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Federal Government document search update:

DSTO files:

Members of the Secretariat have now examined the large amount of paper lists of DSTO file titles of possible relevance to our Project, held in the Adelaide office of the National Australia Archives (NAA). Requests have been made for a number of files, in order that we may physically look at them. It is anticipated that processing of all our requests will take several weeks, if not months.

“Fire Across the Desert”:

The Secretariat has contacted Peter Morton, the author of “Fire Across the Desert,” a history of Woomera, reported on in the last Newsletter. His advice concerning the UFO files he had seen at Woomera, was that they were no longer there, but in Canberra. He also said that a UFO researcher from WA had talked with him, and as far as he (Morton) knew, this researcher has already accessed these files through the Department of Defence. Do any readers know of this researcher?

Documenting the volume of material:

With the release of more old files containing UFO reports, which were made to various sections of the Australian Government, eg. through local Police stations, through the RAAF, the Department of Civil Aviation, and to the CSIRO; the Secretariat has been discussing how best to process this volume of data. An examination of these reports indicates, as you would expect, that many do indeed have mundane explanations. However, there are others where such an explanation is not so readily apparent. There are also a few “good” cases which would add to our knowledge of the core UFO phenomenon. We have therefore started to make a summary listing of all these UFO reports, which we will ultimately make available, both on the Disclosure web site and in hard copy format. For a sample, taken from RAAF file 580/1/1 Part 1, please see attachment two to this Newsletter.

Look for yourself:

Following requests from the Project Secretariat, further NAA files are now available for you to look at digitally, on your own home internet connected PC. You can go to the NAA web site at: www.naa.gov.au, click on RecordSearch and type in either the series or control symbol number, then follow the prompts. Available now are:

Title | Series number | Control symbol

Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 1
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 3
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 4
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 5
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 6
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 7
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 8
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 9
Reports on Flying Saucers and other Aerial Objects	A703	580/1/1 part 10
Intelligence general	A705	114/1/197
The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society	A1533	1956/2773
Miscellaneous enquiries-General-Unidentified		
Flying Objects	A8520	HM1/30

CSIRO file

RAAF Headquarters Support Command, Victoria Barracks Victoria UFOs	A9755	2
Flying Saucers-Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research	A9778	M1/F/31
Eastern Area Headquarters Intelligence-Report on unusual sighting		
3rd May 1952	A11066	5/1/27 PART B

Hard copies of the following files have been received by us from the NAA:

Title | Series number | Control symbol

Investigations of flying saucers-policy	A703	554/1/30 part 1
Reports on "flying saucers" and strange		
sky lights	C273/227	1957/619
Unusual Occurrences Flying Saucer at Woomera	D174	SA5281
Air Safety Investigation-Investigations of		
reports on unidentified flying		
objects-procedures	J23	1970/3877 part 1
Reports on UFOs	J63	5/40/AIR Part 1
Reports on UFOs	J63	5/40/AIR part 2
Flying Saucers 1954-1954	M1148	
Flying saucers 1954 to 1955		

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Reports on UFOs	J63	5/40/AIR Part 1	
Reports on UFOs	J63	5/40/AIR part 2	
Flying Saucers 1954-1954	M1148	F.S.1954 to 1955	

Title | Series number | Control symbol

Flying Saucers infor re DL Alwin	MP742/1 177/1/2356	
Unidentified Objects Flying Saucers sighted		
by Navy Pilot over Goulburn	MP926/1 3079/101/1	
Unidentified objects [flying-report of]	SP338/3 13/4/10	

We have already provided lists of the contents of the following files:

Title \ In Newsletter number

Unusual Occurrences Flying Saucer at Woomera \ Three
 Unidentified Objects [Flying Saucers sighted by Navy Pilot over Goulburn] \ Four
 Unidentified objects [flying-report of] \ Four

Following, are summaries of some more of the above files.

Summary of file number M1148 titled "Flying Saucers 1954 to 1955" located at the Melbourne Office of the National Archives of Australia. The file consists of 42 pages, which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes, and comment in the right hand column.

