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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
and MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS
in PNG

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30 AUG 1973

The Director of Air Force
Intelligence,
Department of Air,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT

Attached please find a copy of a memorandum
on the above siting from the Department of Foreign Relations
and Trade, Papua New Guinea.

- 2. Referred for your information.

(B. Duke)
for Secretary

Greek Capt. Jansen - ent. 65-2922 in the contact in this.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE

TELEGRAMS: ADMR.
TELEPHONE: 44335

Foreign Relations Division,
P.O. Box 2121,
KONEDOBU.

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
Hobart Place,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601

Date: 3/8/73.
Our Reference: SR16-16-3/1
Action Officer: Mr. A.H. Farapo.
Designation:

Your Reference: Mr. Granger.
Date:

4 AUG 1973

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT -
SAIDOR, MADANG DISTRICT.

We have received the following telegram from Madang and copied for your information:-

"DISCOM MADANG...S32 BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT SEEN IN SKY 24 (JULY) FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. STOP MOVING IN GENERAL EAST WEST DIRECTION AT TIMES MOVE IN CIRCLE STOPPED GOT BRIGHT AND SEEMED TO INCREASED IN SIZE STOP SMALL BRIGHT OBJECT APPEAR TO HANG FROM LOWER LEFT PORTION SEEN BY MANY...DISTROFF"

W. L. Conroy
(W.L. CONROY),
SECRETARY.

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REC'D - 6 AUG P.M.

Mr. Granger.

Please refer to reference

[Handwritten initials]



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Mr.....

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No. SR16-16-3/1

Port Moresby,
29th January, 1971

Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601.

Reports on Unidentified Flying Objects

Your memoranda 69/4393 of 7th September, 1970 and 19th January, 1971 refer.

2. In general it is agreed that reports from non-official sources should be declassified. I have now declassified my memoranda of 4th June, 1969, 9th July, 1970 and 24th July, 1970.

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L. W. Johnson
(L. W. JOHNSON)
ADMINISTRATOR

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Hobart Place,
CANBERRA CITY

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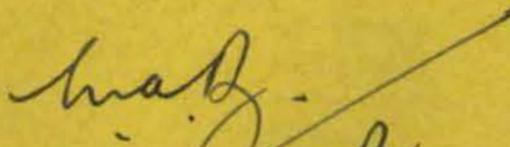
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His Honour the Administrator,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. Papua

REPORTS ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Your papers SR16-16-3/1

I refer to my memorandum of
7/9/70 reference No. 69/4393 and would appreciate
advice of your decision re declassification of
papers on the abovementioned subject.


(M. A. Besley)
First Asst. Sec. (C.S.)

Hobart Place,
CANBERRA CITY

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His Honour the Administrator,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. Papua

-7 SEP 1970

REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

(Your papers SR16-16-3/1)

Your memoranda of 4 June '69,
9 July 1970, and 24 July 1970 report sightings from
non official sources. It would seem reasonable to
regard the sightings as public knowledge.

2. As your reports do not add material
of a classified nature could not the memoranda referred
to be declassified? As they stand now the papers do not
seem to come within the definition of confidential set down
in the Security Handbook.

D.O.H.
(D. O. Hay)
Secretary

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Hamilton
writer 13/1/71

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Hobart Place,
CANBERRA CITY, -----

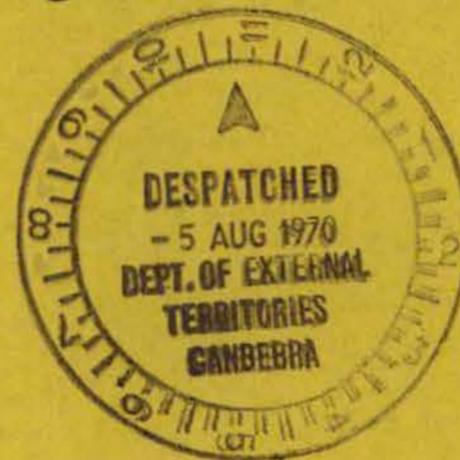
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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

We forward for your information a reported sighting of an unidentified flying object at Bainings Base Camp, Lussul Bay, East New Britain, which has been forwarded to us by the Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

"The object was seen at Gavit Plantation on the 22nd June, 1970 at 2030 hours by Jackson Low, Manager of the Plantation, David, Foreman of the Plantation and Mando, Driver of the Plantation. It resembled a bright white light vertically above coming straight down then disappeared about two miles inland behind the hills. It got brighter as it reached the ground. When it passed down behind the Gavit Range at the back of Lilinakaia Plantation the mountains were silhouetted against the bright white light. Mando was actually in his house and said that he saw only the glow, similar to lightning."

2. The Department of Civil Aviation has advised that in their opinion the object sighted could have been one of two things: an aircraft flare or a meteorite. The Department has no knowledge of any aircraft, either civil or military operating in the East New Britain area at the time stated. Their conclusion is that the object sighted may have been a meteorite.

(F. S. Evatt)
for Secretary

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No. SR16-16-3/1

Port Moresby.

24th July, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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L. W. Johnson
(L. W. JOHNSON)
Administrator

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L. W. Johnson
(L. W. JOHNSON)
Administrator

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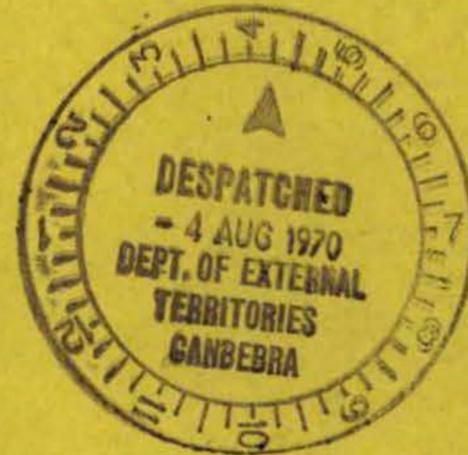
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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

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

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

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

(F. S. Evatt)
for Secretary

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No. SR 16-16-3/1

9th July, 1970.

PORT MORESBY

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
CANBERRA.
A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

A report has been received from the Regional Director, Department of Civil Aviation of the sighting of unidentified flying objects.

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

4. Forwarded for your information please.

D.O. Hay
(D.O. HAY) *CH*
Administrator;



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Hobart Place,
CANBERRA CITY, =====

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11 JUN 1969

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - RABAU

Attached, for your information, is a copy of memorandum SR16-16-3/1 of 4th June from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Rabaul area on 16th May, 1969.

(J. L. Legge)
for Secretary.





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Port Moresby,

4th June, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Reports have been received from the Senior Police Officer at Rabaul of the sighting by three European women of an unidentified flying object at approximately 5 am on 16th May, 1969.

2. Mrs. Patricia Stiller, wife of Police Sub-Inspector Stiller, and Mrs. Jennifer Aschoff were asleep in the latter's house in Bay Road, Rabaul on the 16th May. They were awakened by a child of the house at 5 am. They both saw, through the windows, a bright object in the sky.

3. The object was described as bright, six times more so than the evening star and of indeterminate shape. There was a strong white light emanating from it. The object appeared to be stationary at an altitude of several thousands of feet and south-easterly from Rabaul. During a period of half an hour the object receded slowly in a south-easterly direction and disappeared at about 5.30 am.

4. A further sighting was reported by Mrs. Tessie Keyes of Butuwim Hospital, Kokopo. The description given was identical, and the object was moving in an easterly direction, at approximately 5 am.

5. Mrs. Keyes claims to have seen similar flying objects on two other occasions, at Christmas 1968, and on Monday 19th May, 1969.

6. The Meteorological Officer at Rabaul states that there were no weather balloons released at the time in question, and can offer no suggestions as to the identity of the object sighted.

7. The Department of Civil Aviation has no record of aircraft movements in the area at that time.

8. Forwarded for your information please.



D. O. Hay
(D. O. HAY)
Administrator

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2. D/R/ Pls. pass copy to Air.

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Mr Legg

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Port Moresby,

21 APR 1967

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

An unidentified flying object was reported from the Finschhafen area, Morobe District, on the 17th March, 1967.

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2. Attached for your information and onforwarding to the appropriate authority are copies of a confidential memorandum 1-1-13 of 11th April, 1967, from the District Commissioner, Lae, and copies of statements by witnesses from Finschhafen.

D. O. Hay
(D.O. HAY)
ADMINISTRATOR



Registry

Pls. R/S on file

Jed. 24/4

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per D.B. [signature]*

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Morobe District,
LAE.

11th April, 1967.

The Secretary,
Department of the
Administrator,
KONEDOBU

REPORTED SIGHTING

I refer to telephone reports by Mr. D.N. Ashton, Acting District Commissioner and Mr. J.P. Sinclair, Acting Deputy District Commissioner of sightings of falling objects made at Finschhafen on the 17th March, 1967.

2. I now attach report and statements received from the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

(D.N. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT

5th April, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
L A E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

REPORTED SIGHTING.

Reference your 1-1-13 of 22nd March 1967, the original of statements are enclosed as requested. No copies of these are held on file here.

As stated earlier in my other report, the absence of noise is hard to equate with a rocket or similar type object.

Encls.

(D.J. MURPHY)
Assistant District Commissioner.

On 17th March, 1967, about 2.45 p.m. I was in the lounge-room of my house, which overlooks the sea, when my nurse-girl, GUTAI, called to me from the front garden. She called and said "Oh, rockets". I went on to the verandah and saw two white streaks from the sky entering the water. One appeared to be getting closer which was probably caused by the rising of the sea where it entered; this one took some time to subside but the other one seemed to die away much faster, approximately ten minutes before.

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On 17th March. 1967 about a quarter to 3 o'clock I was in Mrs. Murphy's front garden when I saw something like a coconut tree going down from the sky into the sea; there were two of these things. I thought it was a rocket and called out to Mrs. Murphy. When I looked again I thought it was a tornado. The sea was spurting up where they fell. One finished quickly and the other one took quite a while to disappear.

.....
GUTAI.

I did not see it moving in the sky but I saw it fall into the sea. When it fell into the water, cloud-like stuff started to rise into the air. I could see it clearly rising above the horizon from where it had fallen.

Wife of Constable Waruwari.

What I saw was a thing fall out from the sky and landed into the sea. I did not see the trace of it but I saw the white stuff (like cloud) come out of the water after the thing fell into the water. It looked as though it was boiling the area of the sea where it had fallen. I did not see any track made by the thing. What I thought was a meteorite from the sky.

Sgt. 3rd. Class MORAHAPE, Finschhafen Police Department.

It was on 17th. March, 1967, at ¼ to 3 o'clock when this incident happened. There were two figures, didn't know what they were; appeared in the sky at the same time. Both came and fell down into the sea. As they moved in the sky there seemed to be rainbows following their track. They fell at different places. For the one that fell a bit closer to land, there were steam and something white like cloud rising from that spot. These things were quite visible. But the other one appeared to have fallen a bit further away from the other one so that the white stuff (like cloud) and the steam were not seen except the track of it was visible. The white stuff disappeared before the steam, steam lasted for about 15 minutes and then was dissolved in the air.

Constable 1/C Kupu of Finschhafen Police Detachment.

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Strange NG light still puzzles

PORT MORESBY, Friday. — An Administration patrol has been unable to solve the mystery of a strange light seen in the sky near Goroka, in New Guinea's eastern highlands.

The patrol returned to Goroka today after an investigation of reports that villagers at Koko, about seven miles from Goroka, had seen a "fiery object" rising up from the local burial ground.

People in Goroka had reported seeing a glowing light hovering above the ridge near Koko on Monday night.

Patrol Officer Richard Giddings, who led the patrol to Koko, said today he did not think the light seen by villagers was the same as the light seen from Goroka.

"I questioned the villagers but I just can't reconcile the two lights," he said.— AAP-Reuters.

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~~Mr Galties~~

Mr Galties

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Text of coded radio received from O.I.C., GUASOPA on Saturday, the 7/8/65.

UFO REPORTED BY G F WATKINS . APPROX THREE WEEKS AGO MID EVENING HEAVY RAIN . SHONE TORCH TO CHECK ANCHORED DINGHY BRIGHT LARGE LIGHT APPARENTLY IN OR ON SEA REPLIED SEEMED WEST OF AIUN ID SITED FROM CREEK WEST UNAMATANA VGE NO OTHER WITNESSES

Map attached to show position of village and Aiun Island.

(J.B. Quinn, ADC)

COPY

Bwaruada Mission informed me that recently they had been speaking to Mrs. D. Miller of Nivani Plantation and that she had said that she saw such an object at Nivani as described overleaf for the 12th of July sighting and that it made a definite noise.

I have checked all possible sources and I have not located anybody who saw one of these objects on the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month.

The information overleaf was not transmitted by radio upon receipt of information due to the time lapse between sighting and receipt of information.

Please ask the District Commissioner if he requires such information to be transmitted by radio even though considerable time may have passed between sighting and my receipt of information.

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(E. BECKR)
Assistant District Officer.

ESA'ALA.
11th August, 1965.

Minute to:

District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

My coded Telegram 33 of 27th July 1965 refers. Sightings of these objects are now so common that most people no longer bother to report them immediately. I have instructed my officers to forward all fresh reports by telegram, but your advice is requested please concerning the reporting of stale sightings.

(M.L. Mackellar)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

COPY

Patrol Post,
Sehvlea,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

27th July, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

I returned from patrol on the 14th of July, 1965. On the 29th of July, 1965 Bwaruada Mission reported to me that they had seen what appeared to be a flying object showing a bright light on the 12th of July and that one of their teachers had seen a similar object on the 13th of July.

The following is a summary of particulars from these two sightings.

12TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Mr. T. Fisi'ihei, Missionary in Charge, Bwaruada.

Time - 1910

Direction from Bwaruada - westerly - in vicinity of Keroregea Bay between Mwadega and Sewataitai villages.

Appearance - An extremely bright light changing from red to blue and moving from side to side (a mile each way) at approximately 10 MPH

Height - Approximately 5,000 ft.

Duration of Sighting - Approximately 10 minutes

Description of Disappearance - Appeared to grow dim and then disappeared in N.W. direction.

Noise - Nil

Other Information.

First sighted by children who reported that it fell like a heavy weight for approximately 1,000ft before missionary informed.

13TH OF JULY SIGHTING

Informant - Penedi/Sisina, a female teacher at Bwaruada Mission.

Direction from Bwaruada - Easterly - over sea.

Appearance - Very bright light "like a primus" spinning in a large circle at a fairly high and constant speed.

Height - "Lower than nearby mountain". My estimation - 1500ft.

Speed - "A lot faster than a bird".

Duration of Sighting - Approximately 5 minutes.

Description of Disappearance - Disappeared in easterly direction at considerable speed.

Noise - Nil.

Other Information.

The teacher watched object for 2-3 minutes and then reported to the Missionary in charge. When he arrived the object had disappeared.

The Mwadega people reportedly sighted a similar object at the same time and in the same direction.

