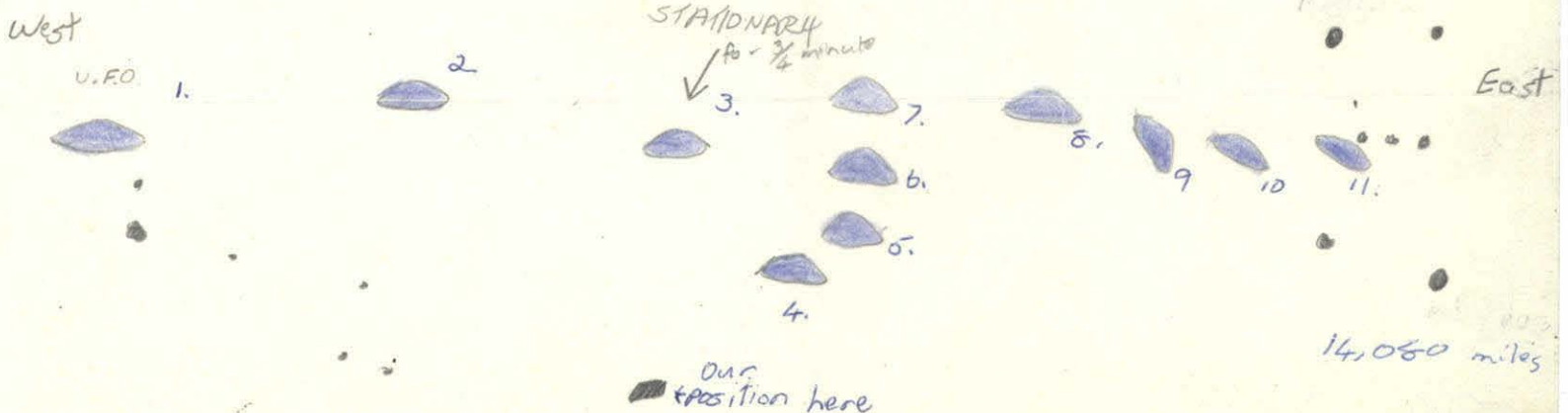
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- (a) relative to your surroundings. *IN THE EAST*.....
- (b) angle of elevation. *HIGH*... (no explanation).....
- (c) compass angle bearing. *90*.....
24. What was the manner of its disappearance? *SUDDENLY*.....
25. Do you know of any associated physical evidence (such as fragments, photographs, scorching, ground indentations, residual magnetism or radioactivity etc). *YES! WE HAVE A SPECIAL DEVICE RIGGED UP WHICH GOES CRAZY IF MAGNETIC OBJECTS ARE NEAR*
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 witness to the sighting? *2 (TWO)*.....
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? *AS WE WATCH ONE GO OVER SOMETIMES IT WAS NOT A SATELLITE*
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.

IN STAGES



Signature *Wm. Anne Hamilton*.....

Date *12-1-74*.....

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REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING BY
MISS H.A. HAMILTON ON 4JAN74

1. Miss Hamilton appears to be very interested in astronomy. Apparently, she and her mother spend quite some time at night surveying the sky with binoculars. The object ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ this report could not be seen with the naked eye, therefore no investigation of aircraft movements was carried out.
2. From her report and remarks on the telephone, this object appears to be a satellite or space debris on re-entry. The satellite prediction bulletin covering this date has not arrived at this office, but, in any case, the bulletins only list visible (with the naked eye) passes. The stationary period and erratic movements could have been caused by binocular movement, refraction etc.
3. Miss Hamilton could not seem to grasp the idea of 'angle of elevation,' so her answers to these questions are given in miles (I don't know how she worked it out). However, over the telephone she said it appeared about half-way up the sky.
4. The conclusion, then, is that this object was a satellite or piece of space debris. There appears no other logical explanation.