Page 1 Single page headed "External Affairs" Then "For Mr Casey: Press release on Flying Saucers"
 2 Letter dated 17 March 1954 from D F Martyn, Commonwealth Observatory Mount Stromlo to Rt Hon R G Casey, Federal Minister for External Affairs. Replying to Casey's telegram.
 No copy of telegram on file
 3 Letter dated 21 September 1954 from Rear Admiral D H Harries, Head, Australian Joint Services Staff, Washington DC to The Australian Ambassador, in the USA. Information about the status of "United States Air Force Unidentified Flying Objects Programme."
 9 Note dated 28 October 1954 on the Minister for External Affairs letterhead to Hon A Townley MP, Minister for Air and Civil Aviation. Refers papers mentioned in p3-8 to Townley.
 10-11 Letter dated 9 November 1954 from Casey to W R Crocker, High Commissioner for Australia in New Delhi. Casey asks for evidence or views of people in India about the topic.
 12 Letter dated 9 November 1954 from Casey to P McGuire, Australian Minister to Italy. Advises Casey has written to a number of Australian overseas missions to ask them for evidence or views on the topic in their respective localities.
 13 Letter dated 15 November 1954 from Casey to Dr E G Bowen, Chief of the Division of Radiophysics, CSIRO. Casey asks for Bowen's views on the book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space."

Summary of file number M1148 continued

14 Letter dated 15 November 1954 from Casey to Mr L E Douglas, Tucson, Arizona. Casey asks Douglas to make "...

discreet enquiries at the top end of the U.S.A.F....”

15 Letter dated 16 November 1954 from Walker, Australian Embassy Tokyo to Casey. Nothing of interest from Tokyo. However, Italian Ambassador speaks of reports from Italy.

16-17 Letter dated 18 November 1954 from W R Crocker Australian High Commission, New Delhi, to Casey. “... there has recently been a series of reports about flying saucers from several parts of India...”

18 Letter dated 23 November 1954 from Casey to Dr Waller, Australian Embassy Tokyo. Thank you for reply.

19-23 Letter dated 25 November 1954 from E G Bowen, Chief of the Division of Radiophysics CSIRO to Casey. Read Keyhoe’s book “...I must say, however, that I am far from convinced by any of the anecdotes or arguments.”

24 Letter dated 6 December 1954 from Casey to Dr Bowen. Thank you for reply p19-23.

25 Note “Letter dated 11th December 1954 from Mr Crocker to Minister-re flying saucers etc. Sent to Sir Ian Clunies Ross-“You may care to see” 29/12 RGC

26-34 Letter and attachments dated 21 December 1954 from Australian Embassy Paris to Casey. Lots of reports of late. Includes press clippings. “Scientific opinion in this country is generally sceptical, but there are nevertheless several intelligent and informed persons who have been sufficiently concerned about the u.f.o. reports to state that they are retaining an open mind on the subject.”

35 Letter dated 4 January 1955 from Casey to Dr Bowen. Encloses copies of letters from Australian Missions for any comments.

36-37 Letter dated 12 January 1955 from L R McIntyre, Australian External Affairs Office, London to Casey. Sought out Sir Frederick Brundrett, Scientific Adviser to the Minister of Defence. Says Brundrett has studied the topic. “...on the whole therefore, he has reached the conclusion that there is nothing in the flying saucer theory.”

38 Letter dated 24 January 1955 from Casey to Dr Bowen CSIRO. Copies him McIntyre’s letter.

39 Letter dated 14 December 1953 from Group Captain J W Black RAAF Penrith to CSIRO. RAAF asks re unusual echoes being noted on the Ground Controlled Approach equipment. Aircraft sent to investigate have reported nothing unusual at the site.

40 Letter dated 28 January 1955 from Dr Bowen to Casey. Read enclosures from Casey and provides comments.

41 Letter dated 20 November 1954 from L W Douglas Tucson’s office to Casey. Douglas ill.

Summary of file number M1148 continued

42 Letter dated 15 February 1955 from L W Douglas to Casey. Will read Keyhoe’s book.

Summary of file number J23/35 Control symbol 1970/3877 Part 1 titled: “Air Safety Investigation-Investigation of reports on unidentified flying objects-procedures.”

Located at the Brisbane office of the National Archives of Australia. The file consists of 3 pages which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes and comment in the right hand column

Page number \ Description \ Comment

1 Front cover of Department of Civil Aviation file

File markings indicate it was looked at in 1970, 1972, 1973 and at one later date which cannot be made out on the copy

2 Memo from DCA Melbourne to DCA Regional Director, Queensland region dated 14 March 1967. Advising regions that RAAF investigates UFO reports. “...all authorities that could provide any information should be officially associated with the investigation system.” DCA has agreed to participate and this memo sets out procedures. “In reply quote 21/1/387” may indicate a further file number.

3 Copy of “Report of meeting Air Safety Investigation 26-29 Nov 1963.” Agenda item 21 states:

“Reporting Unusual Occurrences When a report of an unusual occurrence is received, and investigation indicates that it is not associated with any known aircraft, the report should still be communicated to Head Office in case it may be of interest to some other Authority.”