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Attention: Mr. McEwan

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached are two additional copies of the reports attached to my memorandum dated 3rd September, 1965, concerning unidentified flying objects seen in the Milne Bay District of Papua and New Guinea. These additional copies were requested per telephone on 14th September by Mr. McEwan for the Joint Intelligence Committee.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
MR GILLIES.

(F. D. Gillies)
for Secretary

Encl.

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Further to my memorandum of 2nd August, 1965, attached are copies of further reports of unidentified flying objects seen in the Milne Bay District of Papua and New Guinea during July, 1965.

2. One copy of each of these reports has been forwarded to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, also.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.

The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
MELBOURNE.

Copy for your information.

(F.D. Gillies)
for Secretary.

Department of Territories,
Canberra. A.C.T.

Enc. **DESPATCHED**



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Port Moresby,

27th August, 1965.

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The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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Further to my confidential memorandum C.5A of 29th July, 1965, I now attach further reports from the Milne Bay District, forwarded by the District Commissioner.

2. It would be appreciated if you would pass these reports to the appropriate authorities.

REC'D A.M. 30 AUG

D. M. Cleland

(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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Patrol Post,
Schulea,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

27th July, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FSA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

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Noise - Nil

Other Information

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18th OF JULY SIGHTING

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Height - "Lower than nearby mountains". My estimation - 1500ft.

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Duration of Sighting - Approximately 5 minutes.

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Noise - Nil.

Other Information

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(R. BECKER)
Assistant District Officer.

ESA'ALA.
11th August, 1965.

Minute to:
District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

My coded Telegram 33 of 28th July 1965 refers. Sightings of these objects are now so common that most people no longer bother to report them immediately. I have instructed my officers to forward all fresh reports by telegram, but your advise is requested please concerning the reporting of stale sightings.

(M. L. Mackellar)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Text of coded radio received from O.I.C. , GUASOPA on Saturday , the 7/8/65 .

UFO REPORTED BY G F WATKINS . APPROX THREE WEEKS AGO
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NO OTHER WITNESSES

Map attached to show position of village
and Aiun Island .

(J.B. Quinn, ADC)

WOODLARK ISLAND AND CENSUS DIVISION

MADAU ISLAND

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GAWA/KWAIWATTA IDS

Madau

Boagis

Kwaiawata Id

Gawa Id.

Kauwai

Kwattawatta Pltn

Kulamadau Pltn

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Kaurai

EGUM/IANABA IDS

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LAUGHLIN ISLANDS

Positions of outer islands not accurate.

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

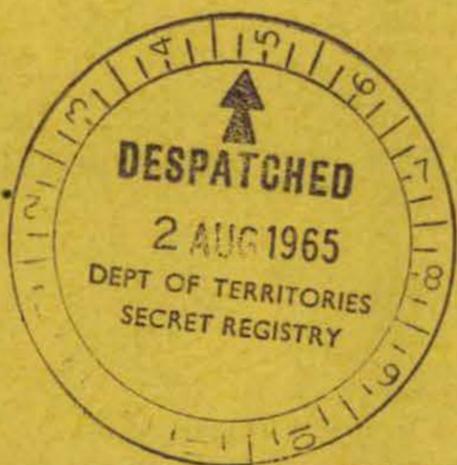
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information are copies of *ful 76/77.*
further correspondence, relating to the above matter, received
from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies have
not been forwarded to the Director of Air Force Intelligence,
but a copy has been forwarded to the Commonwealth Scientific
and Industrial Research Organization.

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(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary.

Encl.



The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2. Victoria.

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(M. M. Culnane)
for Secretary,
Department of Territories, Canberra.





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Port Moresby,

28th July, 1965.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Attached please find report of an unidentified flying object sighted at Deboyne Lagoon, Misima Sub-District, Milne Bay District, on 18th July, 1965. It would be appreciated if you would pass this information on to the Director of Air Force Intelligence.

D.M. Cleland
(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

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Deboyne Plantation,
24th. July, 1965.

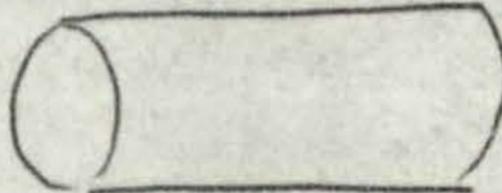
The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Dear Sir:

Sunday 18th

Un-identified Flying Object

On the morning of Sunday ⁸ 17th. July I awoke hearing a noise like a diesel vessel approaching. I looked at my bedside clock and it read 11 p.m. Then i noticed a red glare outside on the hill side and immediately thought the dry grass in the plantation was afire so I immediately went outside the house to have a look. The red glow was coming from an object in the sky which was a glowing red colour and shaped like this:



It looked from my position to be about 3 ft long and 1 ft. thick and may have been about 1,000 feet up but this is difficult to judge at sight.

It cruised forward and backward three times not turning on the return run but reversing on its own tracks, the distance it travelled forward and backwards over my house being 1/2 mile. All the time it gave off a noise like a diesel vessel.

I went to the house and used the plantation phone and called my Overseer and he and several boys immediately came to my house. I went outside to meet them but the object had disappeared and also the noise. The boys say they also heard the noise and thought the vessel "Koonwarra" which was expected was coming. However, they did not see the object as they remained indoors with the shutters and door of their house closed.

I did not report this immediately as I was afraid of being ridiculed but several days later I visited Buaruada and three or four Europeans there reported having seen the same object on Saturday night the 16th. July and again on Sunday night the 17th. at approximately the same time of the night, i. e. 11 p.m. They saw it again Monday night.

Yours faithfully,

M. Miller
.....
(Mrs. M. Miller)

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Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

5th July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object - SEHULEA.

Reference: My coded telegram 002 of 3/7/65 from Sehulea

Further to my reference telegram I respectfully advise that I conducted diligent inquiries through all villages and hamlets of SUPUPU and KEROROGEA Bay on 2/7/65 and 3/7/65 and was able to corroborate the information contained therein in that six (6) other persons of KESAGA Hamlet of WEIOKO Village saw the subject phenomenon. One reason why other witnesses were not found is that the night of sighting was so cold that most persons were indoors.

2. It is further advised that during the course of these investigations another recent sighting by village people was reported by Councillor David of MWATEBU who said that

"On 17th June an object passed over Sewataitai at about 7 pm from the direction of Sanaroa Island towards Sewa Bay. It made no sound but emitted a bright beam of red light directed towards the earth. The light fluctuated in intensity. It did not appear to be travelling very fast but did not stop or hover. This object was seen by approximately 100 people from MWATEBU who were camped in company in the open near Sewataitai after doing maintenance work on the MWATEBU - SEWATAITAI road".

This statement was taken by me from the Councillor in the presence of the other witnesses who agreed that his description was correct.

(sgd.) M.L. Mackellar

a/Assistant District Commissioner

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea. Copies of this memorandum and attachment have been forwarded also to the Department of National Development and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

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(G. Warwick Smith) *WGS*
Secretary.

Encl.

Copies to:-

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The Secretary,
Department of National Development,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2., VIC.

16 JUL 1965

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Port Moresby.

8th July, 1965.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Enclosed please find copy of a report from the Officer in Charge, Sehulea Patrol Post, Esa'ala Sub-district, Milne Bay District, covering the sighting of an Unidentified flying Object on 25th May, 1965, and minuted to me on 7th July, 1965.

2. For your information.

D. M. Cleland
(D.M. CLELAND)
Administrator

Encl.

REC'D A.M. 7.0.65

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Patrol Post,
Sehulea.

26th May 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
ESA'ALA.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

On Tuesday 25th May 1965 at about 8 P.M. in the evening I was relaxing after dinner when I noticed a flash of light in a South Westerly direction. The light was blue in colour and appeared unusual. I investigated to see what had caused the flash thinking it may have been the house girl in the spare room with a torch. This was not the case and put it down to lighting. However it was repeated a few moments later and I saw that it came from outside. When I went out I saw a light at what I estimated to be between 5,000 and 8,000 feet above sea level over Karogorea Bay. The light appeared to me to be yellow green in colour (I have a colour -red green - complex). My wife said when she saw it that it was changing from red to green which would explain my difficulty in identifying the true colour.

We watched the U..F.O. and it appeared to be wavering back and forth and moving up and down slightly. The appearance was one of a hovering light. We watched it for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour (between 2000 and 2030 hrs.) The light given off from the U.F.O. was sufficient to light up the beach as a new or 1st quarter moon would. I attempted to take two photographs of it by time exposure and these may give some idea as to what it was.

Eventually the object dropped slightly then rose and disappeared in what we took to be a westerly direction.

The night was overcast to some extent in that area and now stars were showing - this appeared to be below the cloud layer. To the South at Karogorea village it was raining. No other people apparently saw this as I made enquiries with a negative result. The native house girl also witnessed the proceedings.

I would not like to make any suggestions as to what it was as it was nothing like I have seen before.

For your information please.

(sgd.) K.E. Hollamby
Officer in Charge

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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(C. R. Lambert) *CRM*
Secretary

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The Secretary,
Department of National Development,
Wentworth House,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

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(C. R. Lambert) *CRM*
Secretary
Department of Territories, Canberra.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research
Organization
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, Victoria.

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(C. R. Lambert) *CRM*
Secretary
Department of Territories, Canberra.



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Port Moresby,

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The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

On 12th June, 1961, an unidentified flying object was sighted by two residents of the Northern District. The District Commissioner of that District has reported as follows:-

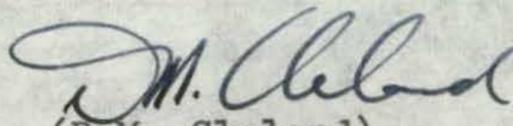
"The object was seen by Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McCullough of Azerita Plantation at 4 a.m. and for a period of about 15 minutes. They say that the shining object approached the North East and was shaped like the hollow in a new moon, and could have been delta winged. The object was at an estimated height of 15,000 feet and kept moving backwards and forwards to and from the North East.

On one particular occasion it moved to the North East until it became the size of a pin's head then returned. Eventually it returned the way it came. No noise was heard and only the bright object was seen.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have travelled widely and he was employed by United Nations Organisation for some time. They may be considered as being reliable."

2. You may care to pass this report to the appropriate authority.

REC'D. A.M. 26 JUN


(D.M. Cleland)
Administrator.

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LOU ISLAND 2035 HOURS 8TH 25 DEGREES NORTHERN HORIZON MOVING
WEST TO EAST ... ADMR

CA39 TAMI 2035 8TH 25)

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A456 SIGHTING OF SATELLITE REPORTED FROM TELEFOMIN 2010

HOURS 11TH NOVEMBER TRAVELLING SOUTH TO NORTH

...ADMR

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*On file pls
R. Ryan*

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A446 RESIDENT AT KITAVA MILNE BAY DISTRICT REPORTED
SIGHTING POSSIBLE SATELLITE AT 7-30 PM 2ND AND 3RD NOVEMBER
SOUTH OF KITAVA IN SIGHT FOR 20 MINUTES TRAVELLING WEST TO EAST

... ADMR

(A446 7/30 PM 2ND 3RD 20 KITAVA)

On file please
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26 SEP 1960

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT.

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Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

2. It would appear that the sighting was made from the vessel "Karu" which was then lying at Volupai Plantation anchorage off the Willaumez Peninsula on the north coast of New Britain.

(C.R. Lambert) *CR*
Secretary.

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The Secretary,
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Wentworth House,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Vic.

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Secretary.

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Port Moresby,

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The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECTS

The following report was received by telephone this morning from the District Commissioner, New Britain District, Rabaul:-

"From Fordip - Karu.

At 1950 hours last night an object was seen about 20 degrees above the sea bearing 267 degrees true from Volupai Plantation anchorage. It consisted of a big bright light averaging between red and white through pale green stop. Bearing remained constant but the object seemed to be suspended by some means and after about 10 minutes it finally disappeared into the sea or over the horizon. The distance from Karu could have been from 15 to 50 miles."

For your information.

D.M. Cleland

(D.M. Cleland)
Administrator.



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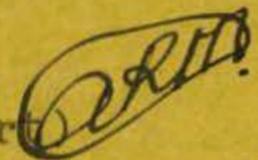
The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORT OF UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA - MANUS ISLAND.

Appended for your information is the text of a message addressed to the Administrator by the District Commissioner at Lorengau, Manus District, Territory of Papua and New Guinea:-

"Phenomena observed entire Manus mainland approx 2320 hours thirtyfirst May Stop Brilliant blinding light followed three to four minutes later by series heavy explosive sounds Stop Reports state small moving light initially gradually enlarging flooding whole sky".

(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

24 MAR 1960

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

F-58 Reference is made to our memorandum
No. 128.1.21 of 8th March, 1960 on the above subject.

2. The Head of the Australian Joint Services Staff in Washington has forwarded to us an evaluation of the sightings made by the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center. The Center was able to confirm that none of the sightings were due to known satellites but, on the evidence, considered that some of the reports could refer to the refracted light of stars or planets which are known to have been in similar positions at the times mentioned.



J. J. ...
Secretary.



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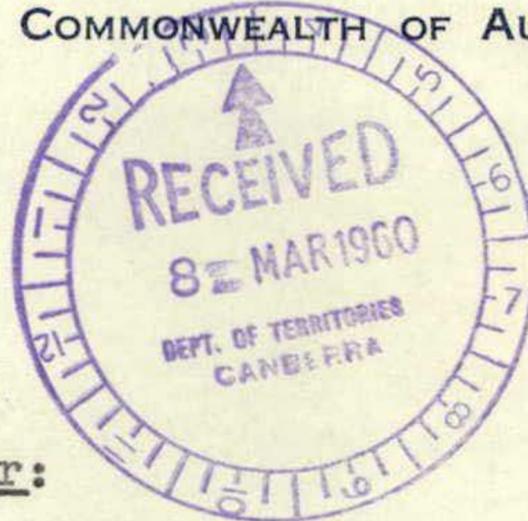
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.



8 MAR 1960

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

Reference is made to your memorandum 58/26
F.24, of 4th August, 1959 on the above subject.

2. We forwarded copies of the reports enclosed with your memorandum to the Heads of the Australian Joint Services Staffs in London and Washington for any interpretation of the reported phenomena, which they could obtain from the United Kingdom or United States authorities.

3. The Head of AJSS in London has informed us that the United Kingdom authorities were interested in the reports, some of which they considered could feasibly refer to meteors. The general feeling seemed to be that with so many independent reports in a fairly short time the phenomena could not be dismissed as imaginative observation and it was reasonably certain that something unusual was observed. They were not, however, able to offer an explanation but expressed an interest in receiving further reports.

4. We have not yet heard from our representative in Washington but will let you know should any information of interest be received.

O.C. (C.A.C.S.)

Submitted for information,

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(Signature)
Secretary.

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Father Gill said that until the
time he left there had been 50
"sightings" of unidentified objects
in 90 days.

"One returned to the same spot
each night for a week," he said.

