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- Roul & Baudisch -

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2 JAN 1958

Dear Mr Baudish,

I refer again to your letter of 28th October, 1957, asking for information regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of military exercises.

Following discussions with the Departments of Navy and Air it has been established that none of the observations reported in the last twelve months took place anywhere near military exercise areas or during air force exercises.

Each report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been investigated. As an example, of 11 reports received during the last twelve months, 2 were meteorological balloons, 5 were very probably aircraft and insufficient evidence was available to decide the nature of the remainder.

You may rest assured that I am fully aware of the need for informing the public on any developments in this field and in the event of information of any importance being gained this aspect will be kept in mind.

Yours sincerely

*Handwritten:*  
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for [unclear]  
3/1/57

J. O. CRAMER

(J.O. CRAMER)  
Minister for the Army

R.E. Baudish, Esq.,  
54 Wood Street,  
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NEW SOUTH WALES.

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Secretary,  
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for Chief of the General Staff

*20 Dec 57*



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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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The Secretary,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

Ref: Letter A31/1/102 (G4) of 15th November, 1957.

I desire to inform you that the last report of unidentified flying objects received by this Department was in 1954.

2. During a night cross country flight from R.A.N. Air Station, Nowra, the pilot of a naval aircraft observed lights on his radar with vague shapes beneath. The lights passed ahead of him at a very fast speed whilst he was flying at 220 knots.

3. All reports are passed to R.A.A.F. Intelligence, where they are collated and examined.



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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

21 NOV 1957

Secretary,  
Department of the Army,  
Victoria Barracks,  
St. Kilda Road,  
MELBOURNE.

MINISTERIAL : UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECTS

With reference to your A31/1/102(G4) dated 15th November, 1957, this Department has received 11 official reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in the last twelve months.

2. Each report has been investigated to the best of our ability, but, in most cases, the information received has been very sketchy. Our investigations showed that of the 11 reports, 2 were meteorological balloons and 5 were very probably aircraft. Insufficient evidence was available to decide the nature of the remainder. However, on the basis of wide investigations carried out in the United States, it is probable that the unexplained reports did not relate to anything abnormal.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, that we have insufficient data available at this Department to be in a position to make a comprehensive study of the subject, and we have no information of any importance which is worth releasing to the public.

4. Regarding Mr. Baudish's discussions with members of the R.A.A.F. concerning unidentified flying objects, only one report has ever been received from a R.A.A.F. member, and the phenomena he reported was almost certainly an aircraft. In addition, to the best of our knowledge, none of the observations during the last twelve months took place anywhere near military exercise areas or during air force exercises.



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(A. B. McFarlane)  
SECRETARY

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to hand.
2. You letter to  
Minister embodying  
\* opinion of  
DRAF & LAF.  
3. This should then  
kill the matter D 3/2



18 NOV 1957

Dear Mr. Baudish,

I refer to your letter of 28th October, 1957 asking for information regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of military exercises.

The matter has been investigated and no reports of sightings have been made to my Department.

The matter is being discussed with the Departments of Navy and Air and I shall advise you if any further information is gained.

Yours sincerely,

J. O. CRAMER

(J. O. CRAMER)  
Minister for the Army.

*Handwritten signature and date: 15/11*

R. E. Baudish, Esq.,  
54 Wood Street,  
LANE COVE,  
New South Wales.



*Handwritten initials and date: Tia 25/11*

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Dear Mr Baudish,

I refer to your letter of the 28th October 1957 asking for information regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of military exercises.

The matter has been investigated and no reports of sightings have been made to this Department.

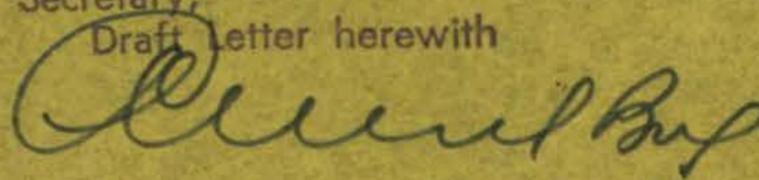
The matter will be discussed with my colleagues of the Departments of Navy and Air and you will be advised if any further information is gained.

Yours sincerely,

(J.O. CRAMER)  
Minister for the Army

R.E. BAUDISH Esq.,  
54 Wood St.,  
Lane Cove,  
NSW.

Secretary,  
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for Chief of the General Staff

13/11/57

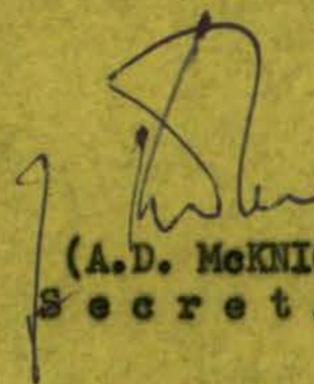
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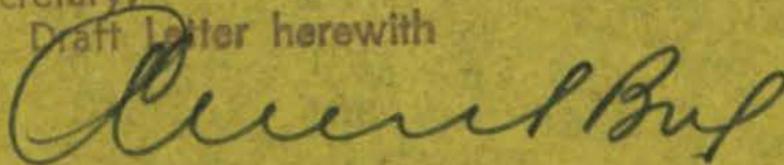
Secretary Department of Navy  
Secretary Department of Air

MINISTERIAL : UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. I enclose a copy of a letter received by the Minister for the Army from Mr RAOUL E BAUDISH on the subject of sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of military exercises.
2. No information of this nature has been reported to this department.
3. I would be grateful for any information which you can give on this matter.

  
(A.D. McKNIGHT)  
Secretary

Secretary,  
Draft letter herewith



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for Chief of the General Staff

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

MINISTER FOR THE ARMY.

SYDNEY.

4th November, 1957.

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SECRETARY.

The attached letter is from an influential resident in my electorate.

I would, therefore, appreciate a suitable reply to this communication.

Minister.

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RAOUL E. BAUDISH

54 Wood Street, Lane Cove N.S.W.

October 28, 1957

Dear Mr. Cramer,

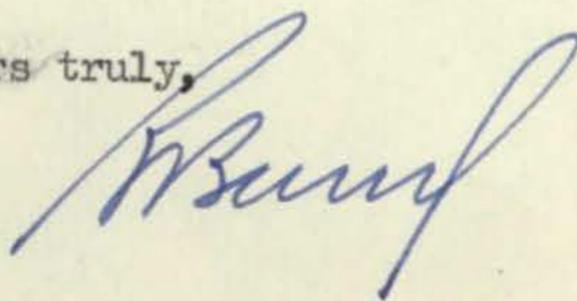
with the successful launching of their satellite, another problem has gained considerably in importance : unidentified flying objects.

Recently, in discussions with members of the R.A.A.F., I have been told that these have been observed over Australia on a number of occasions, particularly in several instances when military exercises were being held.

I think it is the responsibility of the Government to make whatever information has been gathered, available.

I shall be pleased to have your views in this matter and remain,

Yours truly,



The Hon. J. O. Cramer, M.H.R.  
Minister for the Army  
Sydney

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