Note the use of the words “Unusual Occurrence” not “flying saucer” or “UFO”

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 1 titled: “Unidentified Flying Objects –Reports on Unidentified Flying Objects.”

Located at the Brisbane office of the National Archives of Australia. The file, which contains records from RAAF Townsville, consists of 222 pages between 21 May 1957 and 23 Jun 1971 which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes and comment in the right hand column

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1 File covered File opened 21 May 1957

2-3 Letter and response- asking for details of report May 57

4 Statement by RAAF pilot who was sent to investigate UFO over Millaa-Millaa 5 June 1961

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 1 continued

5-6 Memo RAAF Townsville (RAAF T) to RAAF Penrith re UFO reports in June 1961 in Cairns area

7 Memo RAAF Penrith (RAAF P) to RAAF Townsville advising reports in 5-6 sent to "higher authority"

8-13 Report- 25 May 1962 LITS

14-19 Report of 3 June 1965 in Bowen/Proserpine area

20-28 Report of 17 June 1965 in Townsville area –poss meteor

29 Letter RAAF (T) to Police at Mackay re UFO report Dornier Station 24 June 1965

30 Memo RAAF (T) to RAAF (P) answers re UFO 24 June 1965 Daunia Station via Nebo

Answers not on file

31-37 Report 13 Jan 1966 Machans Beach "craft"

38-39 Report 19 Jan 1966 Tully-newspaper clipping and request to Police for assistance

40 Letter RAAF (T) to Police Babinda re Machans Beach case of 13 Jan 1966

41-43 Letter to RAAF (T) re Machans Beach 13 Jan 1966

44 Minute Flt Lt B(I)SO to ASO UFO reports Cairns and Tully

45 Memo RAAF (T) to RAAF (P) re 19 Jan 1966 Tully report-synopsis attached

Synopsis not on file

46 Press clipping Townsville Bulletin 25 Jan 1966 re Tully report 19 Jan 1966

47 Letter from RAAF (T) re Machans Bch report 13 Jan 1966

48 Press clipping Townsville Bulletin 26 Jan 1966 re Tully report 19 Jan 1966

49-55 Report 19 Jan 1966 Tully including UFO pro forma completed and evidence sample of grass sent to Penrith

56-60 More on Machans Beach 13 Jan 1966 report including completed pro forma

61-62 Report 11 May 1966 Home Hill & RAAF(T) reply prob aircraft

63-81 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide advising HQ Operational Command Air Staff instruction 3/A/5 will be published shortly advising procedures re UFO reports plus report form, plus copy of address Mr R G Roberts to Ballarat Astronomical Society Feb 1965

82-85 Report Kuttatubul 8 Sep 1966 Object with red light.

Report mentioned not on file

86-91 Report crew of ship Lake Boga 30 Dec 1966. Several groups of white lights in v formation

92-95 Report 15 Feb 1967 Townsville Dark triangular object

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 1 continued

96-99 Report two stockmen Rutland Plains Station 130NM NE of Normanton 4 Apr 1967 3 objects which exploded. Prob meteor

100-102 Report 28 Jul 1967 Hoolways Beach bunch of bright lights

103-106 Report DCA observer Mt Isa 28 Nov 1967 Moving south at high speed

107-110 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide re ASI 3/A/5 instruction. RAAF bases may now approach local organisations to assist an investigation. List attached-includes Mt Stromlo; Met Bureau, CSIRO; NASA Melbourne; Dept of Civil Aviation.

111-122 Report 31 Jan 1968 North Mackay includes completed pro forma. LITS

123 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide re fully completing sighting pro formas. Mar 1968

124 Letter RAAF (T) to Inkerman Station re finding of spherical objects on ground. 26 Sep 1968

125 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide re some pro formas not being correctly completed. 7 Oct 1968

126-138 Report and correspondence re spherical objects on ground found at Inkerman Station –Oct to Dec 1968 includes mention of photographs, RAAF officers visited location.

Copy photographs not on file

139-141 Report 12 March 1969. Claredale. Bright red light in sky.

142 Telex to RAAF (T) re Inkerman object advises object was given to American embassy-thought part of satellite.

143-150 Report 12 March 1969. Claredale. Completed pro formas and map

151-155 Report 24 May 1969. Koulama. Silver shiny LITS

156 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide 13 June 1969 re a new form to be used “In an attempt to obtain slightly more scientific data on sightings.”

157 Memo from RAAF (P) to RAAF bases Australia wide 23 Jun 1969 re completing forms properly. “...the public is becoming more and more susceptible to the UFO syndrome...”