Father Gill is carrying with him
documented records of "sightings",
signed statements by witnesses, and
sketches of objects seen by both
Europeans and natives in his area.

Most of the reports concern
objects seen at night.

"The only report of a flying object
seen in the daytime came from
schoolchildren and their teacher, at

Menapi, on July 21," said Father
Gill.

"They saw a silver disc streak
across the sky at high speed.

"Not one of the dozens of objects
reported has ever been heard to
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Father Gill described how one of
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The report gave details of times,
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tions of flying objects seen around
the Goodenough Bay area, on the
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June 21, 26, 27 and 28 this year.

Dressed in sports clothes and smok-
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adamant that what he had seen was
neither a normal aircraft nor a
star.

"It hovered for a while at 450
feet," he said. "When it left, it
covered the 30 miles across the bay
in half a second, before disappear-
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"The four figures in the craft were
surrounded by light, which did not

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Mr Muddle

Pacific Islands Monthly

October 1959

NG's Flying Saucer Man In Town

Anglican priest, Rev. Father William Booth ("Bill") Gill, of Papua, received a lot of publicity in September as a result of flying saucer reports.

"Something very unusual is happening around the Goodenough Bay area," he said in Brisbane, on his way to Melbourne, where he will take up teaching in an Anglican school. After more than eight years in New Guinea he has finished his missionary work there.

Apart from the Press, Father Gill was also met in Brisbane by two members of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau.

Said the Brisbane *Courier-Mail* in an interview on September 18:

Father Gill, 31, made world news when he reported from Boianai Anglican Mission, Papua, that a group of 12 people, including himself, had seen three flying objects over the mission station just after sunset on June 27.

In eight pages of closely typed foolscap, which included sketches, Father Gill described how one of the flying objects, larger than the others, carried four figures which waved and exchanged signals with the observers on the ground.

The report gave details of times, names of witnesses, and descriptions of flying objects seen around the Goodenough Bay area, on the north-east coast of New Guinea, on June 21, 26, 27 and 28 this year.

Dressed in sports clothes and smoking a pipe, Father Gill was quite adamant that what he had seen was neither a normal aircraft nor a star.

"It hovered for a while at 450 feet," he said. "When it left, it covered the 30 miles across the bay in half a second, before disappearing."

"The four figures in the craft were surrounded by light, which did not

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touch their outlines. This may have been because they were wearing some kind of suit."

Father Gill said that since June 27, when the figures in the "saucer" waved to men on the mission, there had been "three or four reports a week" of people sighting strange flying objects, or mysterious lights, mainly in the Goodenough Bay area.

Patrol Officer Bob Smith, of Cape Vogel, north-east of the bay, reported that he saw a disc of light coming towards him one night," said Father Gill.

"It got bigger and bigger, and finally seemed to disintegrate."

"On August 25, the night before

P.W.P. & S., pbe
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No. AD.93/5/2

Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORESBY.
18th January, 1960



The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.....A.C.T.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

My memorandum AD.93/5/2 of the 31st ^{17.5.59}
December, 1959 refers.

2. The District Officer, Samarai has advised that no fresh reports of sightings have been made at Baniara. He has heard indirectly, however, that the Rev. N. Cruttwell of the Anglican Mission, Menapi, has had reports of new sightings in the general Goodenough Bay area, and he believes that Rev. Cruttwell has passed these on to the Brisbane branch of the "Flying Saucer Review", an English journal. The Rev. Cruttwell is the local accredited correspondent and observes for the "Review".

3. Other than officers observing and reporting on these sightings, it does not seem practical for this Administration to take any other action.

4. The intervals and the areas of sightings show no consistency, except that they are in the Milne Bay District.

5. It has been suggested that a qualified person, equipped with telescopic and night photographic equipment, be sent to the Baniara area to study the phenomena.

6. This Administration has no such person, or equipment, and if one were made available from some other source, a guess could not even be hazarded as to how long he would have to remain in the area before he saw the phenomena if, of course, such were to occur again.

(D.M. CLELAND)
ADMINISTRATOR.

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Submitted for information, please

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No. AD.93/5/2

Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

31st December, 1959.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

Your memorandum 58/26 of the 30th November, 1959, F34 refers.

2. The District Officer, Samarai, has been requested to comment on the reported sightings that have occurred in his area over a period of time. He has also been asked to refer the matter to an officer in the immediate area of the reported sightings so that local natives may be questioned.

3. It is not considered that an intensive investigation would disclose anything other than that already reported.

D.M. Cleland

(D.M. Cleland)
Administrator.



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Eye-witnesses saw the strange flying object descend, then watched while it hovered above their heads. They waved to the ship, and SOMETHING on it waved back!

AMAZING FLYING SAUCER REPORT

As told to Australasian POST by the Rev. Fr. William B. Gill

★ THIS is an eye-witness report of a flying saucer —with a BIG difference.

The difference is that the report is coldly factual — and that it was compiled on the spot by a Church of England clergyman, the Rev. Father William B. Gill.

Father Gill does not claim that he saw a flying saucer. He does say that he saw an unidentified flying object.

And 26 other people who saw the strange object at the same time voluntarily signed statements attesting to their weird experience.

Father Gill says, "I make no claim that what I saw was something from outer space. I have no theories about that at all."

But from the mass of evidence he has assembled, these facts cannot be disputed:—

● From November, last year, up to the present, strange, brightly-lighted objects have been observed in the skies over Boianai, on the north coast of New Guinea.

● Thirty-eight people simultaneously sighted one of these "flying saucers" on Friday, June 26; on another occasion there were 12 witnesses.

● On June 26, the flying object approached to within 450 feet of a crowd of observers, and remained overhead for approximately three hours.

● Observers waved to the "saucer" and their signals were answered by man-like beings in it, WHO WAVED BACK AT THEM.

Let us emphasise that Father Gill is not a flying saucer enthusiast. Before June 26 he was extremely sceptical about all such phenomena.

After June 26 his attitude changed — completely.

Father Gill told POST, "Earlier, I had heard of a few of these so-called 'saucer sightings.' Natives

claimed to have seen them. So did a friend of mine, a doctor. Of course, I laughed at them all.

"Then, on June 21, Stephen Moi, a teacher at the mission school came to me claiming that he had seen a brilliantly-lit "something" flying and hovering in the sky. He said it was about a quarter of a mile out to sea, near Boianai station.

"Stephen Moi told me, 'This thing stopped and remained stationary for about half a minute. Gradually it decreased in brilliance until the shape of an inverted saucer could be seen.'

★ THE Rev. Fr. William Gill, a young Anglican clergyman has spent over eight years on mission work in Papua and New Guinea. He and his family recently returned to Australia, on account of his two young children. He is a qualified teacher, is deeply interested in educational work, and may accept a teaching position in Australia on the staff of one of the Church of England's schools.

"At his request and to his dictation I wrote a formal report of what he said he had seen. I sent a copy of it, along with my own comments, to the Rev. D. Durie, Acting Principal of St. Aidan's College, Dogura.

"I, personally, was still sceptical."

In his letter to the Rev. D. Durie, Father Gill wrote, "My simple mind still requires scientific evidence before I can accept the 'from-outer-space' theory.

"I am inclined to agree that many unidentified flying objects are more likely to be some kind of electric phenomena . . .

"I prefer to wait for some bright

boy to catch one and exhibit it in Martin Place."

He signed this letter "Doubting William."

Within days — hours, almost, Father Gill was to change his attitude. Or rather, circumstances changed it for him.

For on June 26 he saw a flying saucer close up.

AND CREATURES IN IT WAVED TO HIM!

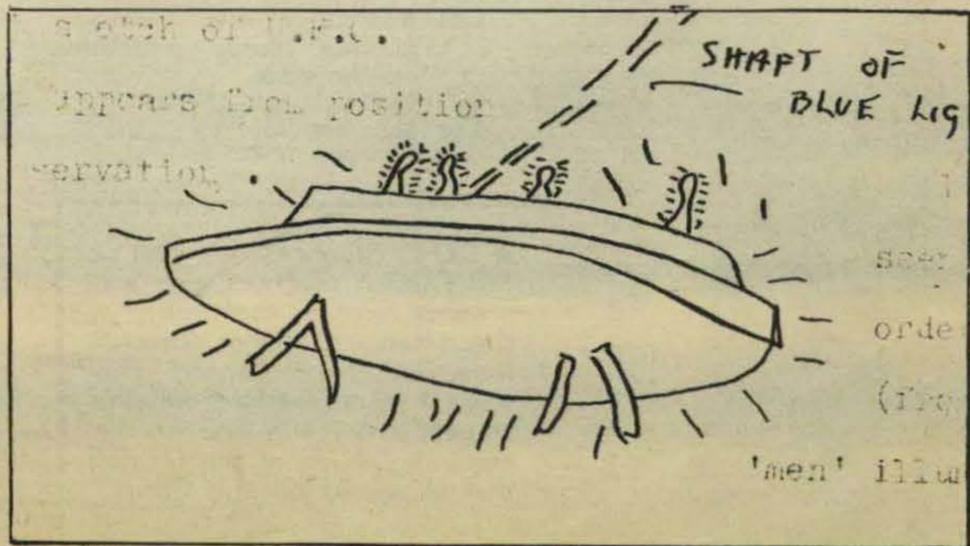
On the day after that fantastic experience he wrote to the Rev. D. Durie again. But this time he said:—

"I have changed my views somewhat. Last night we at Boianai experienced about four hours of unidentified flying object activity.

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I saw this!

★ LEFT: Reproduction of the sketch made by Fr. Gill immediately after the unidentified flying object sightings. Two other observers made sketches independently, and without collaboration of any kind. The three drawings are identical in all major features.





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"There is no doubt whatever these things are handled by beings of some kind.

"At times the whole affair was absolutely breathtaking . . ."

What DID happen to make Father Gill believe in "flying saucers"?

On June 26, at about a quarter to seven in the evening he happened to glance out of his front door. A bright light in the sky caught his attention.

He walked outside to get a better look at it, and the light swiftly swept in closer, coming down to about 500 feet.

He sent messages to call the local natives, and kept a watch on the strange object.

He had a notebook and pencil in his pocket. While he watched he made hurried notes.

Just before seven o'clock he saw a man-like figure moving about the top of the object. Then this figure was joined by two others.

His rough notes, made on the spot, read:—

P.M.

6.55 Now three men — moving, glowing, doing something on the deck.
Gone.

7.00 Men one and two again.

7.10 Men 1, 3, 4, 2 (appeared in that order).

Thin electric blue spotlight. Men gone, spotlight still there.

7.12 Men one and two appeared. Blue light.

7.20 Spotlight off, men go. Object goes through cloud.

8.28 Object . . . appeared to descend, get bigger.

8.29 Second U.F.O. seen over sea, hovering at times.

8.35 Another over Wadobuna village. Another to east.

8.50 Big one stationary and large — the original? Others coming and going through clouds. As they descend, light is reflected like large halo on to cloud. Cloud ceiling no more than 2000 feet — probably less.

All unidentified flying objects very clear.

At 9.10, Father Gill noted, "Mother" ship gone — giving red light."

At 9.45 the ship reappeared, descended, and hovered in the one spot for about fifteen minutes.

BUT ON JUNE 27 OCCURRED THE MOST AMAZING SIGHTING OF ALL.

One of the Mission medical orderlies — a girl — saw a large, bright object hovering in approximately the same spot as the big one the crowd had seen the night before. It was about 6 p.m.

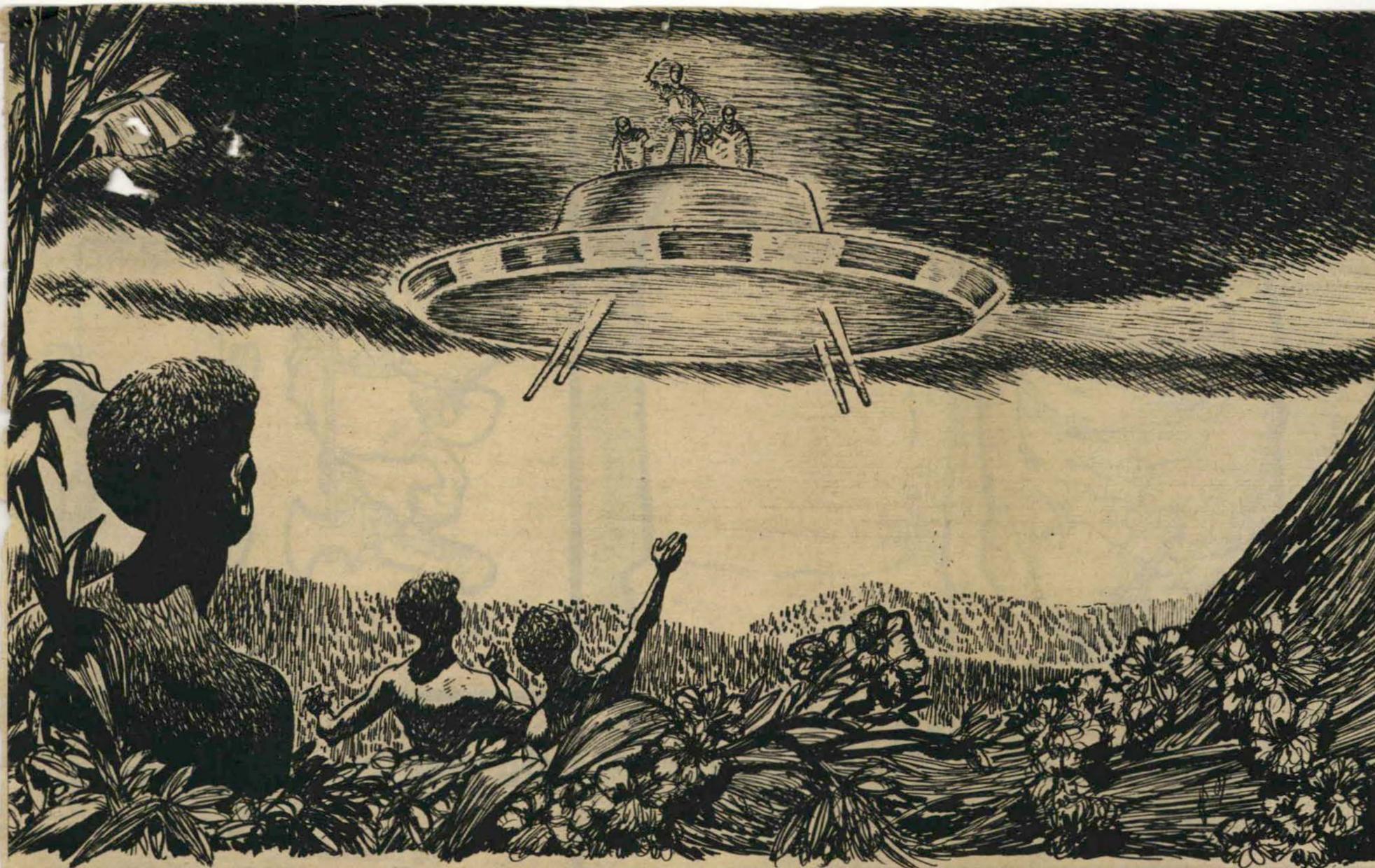
Here is Father Gill's report:—

"We watched figures appear on top — four of them — no doubt that they are human.