5th February 1974

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

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SIGHTING # 4

EILDON WEIR
VIC

V. VIDOVIC

FROM DEFAIR	FILE SSO/1/1P-34(45)	DATE 8 APR 74	REFERENCES
TO HQSC	ATTENTION INT 1		
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

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

Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mr. V. Vidovic

SIGNATURE M. GRETTON	NAME M. GRETTON	RANK FUGOFF	APPOINTMENT R.I.J.	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt34 (4a)

17 MAY 1974

Mr V. Vidovic,
Flat 4,
77 Fraser Street,
RICHMOND. VIC. 3121

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your report of unusual aerial sightings on 15th January 1974 but regret that the information supplied was insufficient to accurately determine the causes.

Although we are unable to offer explanations for your sightings, some of the most common causes of unusual aerial sightings are satellites, space debris re-entry, meteors, stars and planets. The following information is provided to amplify some of these causes.

There are currently 3037 man-made objects in space and predictions are made for visible satellite passes over major Australian cities for about 12 long-lived satellites of optimum visible magnitude. The attached sheet provides details of some of these satellites which could have been visible to you during the period of the sighting. Other bright objects sighted could be short-lived satellites, rocket stages or meteors. Additionally, these satellites periodically decay and burn-up during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

Another common cause of unusual aerial sightings is aircraft lights. In addition to the usual red and green navigation lights, some or all of the following lights could be seen by the ground observer:

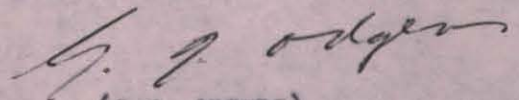
- a. strobe lights - an extremely bright white pulsating light fitted for anti-collision purposes;
- b. landing lights, which are now switched on, both at night and during the day, up to 100 miles from the airport by QANTAS and on descent through 10000 feet by TAA and Ansett;
- c. external lighting for advertising purposes, a procedure now adopted by some airline companies during approach and departure from an airfield at night; and
- d. cabin lights.

Consequently, the array of external lighting currently used by civil aircraft can present the observer with a confusing pattern of lights. Furthermore, your position at the time of the sighting was directly under the aircraft approach path to Tullamarine from Sydney and some of the lights previously described could have been seen by you.

Your apprehension regarding extra-terrestrial life forms spying on Earth may be allayed by recent space research. United States and Soviet space exploration has found no evidence to support the theory of life on planets in our solar system. The Mariner series of space explorations appear to have proved that Mars is a 'dead' planet. The only other source of extra-terrestrial life then, would have to be in another solar system. The closest visible star to Earth is Alpha Centauri which is about 25 million million miles away. Even if other life forms existed on this star and were capable of space travel at the speed currently known to man i.e. about 25,000 m.p.h. they would take about 115,000 years to reach Earth. Consequently, the probability of extra-terrestrial life forms visiting Earth is extremely remote.

We trust that this information is of interest to you and thank you for your report.

Yours faithfully,



(G.J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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VISIBLE SATELLITE PASSES OVER MELBOURNE - 15TH JANUARY 1974

<u>SATELLITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AZIMUTH</u>	<u>ELEVATION</u>	<u>HEADING</u>
SKYLAB	2148	48	20	133
SKYLAB	2325	214	45	124
PEGASUS 1	2236	348	27	81
PAC-A	2216	337	13	70
COSMOS 372 ROCKET	2251	83	21	164
COSMOS 315 ROCKET	2332	73	67	163



FROM HQSS	FILE 5/6/11A10 (28)	DATE 4 FEB 74	REFERENCES DAF 1 580-1-1 27-11
TO DAFI	ATTENTION DAF1 IR-2		
SUBJECT UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed are unusual aerial sighting reports from Mr V. VIDOVIC of RICHMOND, Mr B.G. KILPATRICK of MOORABBIN and Mr C. NOBLE of ASCOT VALE.