158-164 More on report 24 May 1969. Koulama. Silver shiny LITS including completed pro-forma

165 Copy circular re RAAF (T) subscription to WRE Satellite predictions

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 1 continued

166-167 Report 7 Aug 1969. Townsville. LITS

168-176 Report. 14 Sep 1969. Bang Bang Homestead Nth Qld. Bright glowing object and explosion heard over wide area. Prob meteor. Completed pro forma and checks with WRE & Met Bureau. 1

177-180 More on report 24 May 1969. Koulama. Silver shiny LITS including completed pro-forma

181 Letter RAAF (T) to Police Cloncurry re 14 Sep 1969 Donors Hill report

182-186 Report Air traffic Controller. 7 Nov 1969. Aitkenvale 4814. Silver oval. Prob met balloon.

187-197 Pro formas Bang Bang station area report and covering memo RAAF (T) to Headquarters Operational Command.

198-202 Report from Aircrew DC9's TAA & ANA flying Brisbane to Townsville via DCA, just after sunset at 29000 feet. Initially seen 200 nm SE of Townsville up until landing at Townsville-duration 1 hour. Vertical beam of yellow light in direction of Alice Springs. RAAF conclusion “could have been sun pillar and arc of contact at sunset.”

203-207 Report. 26 May 1970. Belyando River, nr Charters Towers. Bright light followed by 2-3 fainter lights. Poss sat re-entry or aircraft.

208-212 Report. 3 Jun 1970. Townsville. LITS. Prob Venus.

213-214 Pro forma re 26 May 1970. Belyando River, nr Charters Towers. Bright light followed by 2-3 fainter lights. Poss sat re-entry or aircraft.

215-218 Report. 9 Sep 1970. Staff and pupils Atherton State School see 50-100 star-like objects in SE sky. Balloons released from Atherton High School.

219 Report. Sep 1970. LITS. Prob balloon.

220 Pro forma Unit evaluation referring to ??? report

221 Letter DCA Cairns to RAAF (T) UFO sighting Atherton. ‘No foreign blips’.

222 Cover sheet file closed 23 Jun 1971.

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 2 titled: “Unidentified Flying Objects –Reports on Unidentified Flying Objects.”

Located at the Brisbane office of the National Archives of Australia. The file, which contains records from RAAF Townsville, consists of 164 pages between 22 Jun 1971 and 1 Dec 1972 (more papers exist on this file beyond the prescribed period) which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes and comment in the right hand column

Page number \ Description \ Comment

1 Report. Undated. Few details.

2-8 Report. Burketown. 18 Jun 1971. Cigar.

9 Report. 5 Sep 1971.

10 Memo RAAF (T) to HQ Operational Command re Burketown report 18 June 1971.
 11 Report. Townsville. Gold coloured object. 5 Nov 1971.
 12-13 Report. Millaroo sighted horse shoe shaped smoke or cloud over Charters Towers. 8 Nov 1971.
 14-16 Notes etc re Met questions to be asked when checking a report
 17 Letter RAAF (T) to Police Clare re Millaroo report
 18-25 Pro formas re 5 Nov 1971 Townsville report
 26 Report 12 Nov 1971. Cromarty railway Siding south of Townsville. Red glow near ground.
 27 Note of action-contact with local Moonwatch group.
 28-30 Completed pro forma 12 Nov 1971 report
 31 Form to be used by Moonwatch group
 32-36 Completed pro forma . Millaroo.
 37-38 Report. 28 Dec 1971. Lucinda.
 39 Report. 30 Dec 1971. "Plane without wings."
 40 Report. Jan 72. Pulsating red light. Townsville.
 41-45 Completed pro forma. 30 Dec 1971.
 46-50 Completed pro forma.
 51-55 Report. Townsville. Flashing red LITS 16 Jan 1972.
 56-63 Completed pro forma. Lucinda. 28 Dec 1971.
 64-65 Report. Townsville. Bright orange LITS. 15 Mar 1972.
 66 Report. Mareeba. 25 Mar 1972.
 67-72 Completed pro forma. Townsville. 15 March 1972.
 73-78 Report. 26 Mar 1972. Townsville.
 79-86 Completed pro forma Mareeba. 25 Mar 1972. Prob Venus.
 87 Report. Mittagong Station. Silver pole. 19 Apr 1972. Meteor?
 88 Letter RAAF (T) to Police Ingham re 19 Apr 72 meteor.
 89-90 Letter to RAAF (T) re school project & response.
 91-93 Report. 3 May 1972. Hillgrove Station nr Charters Towers. Stationary silver object.
 94 Memo RAAF(T) to HQ OP Cmd. Hillgrove Station object-was Venus according to witness.
 95-99 Completed pro forma. Mittagong Station. 19 Apr 1972.
 100 Memo RAAF(T) to HQ OP Cmd Mittagong probably meteorite
 101 Memo RAAF(T) to Hq Op Cmd re Mittagong-prob meteorite
 102 RAAF(P) to RAAF(T) yes prob meteorite