"Possibly it is the same object that I took to be the "mother" ship last night. Two smaller unidentified flying objects were seen at the same time, stationary, one above



★ LEFT: Stephen Moi, one of the Papuan teachers who was present most of the time that the strange "flying objects" were under observation. This was taken outside the mission church. Moi was one of the men who waved at the figures that appeared on the "ship."



★ ABOVE: The men waved. Then, while the crowd gasped the creatures on the "ship" waved back. (Illustration by Wally Driscoll)

the hills to the west, another overhead.

"On the large object two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the centre of the deck. They were occasionally bending over and raising their arms as though adjusting or setting up something (not visible to us).

"One figure seemed to be standing and looking down on us (our group numbered about a dozen people).

"I STRETCHED MY ARM ABOVE MY HEAD AND WAVED. TO OUR SURPRISE THE FIGURE DID THE SAME.

"One of the Papuan teachers waved both arms over his head and the two outside figures did the same.

"The teacher and I began waving and all four figures now seemed to wave back.

"There seemed to be no doubt that they were answering our movements. I heard the mission boys gasping.

"Dark was beginning to close in. I sent Eric Kodawara for a torch and directed a series of long dashes towards the unidentified object.

"After a minute or two of this, the U.F.O. apparently acknowledged by making several wavering motions back and forth.

"We repeated the waving, and flashed the torch again, then the object began slowly to get bigger, apparently coming in our direction.

"After a minute or two of this, ceased, and it came no further. After another two and a half minutes the 'figures' disappeared.

"At 6.25 two figures reappeared. The blue spotlight went on for a few seconds, twice in succession."

At seven o'clock the "saucer" was still there — but the obser-

vers left it to go to church for the Evensong service. When they came out low cloud covered the sky, and visibility was very poor. There was no sign of the object.

Drawings and detailed statements of what they had seen were made by most of the observers.

On the first night, June 26, 38 people who had been present went into a well-lighted room, immediately after the object disappeared.

Three of the people who had seen the mysterious ship, Father Gill, and two native teachers, went to different parts of the room, and working separately made sketches of what they had observed.

The sketches when compared differed only in the size of the drawings.

Out of 38 people, 27 voluntarily signed statements giving details of the observations they had made.

On Sunday the flying saucers were back again — for four hours — and in strength. Eight of them were seen at the one time.

Father Gill said, "The objects appeared to sparkle — they gave off a kind of silvery light like children's sparklers.

"A rough calculation of the size of the largest one, assuming the figures were about the same height as men, would be:—Top 'deck,' about 20 feet in diameter. Bottom, roughly 35 feet.

"The figures on the 'ship' appeared light colored — but I can-

not be any more detailed than that."

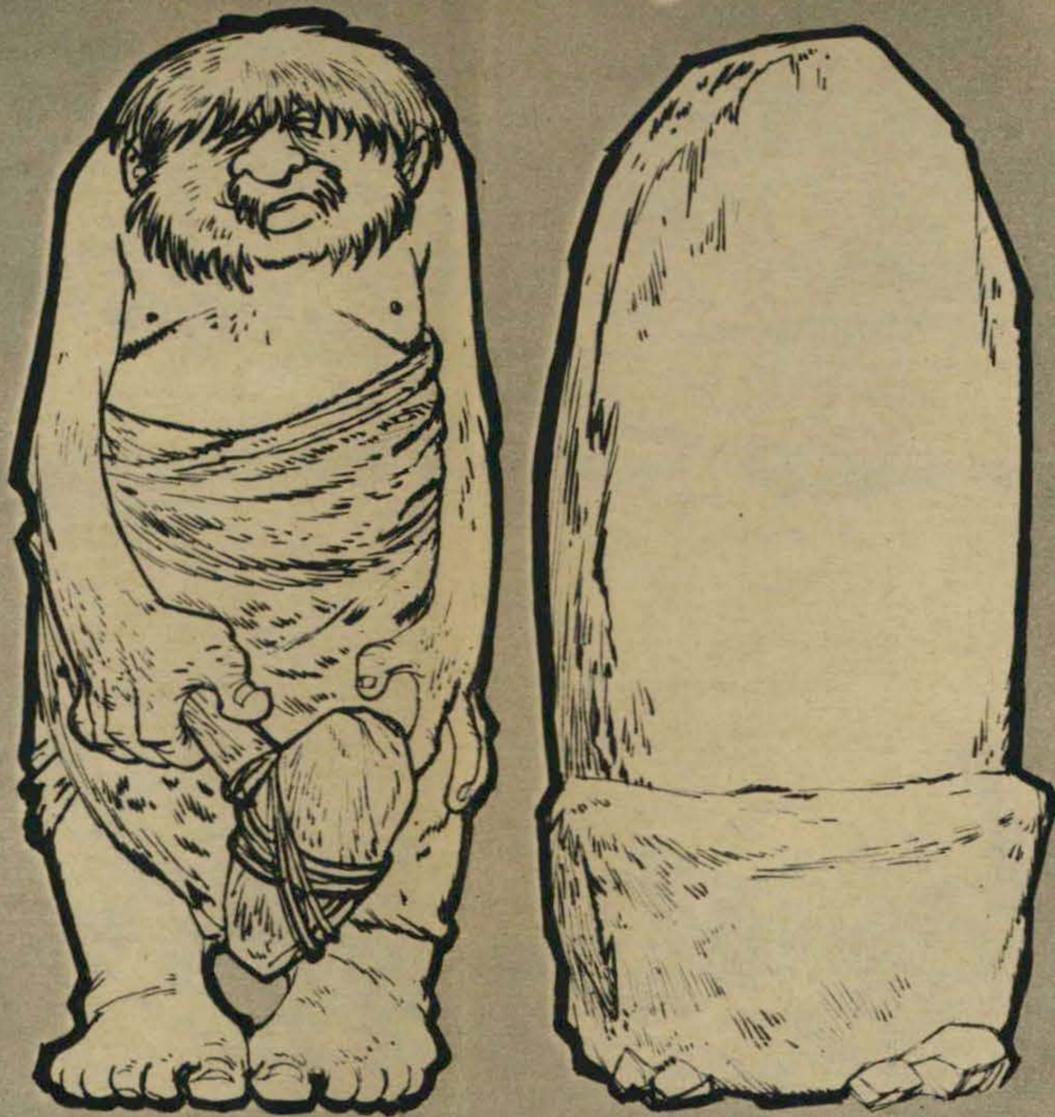
There is no doubt that Father Gill and at least 27 other people saw these strange flying objects and waved to them. That is unquestionable. Then only question is:—

WHAT WAVED BACK?

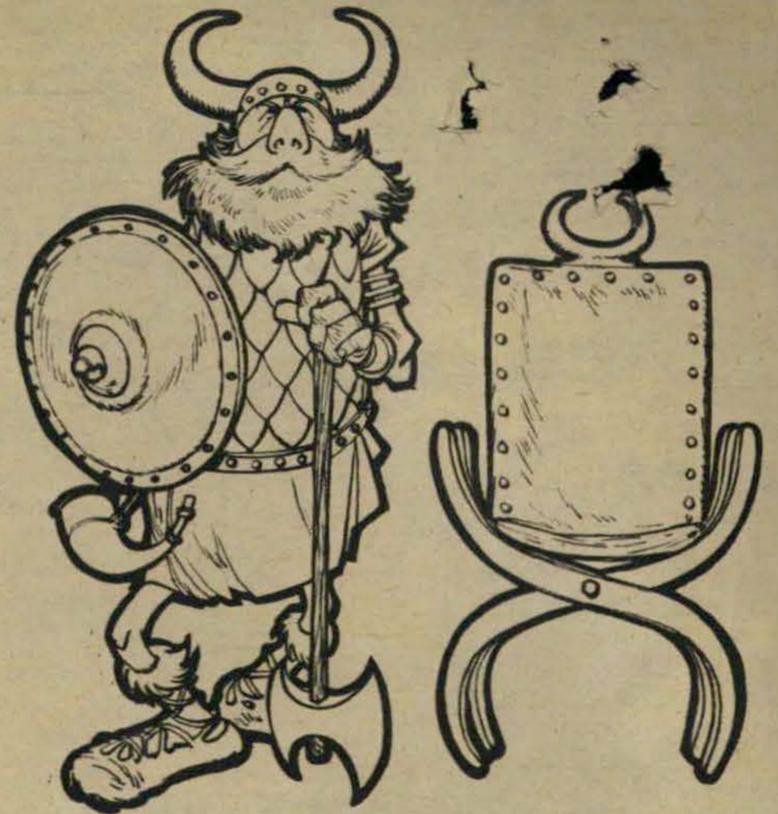


★ RIGHT: These two girls, Daisy Kolauna and Annie Borewa were among the crowd of eye-witnesses. They are medical orderlies at the mission station. European traders, missionaries, and officials have all reported to seeing some of the phenomena. No one has offered any explanation for it.

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★ ABOVE: Neanderthal man, and chair upholstered in top-grade granite. Cave men were tough. They built chairs to last a lifetime.



★ ABOVE: Early Norseman period. Just the thing for relaxing in after a heavy day looting and slaughtering.

Do your chairs enhance . .

★ The first chairs lay around inventing themselves.

They were simply lumps of rock or fallen tree-trunks that the hairy cavemen of ancient times found comfortable to sit on.

The real inventors of the modern chair were the nameless geniuses who, in the dawn of civilisation:—

- (a) thought of nailing legs on each corner.
- (b) realised that instead of putting a chair against a wall, you could put a back on the chair.

But the man who has done most for chairs in our own times is POST artist Wally Driscoll. Just look at this page.

Wally Driscoll, in a long and relaxed study on chairs, has graded them from the aspect of comfort and seatability for modern man. His greatest discovery:—

Take a CHAIR



★ ABOVE: Early 19th Century. Everything was well padded. Chairs were large — they had to accommodate huge bustles.



★ ABOVE: The 1900's. Tight lacing for the ladies, tight lines for furniture.



★ ABOVE: Flapper era. Straight up-and-down fashions for all.

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3rd December 1959.

The Honourable Paul Hasluck M.H.R.,
Minister for Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

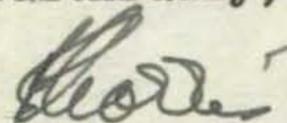
Dear Mr. Hasluck,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd inst. ^{F.35.}

Your interest in the sightings of unidentified flying objects reported by the Reverend Father Gill, is greatly appreciated, and my Society would be grateful to receive details of any information emanating from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

With sincere thanks in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



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The Honourable Right Honourable R. G. Menzies, C.H., Q.C., M.H.R.,
House of Representatives,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

November 25th, 1959

Dear Mr. Menzies,

The enclosed report describes a series of recent, factual sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) seen over New Guinea.

The principal witness is the Reverend Father Gill, a young Anglican priest who has spent more than eight years in the Territory on mission work. There are thirty-eight corroborative witnesses.

The observers saw the UFO's on more than one occasion. On two consecutive days the craft hovered above them for several hours at an altitude of approximately 450'. Father Gill is adamant that he and his friends observed humanoid beings aboard the craft.

One possible explanation emerging from the evidence is that the New Guinea UFO's are the secret weapons of a foreign power, in which case an infringement of Australian territorial jurisdiction has occurred. This possibility has already been adumbrated to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence by the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society but in its reply to the Society dated October 15th (nearly four months after the sightings occurred) the Directorate claims to have carried out no investigations into the incidents.

We feel strongly that an investigation should be made into a matter of such vital concern to the security of Australia. A frank report should be made to the Australian people.

Should you desire any further information pertaining to the New Guinea sightings or to the UFO enigma generally, may we respectfully offer our utmost co-operation in assisting you.

Yours truly,

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THE REVEREND WILLIAM B. GILL'S REPORTS OF UFO ACTIVITY
OVER BOIANAI ANGLICAN MISSION AND VICINITY, PAPUA-
NEW GUINEA, 1959.

Introduction to the Boianai Reports.

The reports described in the following pages constitute the most remarkable testimony of intensive UFO activity reported to civilian investigators in the entire history of UFO research. The sightings are unique in that, for the first time, credible witnesses have reported the presence of humanoid beings associated with UFO's.

One important aspect of the Boianai incidents is that the UFO's were observed closely by the witnesses for a total period of some hours; accordingly, the reports should be examined exhaustively for some clue as to the nature and origin of the craft, and for possible points of correlation with other credible reports.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF FATHER GILL, THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS:

Aged 31 years. Married with two children. Educated Trinity Grammar School, Melbourne, and St. Francis College, Brisbane. Ordained priest of the Anglican Church. Licentiate in Theology. A qualified teacher, he completed over eight years of service as a missionary in New Guinea.

FATHER GILL'S RELIABILITY AS WITNESS:

VFSRS investigators found Father Gill at all times co-operative and obviously deeply interested in UFO's and the implications of their presence. Prior to his sightings he discounted the possibility of their existence as manned craft. He exhibits an impressive scholarly detachment and his objectivity is evident in reading the report which follows within. Father Gill still remains reluctant to speculate as to the origin or precise nature of the UFO's - at least, until he has had an opportunity to complete some research into the subject.

THE CORROBORATIVE WITNESSES:

These numbered up to a total of 38 persons during the principal sightings at Boianai, 27 of whom signed the original statement examined by VFSRS investigators. The witnesses were all Papuan natives, several of whom were educated teachers and medical assistants.

BACKGROUND TO THE PRINCIPAL SIGHTINGS:

The Boianai sightings climaxed a relatively short but remarkably acute period of UFO activity in the vicinity of eastern New Guinea. UFO's were observed by both Papuan natives and Europeans. Sightings were reported by educated Papuans and by totally illiterate natives relatively untouched by western civilisation and quite ignorant

TYPES OF UFO SIGHTED AT BOIANAI AND RANGE OF AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE:

Types: Large, manned craft with elaborate superstructure and smaller apparently remote-controlled discs with no apparent protuberances.

Performance: Hovering, pendulum swinging, tremendous spurts of speed. The manned UFO observed on June 27th was seen to cross the Bay at Boianai (approximately 30 miles wide) in less than a second. Even allowing for the admitted inaccuracy of such a calculation made by scientific laymen the range of the UFOs' performance is staggering. The reported changes of colour and light intensity are especially interesting.