SIGNATURE 	NAME R.O. GIBBS	RANK F1 Lt	APPOINTMENT INT1	PHONE NO 7410
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K O C Y B E H T T 1974



Mr C. MORSE of 42501 AVE
Mr B. C. KIRBY of 42501 AVE
referred from Mr A. WIDOLIC of RICHMOND
referred one ministerial order and

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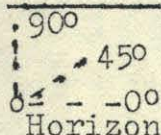
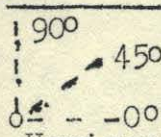
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer VOYA. VIDOVIC Age 32
Address Flat 4, 77 FRASER ST Richmond
State VIC Postcode 3121
Occupation Sales Representative
Phone (home) 423235 (business) 858556
2. Exact location of observer GALVIN BAY
EILDON WEIR VIC
3. Start of observation: Date 15-1-74 Time 9:30 am/pm 21:30
End of observation: Date 15-1-74 Time 11:30 am/pm 23:30
4. Accuracy of date CORRECT Times + - 10 min ???
5. Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc CLEAR
6. In what direction was the sighting first observed? WEST TO EAST ??
At what angle to the horizon? 90° then altered course of
90° TRAVEL somewhere between
45° & 90°
You  45°
Horizon 0°
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed? NORTH EASTERN TO SOUTH WESTERN
DIRECTIONS ??
At what angle to the horizon? SAME as above
You  45°
Horizon 0°
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
JUST OVER 500 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.

To Whom It MAY CONCERN.

Please note, these objects that look exactly like stars seem to stop and alter course. Then they meet again at a point. To look at them you would think that you are looking at a star.

Their light is much brighter than that of a star, and when they stop they seem to flash the same light at each one another. Of course one is flashing first then the other returns it then they continue to travel.

Since I was observing them for over five minutes in their travelling activity I was able to point out objects in the sky to my friends that looked suspicious. After 30 minutes they also started to move.

My friends were astonished and very excited, I felt that some were very scared. I told them I would need their evidence, of course ~~that~~ was the reply, but when I got to my home my girlfriend and solicitor friend did not wish to get involved. This friend of mine has taken a look at one of these objects at a closer range but believes and I don't blame him that people would only laugh at him. He saw it in South Africa.

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)

Gov Hidas: Flat 10, 1 The Avenue Windsor

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

I would not like to involve my other friends unless it is most necessary for the security of this country. I feel these objects are man controlled and are spying upon us. Remember when they are at standing point they look just like another star. What a brilliant way to hide.

Date 21-1-74

Signature V. Vidone

1. Mr Vidovic rang this office on 17JAN74. His initial report was vague. He was not sure of his facts. Although he claimed to have been anchored in Galvin Bay he was not sure of the exact location or heading. He was unsure of his bearings, date and times and seemed more interested in delivering his UFO theories. He requested, and was sent, a copy of Professor Bolotin's article. He was also informed that the ML-SY air-route overflys Eildon and requested to provide accurate times, bearings and distances. His written report has not complied with this request and he has ignored Bolotin's calculations.

2. It is suggested that Mr Vidovic could be advised of the number of UFO reports submitted by astronomers.

3. It is not intended to complete Part II of this report unless required by DEFAIR.

16 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 3

MOORABBIN
VIC

B. G. KILPATRICK

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 5801.1: R 14 (36)	DATE 27 MAR 74	REFERENCES HQSC 5/6/1/AIR (28) OF 4 FEB 74
TO HQSC	ATTENTION INT 1		
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

Enclosed, for your records, are copies of letters to Messrs B. Kilpatrick and C. Noble in reply to their reports of unusual aerial sightings.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of letters to Messrs B. Kilpatrick and C. Noble.

SIGNATURE M. Gifford	NAME M. Gifford	RANK Warrant Officer	APPOINTMENT 12.1	PHONE NO 2405
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580/1/1 Pt34 (3a)

Mr B. Kilpatrick,
4/30 Franklin Street,
MOORABBIN. VIC.