Summary of file number J63/25 Control symbol 5/40/AIR PART 2 continued

103-145 Dept of Air Unusual Aerial Sightings Summaries 1, 2 and 3
 146-153 HQ Operational Command 27 Jul 1972 policy change advise.
 154 Letter RAAF(T) to The Manager Miranda Downs re report 8 Sep 1972-please complete pro forma
 155-158 Memo from RAAF(P) to all RAAF bases re UFO reports forms lacking detail. Example of "good report."
 159 NAA advise 40 folios 1973-1974 on this file outside date range
 160-163 Copy of UFOR(FNQ) Newsletter no 5 April 1979
 164 File cover indicating 154 pages open.

Summary of file number MP742/1 Control symbol 177/1/2356 titled: "Flying saucers re O L Alwin. Located at the Melbourne office of the National Archives of Australia. The file, which appears to be an Army file, consists of 3 pages which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes and comment in the right hand column

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1-2 Letter from Mrs O L Alwin of North Manly to "Army inventions etc(?)" dated 4 Jan 1951. "...in view of war situation must let you know what I saw in that Russians folder...saucer like interior...fuel used was, then "unknown", substance U-235..."
 3 Response letter from Army to Mrs O L Alwin dated 12 Jan 1951. "The information you have so kindly supplied has

been placed on our files and will be treated as strictly confidential...”

Summary of Department of Civil Aviation file C273/227 Control symbol 1957/619 Part 1 located in the Sydney office of the National Australia Archives, titled: “Reports on ‘flying saucers’ and strange sky lights.” The file consists of 70 pages which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes and comment in the right hand column

Page number \ Detail \ Comment

1 File cover File opened 16 Jun 1954
2-3 Report. 14 Jun 1953. Maroubra. Light in the sky (LITS)
4-6 Report. 14 Jun 1954. North Sydney. LITS
7-8 Report. 14 Jun 1954. Guilford-Sydney.
9 Report. Jun 1954. Wollongong. LITS
10-11 Report. 15 Jun 1954. Sydney. LITS

Summary of Department of Civil Aviation file C273/227 Control symbol 1957/619 continued.

12 Report. Jun 1954. Wollongong.
13 File note. Report. 28 Jul 1954. Boambee. LITS
14-19 Report. 28 Jul 1954. Boambee via Coffs Harbour. LITS
20-24 Report. 1 Sep 1954. Kempsey. Shiny object.
25-44 Report and photographs. Mena Murtee Station via Wilcannia NSW. Photographer admitted it was a hoax
45 Report. 17 Oct 1954. Wagga
46-48 Report. 1 Mar 1957. Griefith. White column and noise.
49-51 Report. 12 Jun 1957. Cobar. LITS
52-55 Report. 17 Jun 1958. Kadungle. Vertical silver object plus noise.
56-62 Report. 5 Dec 1958. Glenrock near Kempsey. Noise. Cross piece and discs.
63 Report. 3 Jan 1959. Drummoyne. Discs landed on house. Explanation - from aircraft.
64-66 Report. 24 Feb 1960. Linden. LITS
67-69 Minute sheet summarising reports on file in hand writing.
70 File cover.

“Revelations”:

“Revelations” is the title of a new column, reporting on progress of the Disclosure Australia project, which will appear in the bi-monthly “Australasian UFOlogist” magazine, from the next issue.

Thank you:

To Australian UFO research and experiencer support groups who have appointed Disclosure Australia liaison officers. Copies of Project Newsletters, in both electronic and hard copy format, will now be directed to these individuals

Distribution of material:

In keeping with the transparent and co-operative nature of the Project, we have already forwarded the following material to the groups mentioned below:

Townsville RAAF files – summaries of contents – to UFOR(FNQ); UFOR(Qld); AUFORN
D174 SA 5281 – copy of file – UFOIC.