EVALUATION OF THE BOIANAI SIGHTINGS:

It is submitted that the following propositions may be cited as established by these sightings :-

1. The principal witness is veracious and psychologically stable. This is admittedly a subjective impression gained by investigators, but is supported by the balance of probabilities arising from a consideration of the witness's professional standing and training. The legion of corroborative witnesses supplies supporting testimony of an objective nature.
2. The Boianai UFO's are not psychological phenomena. The undoubted psychological element present in some UFO sightings has been demonstrated by Jung in his recent treatise. However, the limits of operation of this factor are still undefined and it would appear arbitrary to relegate the Boianai sightings to the category of mass hallucination. The reader is especially referred to Father Gill's prefatory remarks within.
3. The Boianai UFO's are demonstrably not electrical phenomena, meteors, birds, conventional air-craft, and cannot reasonably be attributed to any of the gamut of accustomed physical rationalisations.
4. The Boianai UFO's are advanced craft, manned by humanoid beings, capable of a fantastic range of aerodynamic performance.
5. The Boianai sightings do not PROVE ipso facto that the UFO's are non-terrestrial spaceships; they indicate a strong LIKELIHOOD that they are such.
6. UFO researchers need no longer enquire as to the NATURE of the UFO's but only as to their ORIGIN.

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Boianai, Territory of Papua and New Guinea, 1959

By W.B. Gill
at Boianai 14/7/59

INTRODUCTION.

These reports of observations together with relevant material combine to describe with fair accuracy what is thought to have been a series of activities in the sky at nights over and near Boianai by U.F.O.'s. Main recordings were made on the evenings of June 21st, 26th and 27th.

As chief observer and sole recorder and reporter of the Boianai phenomena on those dates (at Boianai) I would now hesitate to re-state without further long consideration backed by scientific investigation any opinions or theories as expressed in my personal letters hastily written in that period and which are included in this present material. The value (personal) lies in their subjectiveness against what I hope is objective observational data, and in the complete change of mind from scepticism to the conviction that the UFO's as observed by me cannot be explained away in terms of natural phenomena in the light of past knowledge and experience.

Consideration to the following possible factors, however, cannot be overlooked if this paper is to have any value at all as an attempted objective record.

1. Hallucination

Sketches in the body of the report may be figment of imagination or hallucination. Hallucination may have been experienced simultaneously by the 27 eye-witnesses whose names appear on the signature list.

2. Suggestion as an influence to "witnesses"

There may have been undue influence by suggestion of a European observer over a less sophisticated or inexperienced native body; there may have been influence caused by subservience of the native body of "witnesses" towards the European observer.

3. Illusion

It is possible that "freak" atmospheric conditions or subjectiveness on the part of the observer(s) resulted in a mis-interpretation of natural phenomena.

4. Unreliable Observers

Inexperience in astronomical observation. Ignorance regarding such natural phenomena as falling stars, meteors, comets, electrical disturbances in the atmosphere; the appearance and usual movements of these.

5. Variation in descriptive evidence from different sources

- (a) Mis-interpretation due to inexperience or faulty observation.
- (b) Differences in interpretations by individual observers resulting from different experiences.
- (c) Variation in distances between reliable observers and the phenomena sighted. Independent observers have noted and reported sightings from as far as twenty miles from Boianai, the source of activity.

In absence of scientific investigation into this present report, theory and hypothesis should be made with note to

The following relevant facts concerning the conducting of the main part of the observation and execution of procedure in gathering evidence and writing the report:

1. The sketch of the UFO on page 5 of the report was drawn by Papuan observer Stephen Gill Moi. It is important in one significant detail from later sketches. The "underside" is described by him and drawn as showing four "black spots". These markings are replaced in subsequent descriptions and drawings by what appeared to be four straight legs or stands pointing diagonally downwards from the "base" of the UFO.

Can it be assumed therefore that suggestion played no part in respect of this detail upon the minds of observers in subsequent sightings when all, including Stephen G. Moi, independently thought they saw "legs", though descriptions of the general shape of the whole "object" were in fact much the same?

2. Drawing up of the report was conducted in the following way:

(a) On the night of June 26th immediately following the disappearance of the UFO through cloud, 38 witnesses were brought together into a well-lighted room.

(b) On separate sheets of paper three observers, namely William Gill, Ananias Rarata and Stephen Gill Moi, drew what they thought they saw. Each worked in separate parts of the room. Then the sketches were compared and it was found that each resembled the other differing only in size of drawing.

(c) Representatives of groups who thought they observed "aen" on the UFO wrote their signatures under the respective headings (see page 7).

(d) All observers were briefly addressed by the reporter and given the opportunity of signing a paper stating that a UFO as described in the sketches was seen by them. It was pointed out that they must be truthful and sign only if they believed that they saw the UFO as represented by the three drawings. 27 observers of a total of 38 voluntarily signed.

(e) The data (1) on page 6 of the report is a copy of the original recorded during the actual time of observation by the reporter.

(f) Diagrams on page 8 were made by the reporter and signed voluntarily under the same conditions as described in par. (d) except that the signatures are representatives of groups only.

(g) The sketches on page 12 were made as part of a written statement by the Rev'd. D. Durie, Acting Principal of St. Aidan's College, Dogura. This statement was drawn up by him a few minutes after the observation.

(h) The UFO's described on page 9 are significantly different in appearance from any previously described.

NOTE: The reporter not being a mathematician has attempted estimates of size and distances. It is suggested that the measurements should not be regarded as indisputable.

In this respect, as result of farther practice with hand-measurement as noted on page 8 of the report, the reporter has taken the liberty of making alteration to original data. The HAND-SPAN which originally read as 8 inches now reads as five inches. Other estimated measurements should therefore be adjusted accordingly.

(sgd) William B. Gill



Dear David,

Have a look at this extraordinary data. I am almost convinced about the "visitation" theory. There have been quite a number of reports over the months, from reliable witnesses. The peculiar thing about these most recent reports is that the UFO's seem to be stationary at Boianai or to travel from Boianai. The Mt. Pudi vicinity seems to be the hovering area. I myself saw a stationary white light twice on the same night on April 9th, but in a different place each time. I believe your students have also sighted one over Boianai. The A.D.O., Bob Smith and Mr. Glover have all seen it, or similar ones on different occasions - again, over Boianai, although I think the Baniara people said they watched it travel across the sky from our direction. I should think that this is the first time that the "saucer" has been identified as such.

I do not doubt the existence of these "things" (indeed I cannot now that I have seen one for myself) but my simple mind still requires scientific evidence before I can accept the from-outer-space-theory. I am inclined to believe that probably many UFO's are more likely some form of electric phenomena - or perhaps something brought about by the atom bomb explosions, etc. That Stephen should actually make out a saucer could be the work of the unconscious mind as it is very likely that at some time he has seen illustrations of some kind in a magazine, or it is very possible that saucers do exist, but it is only a 50/50 chance that they are not earth made, still less that they should carry men (more likely radio controlled), and it is still unproven that they are solids.

It is all too difficult to understand for me; I prefer to wait for some bright boy to catch one to be exhibited in Martin Square.

Please return this report as I have no copy and I want Nor. to have it.

Yours,

Doubting William.

REPORT ON UFO SIGHTING

Place: Boianai.

Time: 1 a.m. Sunday, 21st June, 1959.

Weather Conditions: Patches of low cloud, otherwise clear. Moonlight.

Name of Observer: Stephen Moi, Teacher.

Description: (as told to W.B. Gill by the observer 23/6/59 at Boianai.

On coming out of the house at one o'clock on Sunday morning (21st June) I saw a bright light (white) silently coming out of the sky from a point about a quarter of a mile out to sea, slightly west of the Boianai station. It descended from what seemed a great height and I watched it for the space of about three minutes moving and descending eastwards and parallel to the coast. It stopped at a point a little to the east of the station and at a height of about three hundred feet. There it remained stationary for

perhaps half a minute and gradually decreased in brilliance until the shape of an inverted saucer could be discerned, which was tilted slightly backwards with part of the base visible. The object then moved upwards and disappeared from view into the clouds.

When first sighted, I thought it to have been a light similar to those dropped by 'planes during the war.

P. . . Underneath the saucer I saw about four round black spots.

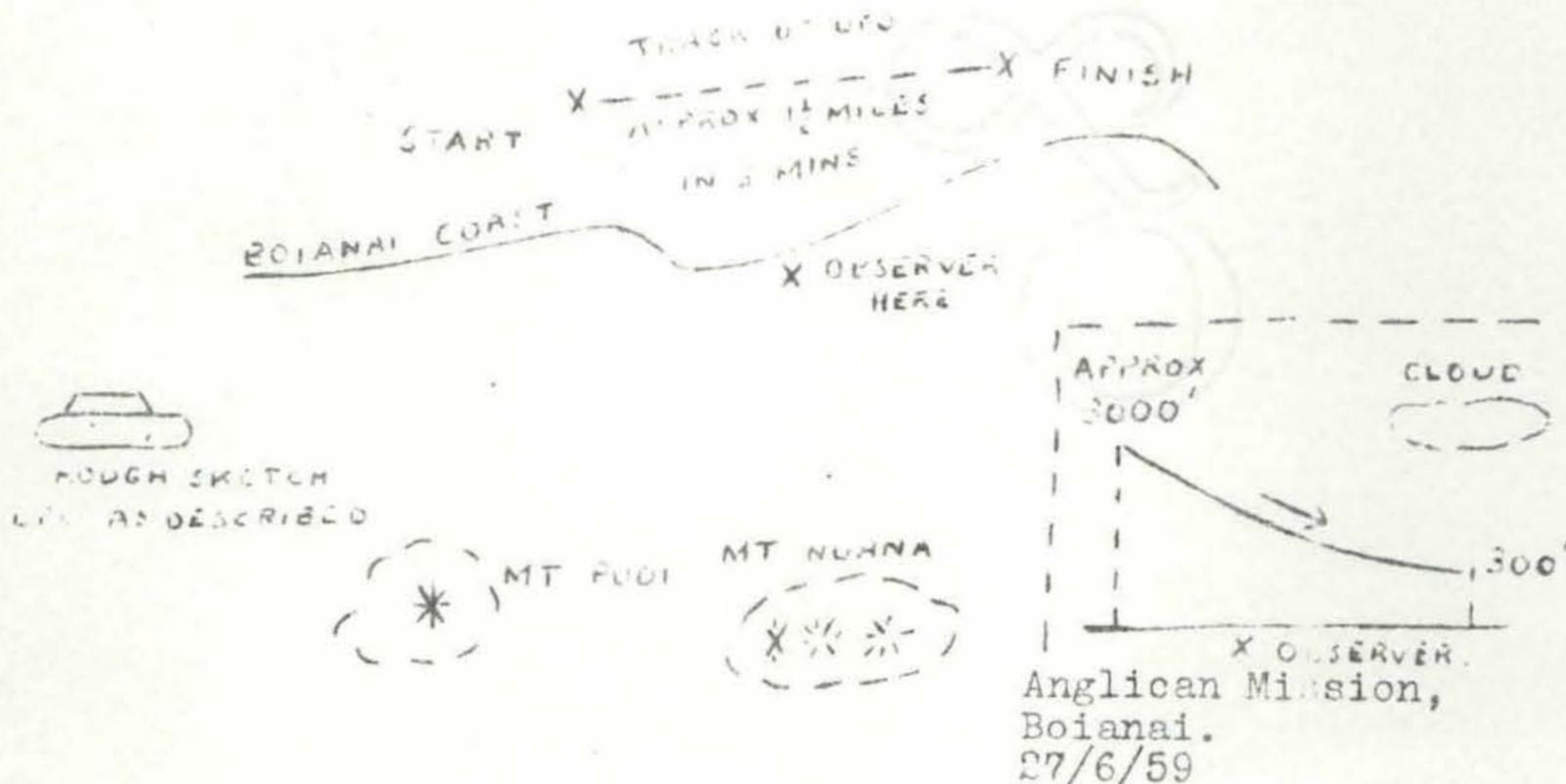
(sgd) Stephen Gill Moi

(OBSERVER)

NOTE: All this information was volunteered without any knowledge of previous sightings of UFO's by Stephen, and when questioned afterwards, Stephen Moi claimed never to have heard of "flying saucers". I asked him if he was quite sure the shape of the object was like an inverted saucer and was not, for instance, the shape of a plate, or like a "sixpence", or "like a ball". He was quite certain in his mind that it was more like a saucer than anything else.

(sgd) William B. Gill

(REPORTER)



Dear David,

Life is strange, isn't it? Yesterday I wrote you a letter, (which I still intend sending you) expressing opinions re the UFO's - Now, less than 24 hours later I have changed my views somewhat. Last night we at Boianai experienced about 4 hours of UFO activity, and there is no doubt whatsoever that they are handled by beings of some kind. At times it was absolutely breathtaking. Here is the report. Please pass it round, but great care must be taken as I have no other, and this, like the one I made out re Stephen, will be sent to Nor. I would appreciate it if you could send the lot back as soon as poss.

Cheers,

Convinced Bill

P.S. Do you think P. Moresby should know about this?

(N. Cruttwell is at present in the Daga country and will not be returning home until 16th July at earliest.) If people think it worth while, I will stand cost of a radio conversation of you care to make out a comprehensive report from the material on my behalf!! It's interesting Territory news if nothing else.

W.B.G.

26/6/59

U.F.O.

Boianai

DATA (1)

<u>Sky</u>	<u>Time (p.m.)</u>	
Patches of low cloud;	6.45	Sighted bright white light from front direction N.W.
clear over Dogura and Menapi	6.50	Call Stephen and Eric - Langford.
	6.52	Stephen arrives. Confirms not star like other night. Coming closer, not so bright. Coming down 500 ft?, orange?, deep yellow?
	6.55	Send Eric to call people. One object on top, move - man? Now three men - moving, glowing, doing something on deck. Gone.
	7.00	Men 1 & 2 again.
	7.04	Gone again.
Cloud ceil-ing covered sky c. 2000'	7.10	Man 1,3,4,2 (appeared in that order.) Thin elct. blue spot light. Men gone, spot light still there.
	7.12	Men 1 & 2 appeared - blue light.
	7.20	Spot light off, men go.
	7.20	UFO goes through cloud.
Clear sky here, heavy cloud over Dogura.	8.28	UFO seen by me overhead. Call station people. Appeared to descend, get bigger. Not so big, but seemed nearer than before.
	8.29	Second seen over sea - hovering at times.
Clouds forming again	8.35	Another over Wadobuna village.
	?	Another to the east.
	8.50	Big one stationary and larger - the original (?) Others coming and going through clouds. As they descend through cloud, light reflected like large halo onto cloud - no more than 2000', probably less. All UFO's very clear - satellites? "Mother" ship still large, clear, stationary.
Clouds patchy	9.05	Nos. 2,3,4 gone.

9.10 "Mother" ship gone - giving red light.
No. 1 gone (overhead) into cloud.

9.20 "Mother" back.

9.30 "Mother" gone across sea towards Ciwa -
white, red, blue, gone.

9.46 Overhead U.F.O. re-appears, is hovering.

10.00 Still there, stationary.

10.10 Hovering, gone behind cloud.

10.30 Very high, hovering in clear patch of sky
between clouds.

10.50 Very overcast, no sign of U.F.O.

11. 4 Heavy rain.