Dear Sir,

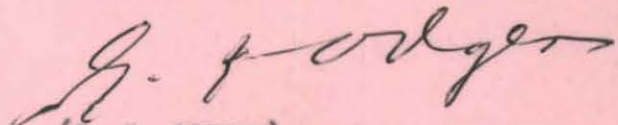
Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on the 16th January 1974 has been received. The investigating team assesses that the most probable cause was a light aircraft on a training flight from Moorabbin airport.

A Moorabbin Central Flying School aircraft designated PA34 would have been visible to you on a training flight from Moorabbin to Cowes to Tullamarine to Moorabbin. The aircraft is fitted with a bright anti-collision strobe light which flashes at about one second intervals. The phenomenon described in your report can be created when this light is viewed through the polluted lower layers of the atmosphere or through temperature inversions.

The same aircraft was sighted and reported by Mr Noble at Ascot Vale.

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

Yours faithfully,

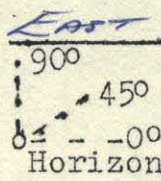
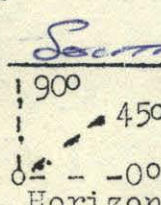


(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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Dad
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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

1. Name of observer BRYON GORDON KILPATRICK Age 27
Address 4/30 FRANKLIN STREET MOORABBIN
State Vic. Postcode _____
Occupation SALESMAN
Phone (home) 958348 (business) 7811092
2. Exact location of observer 4/30 FRANKLIN ST
MOORABBIN.
3. Start of observation: Date 16th JAN Time 10.25 am/pm
End of observation: Date 16th JAN Time 10.27 am/pm
4. Accuracy of date At Doors Times _____
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? 15° to 25°
You  EAST
Horizon
7. In what direction was the sighting last observed?
At what angle to the horizon? 15° approx.
You  SOUTH
Horizon
8. Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer
Approx. 10 to 15 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.

originally
reported as
15 JAN 74

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It Was A Bluish Light.

Flashings Like A Car Blinked, At Regular Intervals. But Distances Travelled Each Time Was Different. It Also ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Flew Vertically.

It Travelled At Approx 600 knots (Same As Jet) In Some Cases. Most Of Its Flight Would Have Been Approx 1000 To 1500 knots. ^{originally reported as 1500kts for duration} THE ACTUAL CRAFT WAS NOT SEEN ONLY LIGHT.

Davidson
Ranger.

FRANKSTON.

MOORABBIN

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)

CITIZEN ARNOLD KILPATRICK 4/30 FRANKLIN ST MACHANEN
NOLA BOYCE 14 ROWLAND ST EAST BENTLEY.

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Also SIGHTED FRIDAY 18TH JAN. AT
9.45 P.M. AT SAME ADDRESS
SAME WEATHER CONDITIONS.
SAME. OVERALL CONDITIONS ONLY IT
WAS 45 MINUTES EARLY.
Also TWO WITNESSES.
MR. BRUCE KILPATRICK OF ROY RD, OLIVIER
+ MRS. GAIL KILPATRICK OF SAME ADDRESS.

Date 19-1-74

Signature [Signature]

Not Checked (1)

15 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 2

ASCOT VALE
VIC

C. NOBLE

580/1/1 Pt34 (2a)

Mr C. Noble,
242 Ascot Vale Road,
ASCOT VALE. VIC. 3032

Dear Sir,

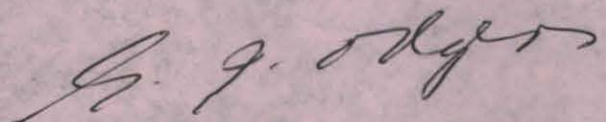
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(G. J. ODGERS)

Director of Public Relations

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING

Part 1 - Report by Observer

Name of observer CHARLES NODIN Age 29 1/2

Address 242 ASCOT VILLAGE RD

ASCOT VILLAGE State VIC Postcode 3032

Occupation SEAMAN / ARTIST

Phone (home) (business)

Exact location of observer CNR MOONBELL ST ASCOT

VILLAGE RD

Start of observation: Date 15/1/74 Time 1010 am/pm

End of observation: Date 15/1/74 Time 1015 am/pm

Accuracy of date Times 1

Weather conditions at time of observation, referring to cloud, wind, visibility etc ~~CLEAR~~ CLEAR

In what direction was the sighting first observed?