ATTACHMENT ONE TO NEWSLETTER FIVE

Ideas rolling action list:

In order not to lose any of the ideas which you submit, an "Ideas rolling action list" is in use. This ongoing list will be included in each Newsletter. So far it reads:

Idea From Follow up action Status

1. Access to any state level Police UFO records Sheryl G. Research availability of such state level records
1. A number of people in Queensland have commenced following up their state's Police records.
2. In South Australia, patrol logs are kept for a maximum of two years. Advice from SAPOL is that the best method would be via a form PD360 requesting a records search and providing the name of the reporting individual and a date. Associated cost is \$22.30 plus an additional fee per quarter hour of labour incurred.
3. Copy requested of SandyCreek, SA, UFO report from SAPOL.
4. Copies requested under SA FOI Act of:
 - any Police documents relating to any of the 16 instances on a list which fall within the date range of the FOI Act
 - Copies of any other documents which are held by the SA Police relating to either reports of UFOs, or internal policy on how to deal with such reports, which fall within the date range of the FOI Act

2. Victorian Department of Civil Aviation files

Bill C.

Locate and copy

Request sent to Melbourne office of the NAA.. NAA Melbourne office has commenced a search with no success so far. This is continuing.

If you see any items in this list to which you can contribute, then please get in touch with us.

ATTACHMENT TWO TO NEWSLETTER FIVE

FILES LISTING RAAF FILE 580/1/1 PART 1

The format of each case is:

Header: showing Date/Location/Time/Duration/Number of witnesses/Gender of witness/ Name of witness(es)/Type of report (Modified Hynek classification)

Modified Hynek classification system

DO - Daylight disk or other shape

NL - Nocturnal light- a point source of light

CE - Close encounter (within 500m) at any time of day or night

RV - Radar visual

DL - Daylight light only – a point source of light

NO - Nocturnal object where the UFO had a defined size rather than being a point source

Photo - Photographs or video were taken

Note: () items in brackets e.g. (2-3mins) indicates a range.

Text: A summary of the event

Source: Page x on digital copy of 580/1/1 part 1 held by National Australia Archives. Original file reference (where known).

26 February 1942 Timor Sea 1200hrs (Multi witness including 1M Methorst) DO

On a ship, the "Tromp," looking through binoculars, witness saw large, aluminium disk, approaching at speed, estimated height 4-5000 feet. Tracked for 3-4 hours flying in circles. Suddenly veered off at speed and disappeared from sight. Page 80 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

23 September 1955 Perth WA 1400hrs Few mins 1M Vollprecht DL

After a reported observation of 200 objects moving N to S, 15 minutes later man saw small flash of light travelling N to S. RAAF conclusion: Tinfoil. Pages 140-142 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference B6/11/sec (58a) Pearce.

3 October 1955 Essendon Melbourne Vic 1737hrs 30secs 1M Murfett DL

Noiseless, yellow "cluster of brilliant globes." Initially 12-15 degrees E, moved to ENE. Lost behind roof tops. RAAF conclusion: Aircraft. Pages 143-145 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 5/6/Air (67A) Melbourne.

15 November 1955 Boronia Vic 0220hrs 90 seconds 1M Smith NL

Noiseless, white light 10 degrees above horizon. Stationary for one minute then "Moved through 5 degrees in 30 seconds of time." Went NE. RAAF conclusion-"Lights of a car." Pages 136-139 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 5/6/Air (69A) Melbourne.

20 January 1956 Willams WA 1700hrs (6-7mins) 2 wits 1M +1F Russell DL

Initially seen by the Moon, a noiseless light was seen stationary for a minute. Then it moved towards the SW in slow, spasmodic movements. Pages 134-135 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 492/1/411.

7 February 1956 Fitroy Melbourne Vic 0115hrs 10mins Multi wits NL

30 objects were seen which moved off "some of the objects seemed to glide across the sky and shoot off, either at right angles or straight ahead, or straight up." Clear sky. Objects were almost clear in colour. Pages 132-133 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

31 May 1956 Marrickville NSW (2045-2130hrs) 45 mins 1M Manser NL

Two noiseless lights, one red one green at 10-15 degrees. Two sightings first one stationary. Second object went into cloud. "After lights went into cloud two vapour trails came out of cloud." Pages 116,117, 123-126 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 20/98/Air Sydney

18 June 1956 Cremorne NSW 1320hrs 10 mins 1M Light NL

Soundless, stationary white light at 15-25 degrees, described as half Moon in size. Pages 113,115,119-122 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.Original file reference 30/98/air

July 1956 Wongan Hills WA 2100hrs 2wits Pike NL

Star like object low in S changing colours red and green. Then started travelling westerly to the WSW in 4-5 seconds. Hovered, then returned to where it had started. Finally went straight up and disappeared. Pages 127-129 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference B6/11/sec (59a) Pearce.

7 July 1956 Cremorne NSW 1305hrs & 1410hrs 1M Light DL

Two soundless, moving objects one on top of the other. Pages 114-115 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference B6/11/sec (59a) Pearce.