1 Q A. !!!

Data sheet of observation of U.F.O.'s
6.45 - 11.4 p.m.
26/6/59.

(Sgd.) William B. Gill.

Rough sketch of U.F.O. as
it appeared from position
of observation.



WEST OF
SUN LIGHT

1 - 4 men
clearly seen,
appeared in this
order at 7.10
p.m. (from
waist up)

"men" illuminated.

Appearances of men
1, 2 and 3 at 6.55 p.m.
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi.

Appearances of men at 7.00 p.m.
1 and 2
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananias Rarata
Nessie Moi

Appearances of men and light shaft at 7.10 p.m.
1, 3, 4 and 2 (in that order)
William B. Gill.
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananias Rarata

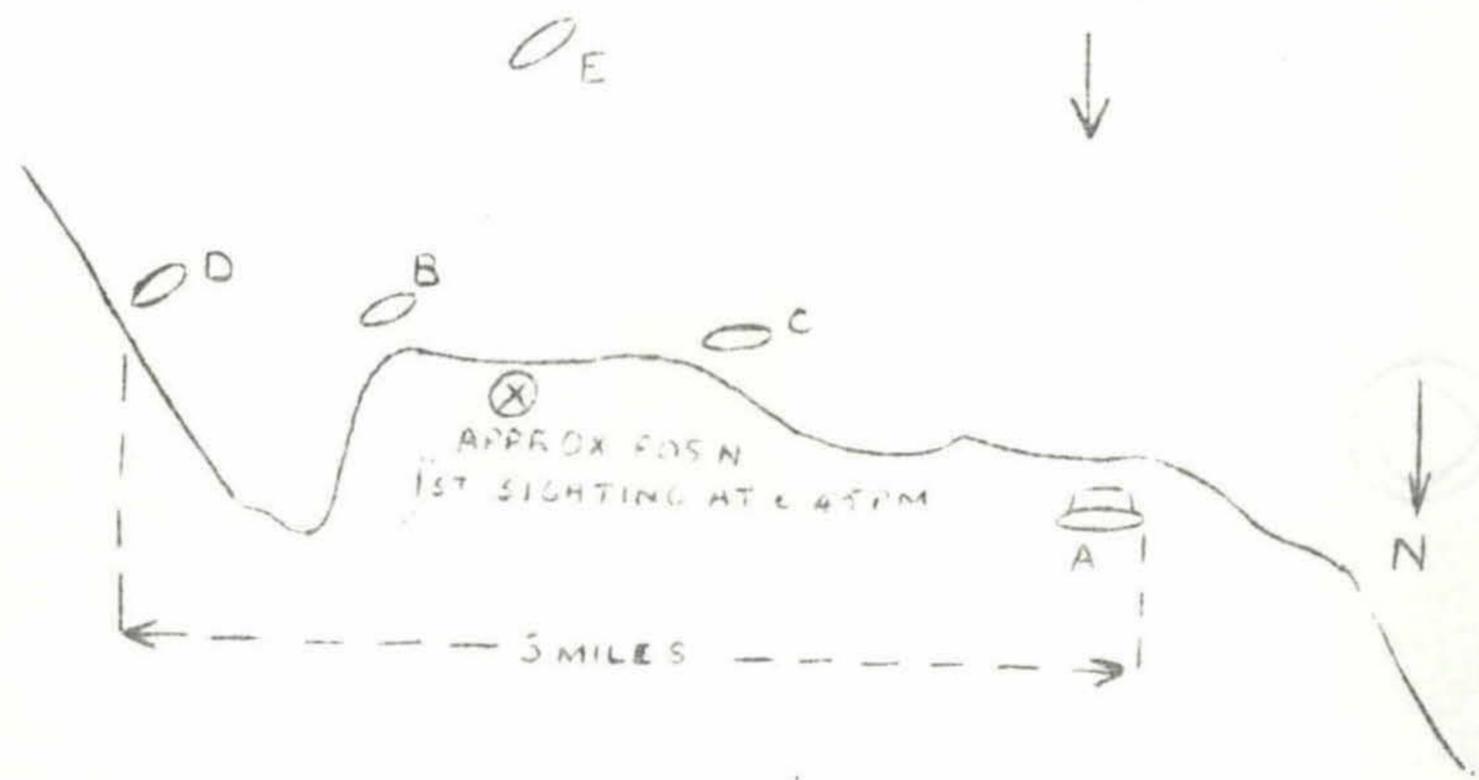
Appearances of men 1 and 2 and light shaft at 7.12 p.m.
William B. Gill
Stephen Gill Moi
Ananias Rarata

This paper drawn up and signed by chief observers at
7.30 p.m. 26/6/59.

Mt. Nuamua

Mt. Pudi

Distance from Mt. Pudi to coast 4-5 miles.



Positions of U.F.O's observed from Niomanai Station
 at 8.28 p.m. and 9.10 p.m.
 26/6/59.
 (Sgd.) William B. Gill
 Stephen Gill Moi.

WEATHER VARIABLE SKY - SCATTERED CLOUDS to CLEAR AT FIRST,
 BECOMING OVERCAST AFTER 10.10 p.m.

APPROX. HEIGHT OF CLOUDS - 2,000 ft.

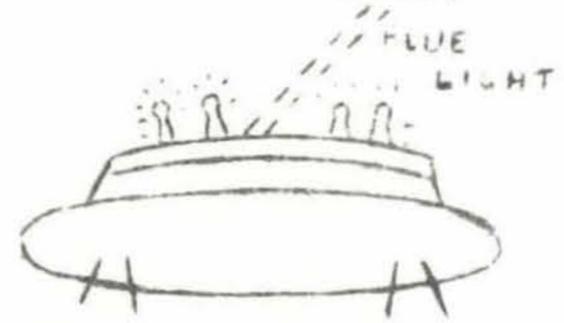
NOTE. This determined by relationship of clouds to highest point visible of mountains. As U.F.O's were often below (under) clouds and their glow gave off a wide halo of light reflected on clouds, it follows that U.F.O's descended to below 2,000 ft.

The first sighting over the sea seemed not more than 500 ft. above the water at times.

Size of U.F.O. "A" (across) (as appeared)
 Full HAND-SPAN at arm's length (8 inches)
 when U.F.O's at closest.

Colour.

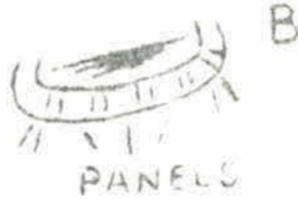
Dull yellow (perhaps pale orange) except when moving, then very bright. When finally moved away at great speed at 9.30 - colour changed from thin white to deep red, then to blue-green.



U.F.O
 "A"

A rough sketch of U.F.O. as observed between 6.55 p.m. and 7.22 p.m. by 38 witnesses at Boianai, T.P. & N.G., Friday 26-6-59. This sketch is a reasonable reproduction of U.F.O. which was clearly visible and mostly stationary for 25 minutes.

(Sgd.) William B. Gill, Priest
 " Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
 " Eric Kodaware - Schoolboy.



X
OBSERVER
HERE

SIZES of U.F.O.'s
(as appeared)

"E" about 1/2" across.

"C" " " "

"B" " 1" "

" " 1/4" deep

"D" " 1/2" across.

NOTE

"B" had 5 panels
of bright
"windows"
on near edge.

Four of the five U.F.O.'s seen in the sky at the one time
between 8.28 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
(asthey appeared. "B" was directly overhead.)

(Spd.) William B. Gill - Priest
" Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
" Eric Kodwara - Schoolboy.

U.F.O. DATA BOIANAI.

Saturday, 27/6/59.

Large U.F.O. first sighted by Annie Laurie at 4 p.m. in
apparently same position as last night (26/6/59) only seemed
a little smaller, when W.B.G. saw it at 6.02 p.m. I called
Ananias and several others and we stood in the open to watch
it. Although the sun had set it was quite light for the
following 15 minutes. We watched figures appear on top -
four of them - no doubt that they are human. Possibly the
same object that I took to be the "Mother" ship last night.
Two smaller U.F.O.'s were seen at the same time, stationary.
One above the hills west, another overhead. On the large one
two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the
centre of the deck - were occasionally bending over and raising
their arms as though adjusting or "setting up" something (not
visible). One figure seemed to be standing looking down at
us (a group of about a dozen). I stretched my arm above my
head and waved to our surprise the figure did the same.
Ananias waved both arms over his head then the two outside
figures did the same. Ananias and self began waving our
arms and all four now seemed to wave back. There seemed
to be no doubt that our movements were answered. All mission
boys made audible gasps (of either joy or surprise perhaps
both).

As dark was beginning to close in, I sent Eric Kodawara for a torch and directed a series of long dashes towards the U.F.O. After a minute or two of this, the U.F.O. apparently acknowledged by making several wavering motions back and forth. Waving by us was repeated and this followed by more flashes of torch, then the U.F.O. began slowly to become bigger, apparently coming in our direction. It ceased after perhaps half a minute and came on no further. After a further two or three minutes the figures apparently lost interest in us for they disappeared "below" deck. At 6.25 p.m. two figures re-appeared to carry on with whatever they were doing before the interruption (?). The blue spot light came on for a few seconds twice in succession.

The two other U.F.O's remained stationary and high up - higher than last night (?) - smaller than last night.

6.30 p.m. I went to dinner.

7.00 p.m. No. 1 U.F.O. still present but appeared somewhat smaller - observers go to church for Evensong.

7.45 p.m. Evensong over and sky cloud covered - visibility V.L.

10.40 p.m. A terrific explosion just outside the Mission House. Nothing seen. Could have been an electrical atmospheric explosion as whole sky overcast. At 11.05 a few drops of rain. This may or may not have something to do with U.F.O. The explosion seemed to be just outside the window - NOT ordinary thunderclap - but a penetrating 'earsplitting' explosion. It woke up people on the station.

SUNDAY - 28-6-69.

To sign of U.F.O. 6 p.m.

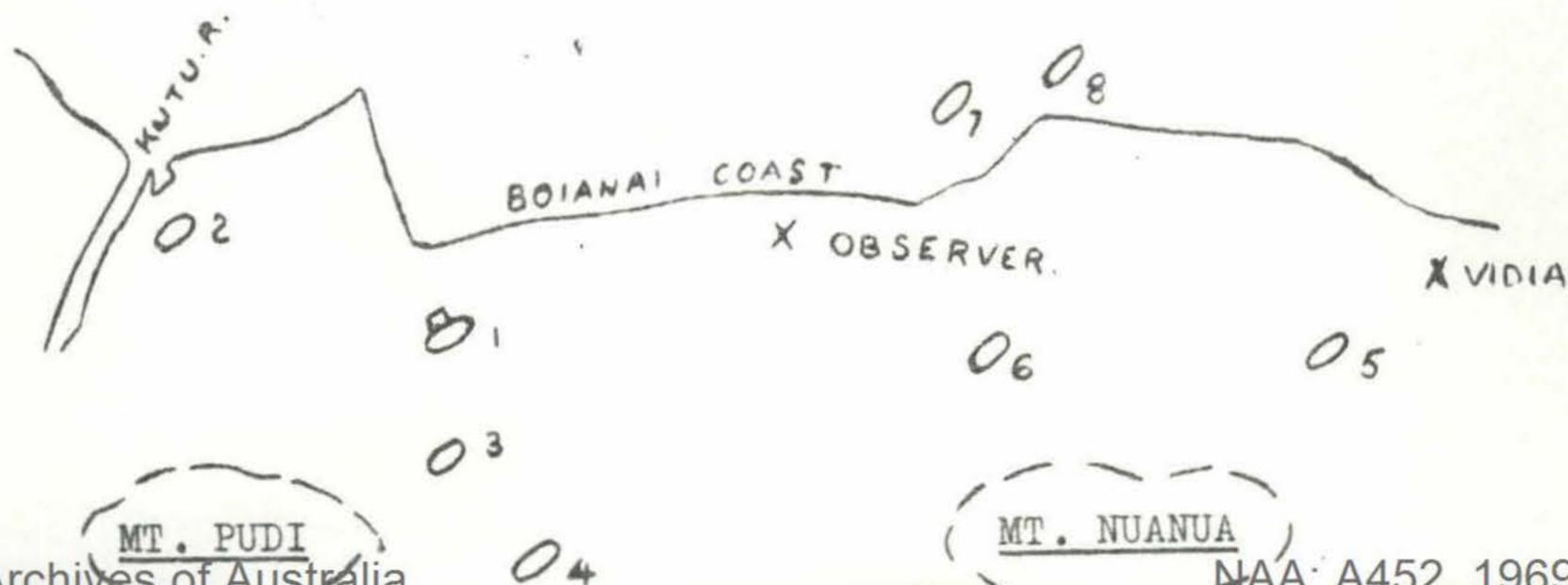
6.45 p.m. 1 only U.F.O. practically overhead - slightly north - very high, but clearly distinguishable due to hovering.

7.30 p.m. Same U.F.O. - moved to southern position but still more or less overhead.

9.10 p.m. 3 U.F.O's in almost straight line - all high, sky clear.

11.00 p.m. 8 U.F.O's - this the greatest number yet seen at one time. One fairly low, but except for occasional hover, no activity seen on board.

Approx. position.



11.20 p.m. A sharp metallic and loud bang on Mission House roof as though piece of metal dropped from great height. No roll of "object" down roof slope afterwards. Outside 4 U.F.O's in circle around station. All high.

11.30 p.m. To bed and U.F.O's still there.

MONDAY, 29-6-59.

A.M. Roof examined. No apparent sign of mark or dent, which one might expect after last night's noise.

A.M.
Boianai.
30-6-59.

Dear David,

Have been having further experiences nightly with U.F.O. - counted 1 large and 7 small over Saturday night,
1 large and 2 small Sunday night,
1 large and 4 small Monday night.

Believe it or not, Ananias, Mission boys and self exchanged hand signals (before dark Saturday) with the occupants of the "mother" ship a little after 6 p.m. There is no doubt that she occupied by at least 4 men. Assuming that men are the same size as average of earth, I have worked out size of the ship - Top "deck" - 20' diameter) the "mother"
Bottom "deck" - roughly 35') ship.

Distance of operations, therefore, as we have sighted, have been, at highest altitude 2,500 feet; lowest altitude 450 feet.

That's all for now, must away on patrol.

Yours,

Bill.

P.S. No "human" activity has yet been observed on smaller U.F.O's, which seem to be disks rather than saucers.

Unidentified Flying Objects.

Date, Monday 6th July, 1959.

At about 8.40 p.m. I noticed a white glow through the cloud, similar to that caused by the moon. Position - North West - a few degrees above Gubanauna Point (the Point is about 3 miles from the College).

The glow changed to a brilliant spot of white light. It descended and moved a little to the South. The brilliance faded to a glow and then to a faint glimmer.