At what angle to the horizon?

You Horizon

In what direction was the sighting last observed?

At what angle to the horizon?

You Horizon

Estimate of distance and/or altitude from observer

3-4 Mils & 3-4000 Ft (MY ESTIMATE - AM NOT AN EXPERT IN AERIALS)

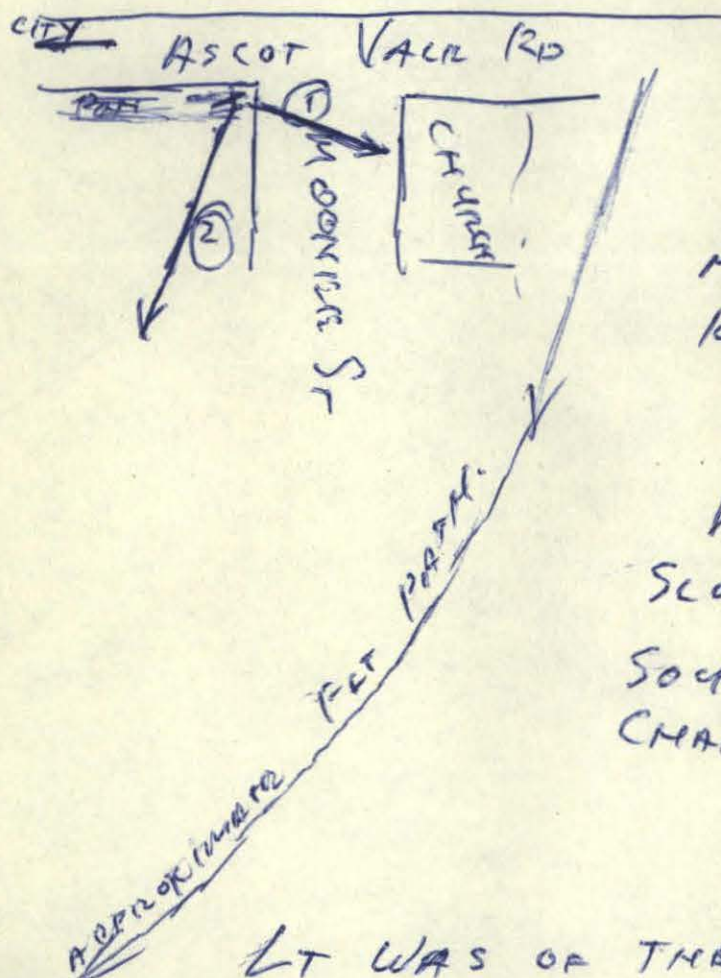
Describe (overleaf) the object(s)/light(s) in your own words, referring to the number, colour, size, shape, brightness (relative to full moon/star), movement, sound, speed, method of propulsion, manner of disappearance and any other unusual features. If possible provide sketch.

FOR EXACT TIME OF SIGHTING CHECK REPORT
TAKEN BY DUTY OFFICER OVER PATROL. DID NOT
TAKE NOTES AND MY MEMORY COULD BE FAULTY AS
TO EXACT TIME AND STATE OF WEATHER

originally
reported as
2215 LT + 3 to
minutes

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES

originally reported as S of E AS ABOVE



① FIRST SIGHTED IN THIS DIRECTION - CHECK MAP FOR EXACT COMPASS READINGS

② LAST SEEN IN THIS DIRECTION AFTERING COURSE SLOWLY ROUND IN A MORE SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. NO CHANGE IN SPIRIT