9 July 1956 Melbourne Vic 2355hrs (15-20secs) 1M Hillier NL

Driving, he saw a bright orange light approach down near the horizon. "It shot off in apparently level flight." No glow or trail. Pages 130-131 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

4 Sep 1956 On board ship MV Waimer 2029hrs 4 secs 1M Bushy NL

Saw five degrees above horizon two soundless lights "appeared to be the tails of two comets..." Lost in mid-air. Pages 111-112 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956Bundaberg Qld 2015hrs 2wits Gorton NL

Bright green light seen in SE. Came down from clouds to be lost behind trees. Page 110 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956 Yarrowitch NSW 2030hrs 2M (Bourke + 1) NL
Brilliant flash of light lit up the area to their N. Page 106 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956 Allora Qld 2015hrs 1M Gay NL
Bright white light to SE on the horizon. Page 109 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956 Brisbane Qld (2000-2130hrs) 2wits (Taylor & Ellis) NL
Gigantic "flare" lit up the area. Page 108 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956 Taree NSW 2000hrs NL
Meteor fell. Page 107 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

11 October 1956 Williamtown RAAF Base Melbourne Vic (1956-2015hrs) 4 secs 3M NL
Brilliant green-yellow light travelling SSW in a straight line lost over horizon. RAAF conclusion: Meteor. Pages 99, 101-105 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference W5/10/air (2A)

7 December 1956 Tambar Springs NSW 1215hrs 10mins 2wits Hayne DO
Heard jet engines and saw object in E "coming down." White in colour. "Disk shaped" and spinning. "At one stage a wing was visible, appeared to have one wing on one side." Then "...went straight up until it became a speck in the sky. It then went to the East, and straight up out of sight." Pages 71-67 & 81-85 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 5/1/air (11a)

29 January 1957 New Angledool NSW 1530hrs 1M Oliver DO
Noise was heard and a "comet with a snow white tail" fell in a NE direction. Through binoculars it was cylindrical. RAAF conclusion: Aircraft. Pages 86-88 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 492/1/411

30 January 1957 Heywood Vic 0950hrs 4 wits Inc Benbow DO
Almost overhead, object with vapour trail was seen. Pages 95-97 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

5 February 1957 South Yarra Melbourne Vic 2320hrs 4 secs 1M Joseland NO
A triangular, noiseless object of a light colour. Traversed an arc of 90 degrees in 4 seconds. Pages 93-94 On digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 114/1/197 (22a)

14 March 1957 Revesby NSW 1800hrs 5mins 2wits NL
White light to left of the Sun. Pages 89-91 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

29 April 1957 Vaucluse Sydney NSW Stewart ?
Through binoculars saw object which looked like a saucer. Looked again but it had disappeared. Pages 68-70 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

3 July 1957 126mls SE of Port Headland WA 2000hrs 4wits (Webber +3) NL
1. Very bright light green lit up area. Loud explosion plus several smaller explosions apparently to the NE
2. Noise heard. Went outside. Saw brilliant green light in sky-stationary for a few seconds then appeared to move off in E direction. Noise like sound of motor truck seemed to be associated with the light. No aircraft in area.
3. R Houghton at Port Headland saw long green light travelling high up in the sky from direction of other witnesses above. Pages 24-30 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

16 July 1957 Longreach Qld 1010hrs 1min DO
Object with flashing red and green light was seen very low and approaching the observer. After watching it one minute it vanished below the horizon. Pages 65-67 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference I/Q356/57

30 July 1957 Streatham Vic (1950-1955hrs) 1M Johnson NL

Very bright, soundless light, changed colours from red to green, due W. Lost behind Grampians. Pages 58-60 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

19 August 1957 Essendon Melbourne Vic 0950hrs 5 mins 4M (Fletcher, Lewitzka, Burge, Soden) DO

A stationary, circular, grey/silver object was seen from the airport control tower at 20-30 degrees NE (045 azimuth). Just disappeared. RAAF DC3 in area did not see it. Radar requested to look at area, nothing seen. However, did pick up a blip in the Preston area-by this stage the visible object had gone. No known aircraft in Preston area. Pages 45-52 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

29 Aug 1957 Glenelg Adelaide SA (2015-2030hrs) 3mins 3wits (Cranwell & Eustice)

Object like quarter Moon reported following a car. It had an illuminated bottom half was yellow. It approached. They stopped car. It stopped and veered off. RAAF conclusion: Aircraft. Pages 63-64 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 13/2/air (22a) Edinburgh RAAF

27 September 1957 Tasmania (1944-2025hrs) 41 mins 3 wits (Stinson, Carter & Powell) RV

0944GMT 1944 local Launceston Airport

L Stinson, an Air Traffic controller reported seeing a white light bearing 025 degrees from the tower. The light was travelling south at the speed of a DC3 aircraft.