After 5 minutes it glowed again brilliantly and moved in a circular motion (see sketch) anticlockwise. Then it moved further south and down until it became obscured by the

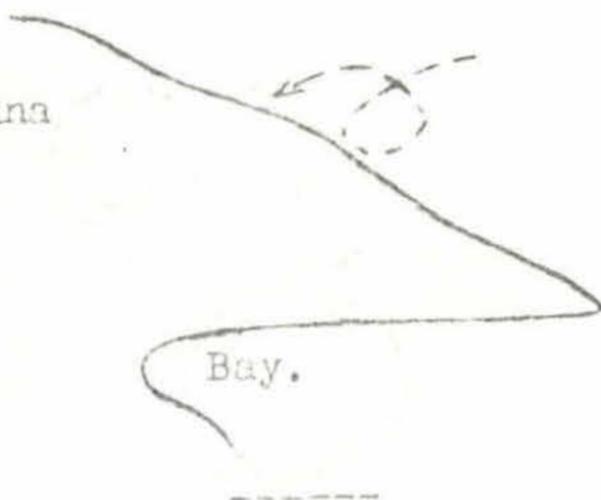
of land at 9.00 p.m.

Through the binoculars I noticed it to be orange in colour and shaped like a disk.

This was observed by Mrs. Durie, Rev. E. Dams, Rev. W. Gill and more than ten College men.

David F. Murie.

Movement: Gubanauna
Point.



PAPER SIGNED BY MAJORITY OF WITNESSES AT
7-45 p.m. 26/6/59.

Signatures of WITNESSES OF U.F.O.

Observed on the night of 26th June 1959 at
BOIANAI, PAPUA.

William B. Gill
Dulcie Freda Guyerobo - Teacher
Ilma Violet Iorere - Teacher
Eric Kodawara
Ida Mary Giriebo - Teacher
Love Daisy Kolauna - Medical Assistant
Annie Laurie Borewa - Medical Assistant
Milton Baramani
Amos Nudai Rarate
Ananias Rarata - Teacher
Lily Davis Niniwara
Annie Grace Yaweige
Maurice Sangford Totianawai
Ronald W.K.
Daisy Ponewewa
Nurst Mary Gunaula
Jane Rarata
Frank Gunuala
Randolph Gill Kawarewa
Nessie Moi
Stephen Gill Moi - Teacher
Kipling Guveropa - Teacher
Montague Tauwarunani
Carson Kivaua
Ceil Tyonai

STATEMENT

Dogura,

9th July 1969.

Last night I went out of my house between 11.30 and midnight and I saw a bright beam of light shining across the sea near the shore and parallel to the beach.

The light was white and it lit up waves of the sea. I thought it was coming from a boat and so I returned to the house. I heard no noise.

(D.G.) Kingsford Dibela,

Teacher, Dogura.

Note:

It is reported that Richard, Teacher, was dazzled by a bright white light in night of July 8th (about midnight).

No personal statement has been taken from him by me.

Richard lives on the beach below Dogura Plateau. It is said that he describes the light as originating in the direction of Guvanayba Point and that it lit up the coast line beyond Wedau.

The boat Kekaha (?) was at Wedau wharf on the evening of July 9th. If this information interests you it would be worth checking on the movement and activity of that boat then. Gubanauna Point is roughly 4 miles west of Wedau wharf.

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25/11/59

Ministerial Secretariat 369

Date 3/12/59.

CANBERRA. A.C.T.

2 DEC 1959

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter dated 25th November, 1959, with which were enclosed papers relating to the sighting of unidentified flying objects by the Reverend W.B.Gill and others at Boianai in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

I have forwarded copies of these papers to the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea and have asked whether he has any comments to offer on the incidents described.

Yours faithfully,

(Paul Hasluck)

Mr. P.E. Norris, LL.B.,
Honorary President,
Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
100 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. Victoria.

30 NOV 1959

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His Honour the Administrator
of Papua and New Guinea,
PORT MORESBY.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

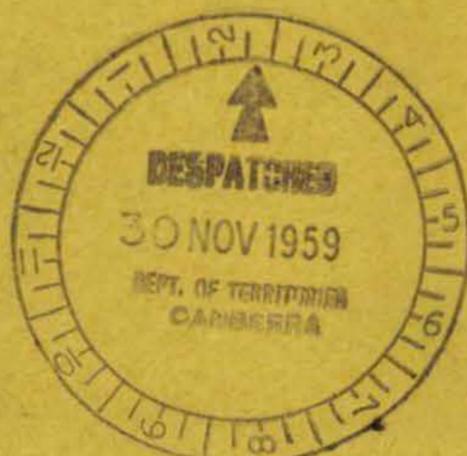
(Your reference AD.93/5/2)

Sent/
I attach for your information and comments, a copy of a circular letter addressed to the Minister by Mr. P.E. Norris, President of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, together with attachments relating to the sighting of unidentified flying objects by the Rev. W.B. Gill and others at Boianai.

2. You will recall that there have previously been numerous reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects by persons resident at Sideia and in the Goodenough Bay area of the Milne Bay district - your memorandum of the 22nd July, 1959, listing the following instances: -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
? .6.58	Sideia	Bishop Doyle and 5 Papuan schoolboys.
Oct.-Nov. 58	"	Two R.C. Brothers, and a large number of schoolchildren.
24.5.59	Baniara.	A.D.O. R.Orwin and C.P.O. R.S. Smith.
? .5.59	Sideia	Nine Papuan Schoolboys
13.6.59	"	Twenty " "
26.6.59	Giwa	Mr. E. Evenett of Samarai.
27.6.59	Sideia	Two R.C. Brothers.
27.6.59	Baniara	A.D.O. Orwin and Mrs. Orwin, and C.P.O. R.L. Smith.
6.7.59	Baniara	C.P.O. R.L. Smith.

3. In the light of the foregoing I should be glad if you would let me know whether any investigation of these reports has been undertaken by the Administration and, if not, let me have your views on the practicability of doing so.



(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

Date 23/11/59

The Honourable P.M.C. Hasluck, M.H.R.,
House of Representatives,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

November 25th, 1959

Dear Mr. Hasluck,

The enclosed report describes a series of recent, factual sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) seen over New Guinea.

The principal witness is the Reverend Father Gill, a young Anglican priest who has spent more than eight years in the Territory on mission work. There are thirty-eight corroborative witnesses.

The observers saw the UFO's on more than one occasion. On two consecutive days the craft hovered above them for several hours at an altitude of approximately 450'. Father Gill is adamant that he and his friends observed humanoid beings aboard the craft.

One possible explanation emerging from the evidence is that the New Guinea UFO's are the secret weapons of a foreign power, in which case an infringement of Australian territorial jurisdiction has occurred. This possibility has already been adumbrated to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence by the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society but in its reply to the Society dated October 15th (nearly four months after the sightings occurred) the Directorate claims to have carried out no investigations into the incidents.

We feel strongly that an investigation should be made into a matter of such vital concern to the security of Australia. A frank report should be made to the Australian people.

Should you desire any further information pertaining to the New Guinea sightings or to the UFO enigma generally, may we respectfully offer our utmost co-operation in assisting you.

Yours truly,

F.P. Stone,
Hon. President, Australian Flying Saucer Research Society,
22 Northcote Street, Kilburn, South Australia.

S. Seers,
Hon. President, Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau,
P.O. Box 111, North Quay, Brisbane, Qld.

(Mrs.) E.F. Haynes, B.A., Dip. S.S.,
Hon. Acting President, Tasmanian Flying Saucer Research Society,
9 Roslyn Avenue, Kingston Beach, Tas.

Dr. M. Lindtner,
Hon. President, UFO Investigation Centre of N.S.W.,
P.O. Box 1120, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

P.E. Norris, LL.B.,
Hon. President, Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society,
100 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

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M.P.L. Ryan

4 AUG 1959

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The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
AT BARIANA, MILNE BAY DISTRICT, TERRITORY OF
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

(Your reference 128.1.21(21))

... Further to my memorandum 58/26 of 17th June, 1959, regarding the above subject, I attach for your information copies of correspondence recently received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

Copies of this memorandum and attachments have also been forwarded to the Departments of Air, Civil Aviation and National Development respectively, and to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

ARM
(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

✓ The Secretary,
Department of Civil Aviation,
499 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE

✓ The Secretary,
Department of the Air,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

✓ The Secretary,
Dept. of National Development,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

✓ The Secretary,
C.S.I.R.O.,
314 Albert Street,
EAST MELBOURNE.

Copy for information.

ARM
(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.



about the size of a bright star, white in colour, moved high across the Western sky from N.W. to S.E. On the second occasion the light was not constant but appeared to flash on and off at regular intervals of about two seconds. This phenomenon was observed by a number of the Fathers, Brothers as well as a large number of school children.

One Saturday in May this year a large green elliptical object was seen by nine school boys. It was much larger than a star and moved rapidly.

On June 13th this year at about 6.15 p.m. twenty odd boys saw an elliptical object about the size of a football, a pretty green colour race very fast and low across the Eastern sky towards the North East.

At 8.30 p.m. on June 27th this year two of the Brothers saw a large fiery object about half the size of a full moon in the Western sky moving slowly either down the Western sky or away from the observers in a Westerly direction. At one stage the object of which the light was appearing to diminish to a pinpoint, suddenly glowed brightly again. It turned blue before finally disappearing. The whole phenomenon lasted about ten minutes".

...

5. Enclosed as Attachments 3 and 4 are reports of further sightings received from Messrs. Orwin and Smith.

6. At one stage, the Harbour Master at Samarai was inclined to the belief that it was the planet Venus which was being seen. He stated that this planet sometimes has the habit of emitting blue, green and red flashes of light, and also that light refraction due to temperature changes in the atmosphere gives the impression of the planet moving. However, the District Officer was recently at Baniara and discussed this matter personally with Mr. Orwin and other people there who have sighted these objects and he is inclined to the belief that these sightings are not to be dismissed lightly and that, in fact, something strange and as yet unknown was truly observed during periods mentioned by the reporting officers. The District Commissioner says that Mr. Orwin and the other eye witnesses to these occurrences are quite convinced that they are not sighting the planet "Venus".

7. The Regional Director, Attorney General's Department has been kept fully informed of these reports.

D.M. Cleland
(D.M. CLELAND)
ADMINISTRATOR

(4 Attachments)



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In Reply Please Quote No. AD.93/5/2.

22nd July, 1959.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF FLYING OBJECTS

Reference is made to my memorandum AD.93/5/2 of
3rd June, 1959. F.14.

2. Written reports of the occurrence referred to in the above memorandum have been received from two Native Affairs officers, Messrs. R.G. Orwin and R.L. Smith. These reports are enclosed as Attachments 1 and 2.

3. Mr. E. Evenett of Samarai has given the District Commissioner, Samarai, an account of another "sighting" in the following terms :-

" On the night of the 26th June, I was at GIWA about eight miles below Baniara in Goodenough Bay. I had just listened to the evening news and between 7.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. went outside. I saw an object approach from a north to north-easterly direction, descend and then hover in the sky about 500 feet up. It was at an angle of about 45° up from me and when I spanned my hand out in front of me to measure it, my hand shielded about half of it from view with the remaining part visible. It seemed to me to be about 60 feet long. It had the silhouette of a rugger football, and had a kind of ring around it with about four semi-domed portholes visible in the side that I could see. A glow was coming from these portholes. It remained hovering for about four minutes and then disappeared rapidly in a southerly direction.

The following morning I went across to a village just below BOIANAI, and there the natives asked me if I had seen the 'new American Air Force' that had appeared the previous evening."

4. The following report has been furnished by Bishop Doyle of the Roman Catholic Mission at Sideia :-

" In June, 1958, there came from a Southerly direction a round object about the size of the moon pale blue in colour and emitting light brighter than the moonlight. Seemed to hover in the sky and about as high as the moon, over the Mission property. After about five minutes it moved in a northerly direction and disappeared in mid-sky. (Seen by five senior school boys at the same time).

About late October or early November 1958, on two evenings about 7 o'clock a light



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Attachment 1 21

Sub District Office,
BANIARA.
Milne Bay District.

17th June, 1959.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED FROM BANIARA - MILNE
BAY DISTRICT

On the night of Sunday the 24th May, 1959 I was sitting on the verandah of my house in company with Mr. R.L. Smith, Cadet Patrol Officer. The night was very clear with no clouds and many stars.

I noticed a particularly bright light high in the sky to the west of Baniara. At first I thought that it may have been a bright star but the object began to move in an erratic direction to the south west. The object was first sighted at 1900 hours and was under constant observation from that time.

The first time it was sighted it appeared to be emitting a bright blue light. As it began to move towards the south west, sometimes rapidly and sometimes only perceptibly it changed colours from blue to bright green and then this would be terminated by an orange flash. The changing lights appeared to come from the bottom of the object.

At 2015 hours, after being kept under close observation, the object finally disappeared in a south-westerly direction.

It was not possible with the naked eye to determine the shape of the object and it did not have the appearance of a star or meteorite. It appeared, at the distance, to be a regular shape but its size could not be estimated.

(Sgd) R.G. Orwin.

Sub-District Office,
Baniara,
Milne Bay District,
T.P. & N.G.

17th June, 1959.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED FROM BANIARA - M.B.D.

On the night of Sunday the 24th May, 1959, an apparently unidentified flying object was sighted from Baniara. The following description of the object is as accurate as possible to my observations.

At 1900 hrs., on the said date, an object was sighted, high in the sky in a westerly direction from Baniara. In the first instance it was stationary. The predominating colour of light emitting from the object was of a brilliant irridescent blue. Soon after first sighting the object, it commenced to descend erratically in a south-westerly direction; sometimes quite rapidly and at other times almost coming to a halt. During these movements, the blue colour would change for an instant to a bright green, terminated by an orange flash. These colours appeared to come from a lower position on the object-as if from it's base.

The object completely disappeared from view, in a south-westerly direction at 2015 hrs.

(Sgd) R.L. Smith.

COPY

31-1-4/11.

4th July, 1959.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

SIGHTING OF FLYING OBJECT - BANIARA

Reference is made to my radiogram 6 of 29th June, 1959 and your 17-2-4/134 of 30th June, 1959, to the Assistant Administrator, copy of same being minuted to this office.

The following report based on the sightings of Mrs. R.G. Orwin and Messrs. R.G. Orwin and R.L. Smith is submitted for your information.

On Saturday 27th June, 1959, at 1940 hours Mr. R.L. Smith noticed a bright white spherical light NNW from Baniara and high in the sky. It appeared to be between 8 and 9 thousand feet from the ground. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orwin also saw this object after Mr. Smith drew their attention to it. The object remained stationary for some time and then slowly began moving across the sky in a westerly direction. It had the appearance of a "sparkler" which is commonly used in firework displays. Also arcs of light emanating from the object appeared to be blotted out at regular intervals. A green light also appeared at regular intervals at various points of the object. There did not appear to be any definite order in the appearance of this light. The object looked as though it had a red base or that a red glow was originating from its base.

