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employed by East-West Airlines, was interviewed and he said "At about 0610 hours on 3rd May I was in a taxi with my First Officer, John HENRY and the aircraft hostess. When the taxi was about 400 yards north of the over-bridge which crosses Old Botany Road, MASCOT, I sighted three large lights with a string of smaller lights behind them in the south-west. They travelled rapidly, straight and level, in an easterly direction and finally disappeared behind a cloud bank. The three lights in front were very intense and white, and the smaller lights less intense and more of a yellow colour. The lights appeared to be visible for approximately five to ten seconds. At the time of the sighting I thought it was probably a jet aircraft".

6. Mr. John HENRY, an ex-R.A.A.F. Lancaster pilot who is now a First Officer with East-West Airlines, said "At approximately 0610 hours on 3rd May I was in a taxi with Bruce McKenzie and an airline hostess travelling south to MASCOT, when I sighted some moving lights in the south-west. The lights moved across to the east and disappeared. The lights gave me the first impression of sunlight shining on a line of wires, but I realized this was not the case as the sun had not risen and the street lights were off. The lights reminded me of a V.1. with a V.2. exhaust. I have seen both V.1's. and V.2's. whilst overseas in England".

7. Captain L. P. LEE, an ex-R.A.A.F. pilot and now a pilot employed by T.A.A. said "At about 0600 hours on 3rd May I was driving my car along the Hume highway approximately twelve to fifteen miles from MITTAGONG on to SYDNEY. I sighted an intense white light, round like a bell, at an elevation of 30° above the horizon. The light moved across the sky from south-west to east and as it moved across it appeared to lose its intensity and a string of smaller lights, like a tail appeared to break away from the main body. This gave a blunt nosed cigar shape to the light. I watched the object for about 60 seconds and it seemed to maintain a straight and level course to the east until it disappeared. I stopped the car and discussed the matter with Mr. Denis BOLTON, also of T.A.A., who was following me in another car. We both dismissed the light as a large meteorite which finally broke up".

8. Mr. M.J. Judge, a nerve specialist, No. 260 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood, said "At approximately 0610 hours on 3rd May I was driving my car on Strathfield Boulevard from Strathfield to Enfield on my way to the BANKSTOWN aerodrome. I am an instructor with the Kingsford Smith Air Services. I observed a bright, cigar-shaped object with a cluster of lights at the forward end and a similar cluster at the rear end. I saw a grey mass connecting the two clusters of lights and I estimated the height to be approximately 5,000 feet and the speed 500-600 miles per hour. The object moved from west to east, appeared to descend slightly and disappeared from my view behind a cloud. On my arrival at Bankstown I told Mr. William BURNS, who is also an instructor at the Club, of my sighting. Mr. BURNS told me that what I had seen was a Constellation aircraft arriving ahead of schedule. I estimated the time of sighting at 0610 as I had just previously heard 0608 given over the radio. I have since received a telephone call from another ex-R.A.A.F. pilot, Mr. Thomas KING, who told me he had also seen the object at the same time."

9. Mr. Thomas KING, an employee of the Bank of New South Wales, Hunter Street, SYDNEY, was interviewed. Mr. KING is an ex-R.A.A.F. officer and is at present flying at BANKSTOWN as an R.A.A.F. reservist. He said "I was driving my car along Lane Cove Road, RYDE, proceeding in a southwesterly direction when I saw a bright light, like a particularly bright star, directly ahead at an elevation of 35°. The light was a blue-white colour. The light first appeared to be stationary and then seemed to emit a trail or tail of light or sparks and then moved rapidly to the south-east passing from my sight behind a cloud. I suppose I watched it for about ten seconds but I did not see any particular shape nor could I estimate the speed".

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