0945.5 GMT 1945.5 local Launceston airport

L Stinson. The light was abeam of the field and viewed through binoculars. It was seen passing over Evindale bearing 125 degrees. Check with area control revealed no known air traffic. Check for balloons also negative.

0947GMT 1947 local Launceston airport

L Stinson. Last sighting of light from Launceston. It had been moving steadily horizontally. Through binoculars it was spherical or circular. Sky overcast. Cloud base 4000 feet. Ground wind was from 300 degrees at 10 knots.

0950GMT 1950 local Cambridge airport Hobart

Carter and Powell. On duty-received request from Launceston to undertake radar search.

0957GMT 1959 local Cambridge airport

Hoggie at Cambridge received request to look at it.

1020GMT 2020 local Cambridge.

Carter and Powell. Hobart radar search commences.

1024GMT 2024 local Launceston airport

Eddy. Hobart tower advises that their radar had two signals. Last at 354 degrees 17 miles at 1023GMT Height 9-10,000 feet. Appeared to accelerate and disappear.

1025GMT 2025 local Cambridge airport

Echo located bearing 356 degrees at slant range of 34,000 yards at 5 degree elevation. Moved at a fast speed. Tracked for 15 seconds. Range increased by approximately 200 yards. Continued attempt further till 1045GMT 2045 local but unsuccessful. 356 degrees height 9000 feet. Distance 17NM north of Cambridge.

1027GMT 2027 local Cambridge

Hoggie. Hobart radar trace 356 degrees 17NM height 9/10,00 feet. Pages 53-57 & 61-62 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

Nov 1957 Nhill 1sec Reddy NL

Line of light seen in NE sky. Went close to star Regulus at 23 degrees elevation. Burnt out after travelling 15-20 degrees moving NNW to SSE, Disappeared in sky. Pages 34-35 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

1 November 1957 Campbelltown Tas 2215hrs70mins 1F Davey NL

Soundless, yellow light seen for 20 minutes and then intermittently while witness in a vehicle travelling to Hobart. Initially seen coming from behind a hill travelling southwards. Clear and cloudless night. Lost over southern horizon. Pages 37-38 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 5/6/air(11a) Melbourne.

12 November 1957 Springwood NSW 0100hrs 5mins 1M Griggs NO

RAAF pilot saw apparent vapour trail at 30 degrees W. Apparently going S to N. Object disappeared towards northern horizon. Cloudless sky. Full Moon present. "A 360 degree turn appeared to have been executed towards the north west." No known aircraft in area. Pages 40-43 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

23 November 1957 Glenhuntly 2232hrs 3mins 3 wits (Charles + 2) NL

Noiseless yellow/white light appeared at 15 degrees elevation 220 degrees bearing travelling southwards. Pages 32-33 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

18 January 1958 Essendon Melbourne Vic 2145hrs 5mins 2wits Rabling NL

White light seen overhead travelling in a straight lines to NW. Disappeared over the horizon. No aircraft in area. RAAF conclusion: Coincided with passage of Sputnik 2. Pages 21-23 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1.

3 February 1958 Mildura 1100hrs 5mins DO

Noiseless, white, stationary, cloud-like object seen E of Mildura about 40 degrees elevation. Faded from view in cloudless sky. Pages 18-20 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 5/6/air (21a) Melbourne.

10 February 1958 North Manly NSW 2wits (1M +1F) Moore

Three sightings at 2.10pm, 2.55pm and 3.05pm duration 35,12 and 65 seconds respectively. Two silver spherical objects, noiseless. Pages 13-17 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 20/98/air Sydney

25 March 1958 Oatley NSW 0200hrs 3mins 1 F McDonald NL

Pale yellow light seen overhead "like a comet, with a trailing tail." No sound. Steady at first then very fast. Travelled S to N. Lost in mid-air. Pages 3-6 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 20/98 Air Sydney.

6 April 1958 Sydney NSW 0300hrs 1hr 1m Gaist NO

Soundless, white, short 'cigar' observed 25 degrees elevation. Stationary to E. Clear fine night. Did not see object disappear. No aircraft. Pages 7-10 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference 20/98/air Sydney.

19 August 1958 Wooroloo WA 1010hrs 1M Wishart DO

White object like a table tennis ball was moving rapidly. It just faded in the sky. Travelled E to W. Pages 1-2 on digital copy of RAAF file 580/1/1 part 1. Original file reference DCA file 492.1.411 Melbourne