At the time of sighting and while the object was under observation there were many stars present and few clouds in the area where the object was to be seen. There was a definite reflected glow on the few clouds in the area when the object passed in close proximity to them. It was also noticed that there was a reflection like a beam of light on the water between the mainland and the island and this emanated from the object. In contrast the reflection of the stars in the water, which was very smooth, were similar to pinpoints only.

As the object slowly moved across and downwards in a westerly direction it was kept under constant observation. From the wharf it was then seen that there was what appeared to be a round bronze coloured disc below and to the right of the bright light. As the light moved so did this disc keeping the same distance, about 500 to 1000 feet, each time. This was first noticed at 2025 hours.

The bright light and disc both finally disappeared behind cloud low in the western horizon at 2045 hours.

On Sunday 28th at 1820 hours the bright light was again seen by Mr. and Mrs. Orwin. It appeared in the same position as on the previous night although it was not as bright at first. At 2001 hours the bright light moved at great speed along the same track as the previous night but in a minute covered the same distance it had taken a half an hour to cover previously. The light became very bright during this rapid movement as did its reflection on the sea. It dropped about 5000 feet during the period and from my opinion it looked as though it was going to land to the north

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west of the station on the mainland. The light was kept under observation during the rapid movement and Mr. Orwin ran to the wharf for this purpose. It slowed up ~~and~~ remained in the western sky and remained there until it slowly disappeared again low on the horizon at 2115 hours. The bronze disc was again sighted in the same relative position as the night before. Mr. Smith was present with Mr. Orwin to keep the bright light under observation from 2005 hours until it disappeared.

This office has been advised that the planet Venus could be expected to be seen from the station in approximately the same direction as the bright light was first seen. However the planet Venus was seen on the 4th July, 1959 by myself and The Naval Intelligence Officer who was visiting the district, and from its sighting I am of the opinion that it was not the bright light seen previously as this light was much lower than Venus and more to the north of the position of Venus.

Forwarded for your information, please.

(Sgd) R. Orwin

a/Assistant District Officer

Sub-District Office,
Baniara,
Milne Bay District.

7th July, 1959.

APPENDUM TO 31-1-4/11

As stated in the attached report, the original object was first sighted from the 4th of July onwards. The planet Venus however was visible.

During the early evening of Monday the 6th of July, I watched for the original object between the times of its previous appearances. The planet Venus was visible at this time only. However, I awoke during the night at 0050 hrs., happened to look at the sky and noticed a very bright light.

On observing this light more closely, I was convinced that it was the same one as seen between the 27th of June and the 3rd of July. Venus was not visible. The object appeared to be lower in the sky than on previous occasions and closer to the point of observation. The bronze was not evident on this occasion.

After watching it for fifteen minutes, an object like a falling star seemed to come from near the base of the object and shoot earthward at tremendous speed and at about forty five degrees to the ground. After about five more minutes this procedure was repeated by another similar object, but this one went away to the other side. It is realized of course that these objects could have been shooting stars, and could have come from some distance behind the object.

After observing the object for almost an hour, it moved away in a similar direction to before (westerly) although when first sighted it was more to the south than on previous occasions.

Forwarded for your further information please.

(Sgd) R.L. Smith

Cadet Patrol Officer



IN REPLY
QUOTE

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

29 JUN 1959

Memorandum for:

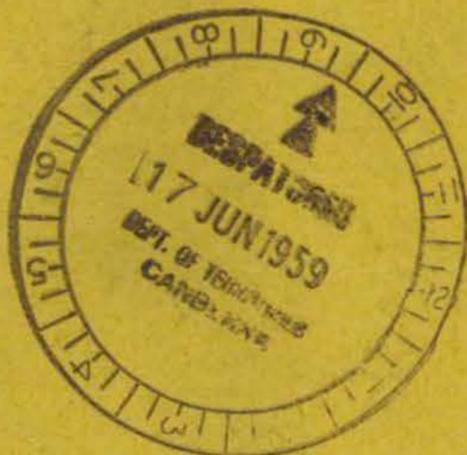
The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT -
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Your memorandum 58/26 of 17^{F.15.} June on the above subject has been read with interest and copies have been sent to the Departments of Air and Civil Aviation for comment. It is noted that the Administrator is obtaining a full report on the incident and that further information may become available.



W. G. ...
Secretary.



17 JUN 1959

58/26.

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.E.1. Vic.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT -
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

I have been informed by the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea that he recently received the following radiogram from the Assistant District Officer at Baniara in the Milne Bay District:-

"Apparently unidentified object sighted from Baniara 1900 Sunday 24th May in westerly direction appeared high in sky but commenced to descend erratically in SW direction colour was of brilliant blue alternating at long intervals to a reddish glow and ending with a green flash object disappeared at 2015 hours"

The Administrator is obtaining a full report on the occurrence, and I shall furnish you with any additional information that may come to hand.

(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Department of National Development,
Wentworth House,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. Vic.

Copy for information, ~~please~~.

(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Scientific and
Industrial Research Organization,
314 Albert Street,
East Melbourne, Vic.

Copy for information

(C.R. Lambert)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. AD.93/5/2

Department of the Administrator,

3rd June, 1959.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA A.C.T.

Reported Sighting of Falling Object.

The following is the text of a radiogram received from the Assistant District Officer, Baniara :-

"APPARENTLY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED FROM BANIARA 1900 SUNDAY 24TH MAY IN WESTERLY DIRECTION APPEARED HIGH IN SKY BUT COMMENCED TO DESCEND ERRATICALLY IN SW DIRECTION COLOUR WAS OF BRILLIANT BLUE ALTERNATING AT LONG INTERVALS TO A REDDISH GLOW AND ENDING WITH A GREEN FLASH OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT 2015 HOURS"

A full report on the occurrence has been sought and I shall advise you further upon its receipt.

D.M. Cleland
(D.M. CLELAND)
ADMINISTRATOR



Mr. Muddle, Please inform Defence, CSIRO & Nat. Dev. (see fol 5) + say we will supply any odd info that comes to hand
JK 9/6



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
PORT MORESBY

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In Reply Please Quote No.A.D.93/5/2.

11th September, 1958.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

EXPLOSIONS - SHORTLAND ISLAND AREA.

Reference is made to your radiogram 821 of the 14th July, 1958 and my A.271 of the 8th July, 1958.

2. The District Commissioner of the Bougainville District has endeavoured to obtain more concrete information on the phenomenon observed in early July but all he has been able to ascertain is that the lights and explosions took place south of the Shortlands. In addition to being seen and/or heard by Fr. Brosnahan, Mr. Lewis (Education Officer) and Mr. Toong Lep, Trader, they were seen and heard by Mr. J. Child who is in charge of the Japanese Salvage operations. Mr. Child stated that he would say definitely that the explosions were submarine.



D.M. Cleland
(D.M. CLELAND)
ADMINISTRATOR

N.E.A.
[Signature]

P Ryan

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LT...ADMIN

PORT MORESBY



821 YOUR A271 PRESUME FULLER DETAILS WILL BE SUPPLIED SO THAT
REPORT CAN BE INVESTIGATED IF FACTS APPEAR TO JUSTIFY

... TERRITORIES

(821 A271)

*Last message from
Melanesian 10/7/58.
Well out of his area on
other side of Toluwano*

DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES.

58/26.

Note for file

The following is a decode of a cable received from the Administrator at Port Moresby at 7.05 pm on 8th July:-

TERRITORIES
CANBERRA.

A271. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SOHANO QUOTE BUIN REPORTS MYSTERIOUS LIGHT EXPLOSION VICINITY SHORTLAND BETWEEN 1900 - 2100 HOURS JULY 2nd JULY 3rd STOP REPORTED BY TWO EUROPEANS AND ONE CHINESE STOP GIZO ADVISED BY TELEGRAPH UNQUOTE.

ADMIN.

E. P. Kitchener
8/7/58.

Asst. Sec. (Admin)

John Ryan Sec. 8/7/58

Asst Sec (Sub S.) 8/7/58

M. P. L. Ryan
8/7/58

① R/S on earlier file re mysterious falling object sighted from Vanimo.
8/7/58

② *Ryan*



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TELEPHONE:
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

No.....

MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

26 FEB 1958

Reported Sighting of Falling Object - Territory
of Papua and New Guinea

F-5 This Department has read with interest
the report attached to your memorandum No. 58/26 of
3rd February, 1958, on the above subject, and would
appreciate being informed of any similar observations
in the future.

2. It is not, however, considered that a
search would be justified from the Defence aspect in
this particular instance.

A. J. Hemming
SECRETARY



28 FEB 1958

58/26

His Honour the Administrator
of Papua and New Guinea,
PORT MORESBY.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT.

I refer to your AD.93/5/2 of 21st January, 1958. The information which you supplied was referred to the Departments of Defence and National Development and to C.S.I.R.O. No reply has been received from the Department of Defence, but both National Development and C.S.I.R.O. consider that the reported object was most likely a meteorite.

2. The Department of National Development suggest that if you have not already done so you might pass on the information to the Chief Geologist.

(C. R. Lambert)
Secretary.





COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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BOX 10, G.P.O., CANBERRA.
TELEGRAMS : NATDEV; CANBERRA.
TELEPHONE : M 9.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
PARKES,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

IN REPLY QUOTE :

19 FEB 1958

MEMORANDUM for :-

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT.
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Folio 5.

Reference is made to your memorandum 58/26 of 3rd February, 1958, on Corporal McCulloch's report of seeing a bright object fall to earth in the vicinity of Vanimo.

2. The report seems consistent with what one might expect if a meteorite entered the earth's atmosphere at the particular location.

3. Failing further detailed information as to the area in which the meteorite may have reached the earth's surface, it is considered unnecessary from this Department's point of view to follow up the occurrence. It is suggested, however, that if he has not already done so, the Administrator should notify the Senior Geologist.

H. G. Raggatt
(H. G. Raggatt)
Secretary.



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COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY
CABLES AND TELEGRAMS: CORESEARCH, MELBOURNE
TELEPHONE: JA 6611314 ALBERT STREET,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2.

12th February, 1958.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT -
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Your memorandum of the 3rd February concerning the above subject was discussed with members of the Australian National Committee for the I.G.Y. as it was thought that the falling object could conceivably have been parts of the first Russian satellite. As it turns out, it would have been impossible for any parts of this satellite to have fallen to Earth on December 6th.

The falling object was most likely a meteor and as these fall to the Earth very frequently the observation of such an object is of no scientific importance.

Guy B. Gresford
Guy B. Gresford
RESEARCH SECRETARY
(Physical Sciences)



5 - FEB 1958

58/26

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.E.1.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF FALLING OBJECT -
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Advice was recently received from the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea that Corporals J. McCulloch and B. Blyth, R.A.E., stationed at Vanimo on the north-west coast of New Guinea, reported the sighting of an object in the sky. The following quotation is from a written report by Corporal McCulloch :

"The object was sighted at exactly 9.30 p.m. on Friday 6th December. It appeared as a bright, white light, a little above the crest of the ranges to the south-west and fell from sight behind the horizon. Although out of sight a bright glow remained and lasted for about five seconds. Soon after the glow disappeared a muffled impact was heard as though a heavy object had hit the ground at some distance. A compass bearing on the position was found to be 243 degrees (magnetic) true within 2 degrees either side. The bearing was taken from the exact position from where the object was sighted. Both Corporal Blyth and myself agree with the above details."

2. The Administration reports that the District Officer of the area considers it probable that the object fell beside the coastal range in an area believed uninhabited and on the Australian side of the New Guinea Border. The Administrator reported that for him to follow up the report any further would be expensive in time and money and he does not, at this stage, propose to take any further action in the matter.

3. I am referring the information to you as being of possible interest and would appreciate hearing from you, in due course, whether you consider it is worth investigation. *I have similarly informed Dept. of Nat. Dev. & C. S. I. R. O.*

(C. R. Lambert)
Secretary.

Similar letters to :

The Secretary, Department of National Development,
Wentworth House,
203 Collins St.,
MELBOURNE.

The Secretary, D.S.I.R.O., 314 Albert St., EAST MELBOURNE.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE,
PORT MORESBY

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In Reply Please Quote No. AD.93/5/2.

21st January, 1958.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.

Reported Sighting of Falling Object

Your Radiogram No. 17 of 3rd January, 1958, *F-3*
refers:

2. The matter has been referred to the District Commissioner, Wewak, and he advises that it seems probable that the "object fell beside coastal range in area believed uninhabited and New Guinea side of Border".

3. To follow up the report any further would be expensive in time and money and, therefore, it is not proposed to take any further action.

J. T. Gunther
(J. T. GUNTHER)
as ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ryan should check on matter before Dept. of Territories and Development. C.S. 20 and D 29/1



Mr McCarthy, Do you wish to pass this on, e.g., to J.I.B. or other Defence body or scientific group in case they may wish to follow up independently?



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LT
ADMIN
PORTMORESBY

17 YOUR MEMO L1386 STOP NOTE ALLEGED FALLING OBJECT SIGHTED
APPROX FOUR WEEKS AGO BUT PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY ACTION TAKEN OR
CONTEMPLATED TO VERIFY REPORT BY FURTHER INTERROGATION OF MEN
CONCERNED OR BY GROUND OR AERIAL INSPECTION OR ENQUIRIES
AMONGST VILLAGERS STOP COMPASS BEARING QUOTED SUGGESTS PROXIMITY
DUTCH BORDER STOP PLEASE CONFIRM AS IF REPORT CREDIBLE MAY BE
DESIRABLE NOTIFY NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES

TERRITORIES

*Cleared with Mr McCarthy prior to despatch.
R 3/1/58*

(17 L1386)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
PORT MORESBY

In Reply Please Quote No. L.1386

24th December, 1957.

The Secretary,
Department of Territories,
CANBERRA.

Reported Sighting of Falling Object

Enclosed for your information is copy of a letter from the Patrol Officer, Vanimo, Sepik District, quoting a written report from Corporal J. McCulloch of the Royal Australian Engineers.

J. T. Gunther
(J. T. GUNTHER)
ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

*Have sent LT radio.
Ree R/son file
3/1/58*



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Van. 1-6-1/82

Patrol Post,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

11th December, 1957.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Reported Sighting of Falling Object

Corporals J. McCulloch and B. Blyth, R.A.E., stationed at VANIMO have reported the sighting of an object in the sky. I quote from a written report given me by Cpl. McCulloch.

2. "The object was sighted at exactly 9.30 p.m. on Friday 6th December. It appeared as a bright, white light, a little above the crest of the ranges" (to the South West) "and fell from sight behind the horizon. Although out of sight a bright glow remained and lasted for about 5 seconds. Soon after the glow disappeared a muffled impact was heard as though a heavy object had hit the ground at some distance."

3. "A compass bearing on the position...was found to be 243 degrees" (Magnetic)".....true within 2 degrees either side. The bearing was taken from the exact position from where the object was sighted."

4. "Both Cpl. Blyth and myselfagree with the above details."

5. For your information and any action you think fit please.

(Sgd) J.A. Erskine P.O.
Officer-in-Charge

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