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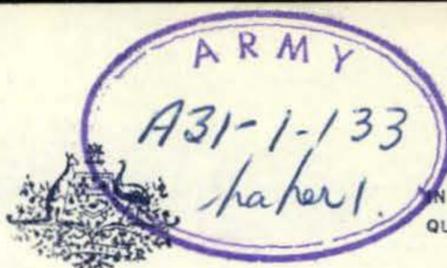
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

29 JUN 1959

Memorandum for:

The Secretary,  
Department of Air,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

The Director-General,  
Department of Civil Aviation,  
499 Little Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Further to my memorandum 128.1.21 of 18th December, 1958, the Department of Territories has now furnished the following additional information from the Administrator of the Territory :-

"Enquiries have revealed nothing which can explain the appearance of the aircraft as reported. The aircraft was seen on the night of 30th November - which was a moonlight night - by labourers employed on the Gareita airstrip, and was also seen by two policemen.

The Acting Regional Director, Department of Civil Aviation, made enquiries from Biak and was informed that a Lockheed Constellation had passed over the area of the reported sighting two hours before the sighting, travelling at 18,500 feet. Similar enquiries from the Department of Civil Aviation at Darwin indicated that there was no Australian aircraft in the area at the time."

2. We would appreciate being kept informed should any more information become available.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Army,  
CANBERRA.

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Secretary.

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

.... Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated  
17th June, 1959, from the Department of Territories.  
It is noted that additional information may become  
available and this will be forwarded when it is received.

2. If, in the meantime, you are able to throw  
any light on the incident, your advice would be appreciated.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Army,  
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Department of Territories,  
Canberra.

No. 58/26

17th June 1959

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

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.

(Sgd) C.R. Lambert  
Secretary.



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MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

18 DEC 1958

MEMORANDUM for -  
The Secretary,  
Department of Air.

The Director-General,  
Department of Civil Aviation.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated 4th December from the Department of Territories. We note that further information may become available and we will forward this when it is received.

2. If, in the meantime, you are able to shed any light on the occurrence we would appreciate being informed.



Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Army.

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Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES  
CANBERRA.  
4th December, 1958.

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE .. C.2.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT - PAPUA AND NEW  
GUINEA.

The Administrator of Papua and New Guinea has advised me by radiogram yesterday that police at Gareit 5 miles north of Rouku (latitude south 8° 40' longitude east 141° 35') in the Western District of Papua report having seen at 2100 hours on 30th November, 1958, an unidentified aircraft, possibly a jet, flying low over the airstrip with lights on.

2. The Administrator is making further investigations and will supply any additional information that he obtains.

3. Meanwhile the foregoing is transmitted for any action that you consider appropriate.

(Signed) J.E. Willoughby  
Acting Secretary.