LT WAS OF THE TYPE USED (EXPERIMENTALLY) IN MARINE NAVIGATION, TERMED LATER LIGHT. WOULD TERM IT MYSELF QUICK-FLASH (4), BEING A ONE SECOND FLASH, WITH 3 SECONDS OF DARKNESS. INTENSITY WAS THE SAME AS IN MARINE USE, BUT IN TERMS OF RELATIVITY ABOUT TWICE THE BRIGHTNESS OF VEHICLES SPEED WAS A LITTLE FASTER THAN THAT OF A COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. NO OTHER LTS WERE VISIBLE AND NO SHAPE OF OBJECT VISIBLE.

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)

Wife DENISE MARIE SAMR
ADDRESS AS SELF

12. Any additional comments you wish to make.

Date 12-1-74

Signature Ch. Hall

Part 2 - Unit Report

NOBLE
KILPATRICK
15 JAN 74.

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.

Garth Harris CFS a/c 906066

Wallace briefing off moon

Type	Heading	Height	Speed	Departed from	ATD	Destination	ATA
CRT ? CZH Piper PA34 ?				MBN-COWES-TUL-MBN			2215 ^K AT TULA
CZJ Ansett DC9				LAUN		ML	2228 ^K
TFC TAA F27				DEV		ML	2227 ^K

Source of information RAAF Control TULLA

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

Source of information _____

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

Source of information _____

/4. Details

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

Source of information

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

Source of information

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

Temperature (dry bulb) 32°C (wet bulb) 17°C ^{DP} Relative Humidity 40%

Cloud Cover 2/8 Cu 4,000' type

Temperature inversion of 3°C at 1,000ft measured at
2°C at 12,000' hrs
from

Wind direction 090° @ 4 kts at 3,000ft

4 6 at 5 ft

050 12 at 10 ft

100 12 at 15 ft

Pollution level

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

Part 3 - Investigating Officer's Evaluation

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

 3. _____ 4. _____

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

Kilpatrick's sighting is almost certainly VHCRT
PA34 operated by Central Flying School. Airborne on training
flight - instructor Garth Harris Robobbb. A/C fitted with white
strobe on wingtip. Kilpatrick's speed estimation doubtful
Noble's sighting probably the same aircraft but sighting reported
north of CRT's path.

HQSCU (Unit) R.O. Gibbs (Name)

1 FEB 74 (Date) Flg Off (Rank)

19 JAN 74

SIGHTING # 1

APOLLO BAY
VIC

K. DICKENSON

FROM DEFAIR	FILE 5801.1 P 34 (1b)	DATE 1 MAR 74	REFERENCES HOSC 5/6/1 AIR (29) OF AFEB 74 HOSC 5/6/1 AIR (23) OF 3 JAN 74
TO HOSC ATTENTION INT 1			
SUBJECT REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS			

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ENCLOSURES Copies of letters to Messrs K. Dickinson & W.H.K. Hall

SIGNATURE M. CRETTON	NAME M CRETTON	RANK FLG OFF	APPOINTMENT IR. 2	PHONE NO 2408
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580/1/1 Pt34 (1a)

27 FEB 1974

Mr K. Dickinson,
119 Clayton Road,
CLAYTON NORTH. VIC. 3168

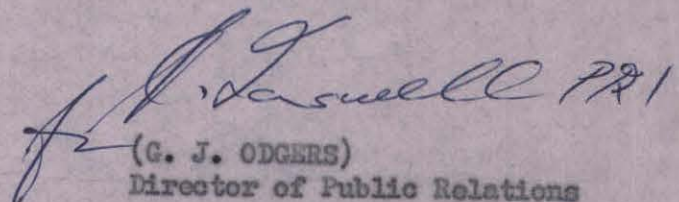
Dear Sir,

Your report of an unusual aerial sighting on 19th January 1974, has been received, and the investigating team believes that the most probable cause was space debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Currently there are 3037 man-made objects in space which periodically decay and re-enter the Earth's atmosphere and burn up during this phase. A space vehicle designated 1973-027J is known to have decayed and re-entered the Earth's atmosphere on 19th January. The re-entry of this space vehicle is considered to be the most probable cause of your sighting.

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

Yours faithfully,



(G. J. ODGERS)
Director of Public Relations

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26 Feb 74
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FROM	HQSC	FILE	5/6/1/Air (22)	DATE	4 FEB 74	REFERENCES
TO	DEFAIR	ATTENTION	DAFI 1R-2			
SUBJECT	UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTING					

1. Enclosed is an unusual aerial sighting report from Mr. K. DICKINSON of CLAYTON NORTH 3168.
2. A spokesman for Melbourne Observatory stated that the flash reported by Mr Dickinson may have been caused by a meteor entering the atmosphere along Mr Dickinson's general line of sight. If this was the case, the flash could have been caused by the burning meteor or ionization of gas around the meteor.
3. It has not been possible to accurately identify the stars in Mr Dickinson's drawing.



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



119 Clayton Road,
Clayton North, 3168.
Saturday 26th Jan. 1974.

The Commanding Officer,
Commonwealth Government Air Department,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne.



Dear Sir

On Saturday evening last, whilst I was on vacation with my family at Apollo Bay, my daughter and I observed an interesting phenomenon in the northern sky at approximately 10 P.M.

As the evening was warm and pleasant we were outdoors and casually observing the stars. In a region indicated on the accompanying diagram of the relevant part of the sky there appeared for a fraction of a second what could best be described as a bright star. The brightness of this light source was somewhat greater than that indicated by star A and the period of duration was, as I mentioned, a fraction of a second. That is, it appeared as a flash.

The line of vision was over the town of Apollo Bay and first thoughts would indicate some

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5/6/1/AIR

form of fireworks. This was the only flash of its kind which we observed over a period in all of approx. 1 hour. Additionally, the sky was cloudless in the area and there was no tell tale rocket streak or falling spark shower which generally is associated with exploding fireworks.

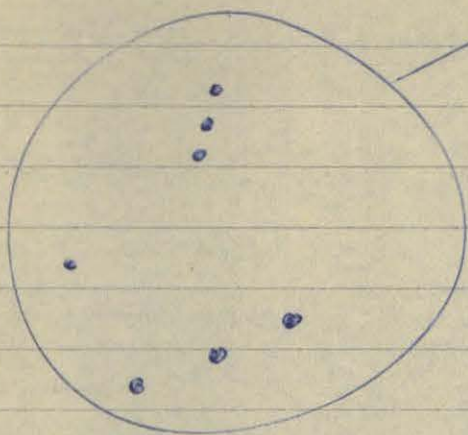
It was not possible to judge the distance of the phenomenon but as the angle of elevation was moderately high, it is unlikely that it would come from some distant firework since the height would have been too great. Additionally the place of launch in this case would have been in the Cotway ranges in a sparsely inhabited region. This again lessens the chances of this being the explanation.

The only other explanation which comes to my mind is that it was from a jet aircraft which was distant enough for no sound of it to be heard yet it manoeuvred in such a manner that the brilliance of the jet appeared to us as a bright pinpoint flash of light. Perhaps this theory also is untenable but, if it is remotely valid, I am wondering if it would be possible to check if an aircraft was on a training flight in the area at the time indicated or alternatively could you or your staff suggest a possible explanation.

I thank you in anticipation for any assistance which you may be able to give and I trust that I am not causing any undue inconvenience.

Yours faithfully, (Mr.) Killickinson A.R.A.C.I.

Star group
commonly called
the saucer or
the pot.



A



Area of observed phenomenon





INCLUDE THE
POST CODE
IN EVERY ADDRESS



The Commanding Officer,
Commonwealth Government Air
Department,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

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