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'Saucer' victim fails

CHRISTCHURCH — A New Zealand man who claimed compensation for injuries caused by a flying saucer left court empty-handed yesterday. Michael Smith told the Court of Compensation here that he had been sitting in his home late one night when he was caught up in the force of a flying saucer. "My leg started jumping all over the place and I was powerless and collapsed to the floor," he said. A week later he woke to find he had lost the sight of one eye, a condition he attributed to the presence of the saucer.

YEARS'S SIGHTING STATISTICS

The lull in sightings has continued during 1982. Something which has happened world wide. Reports to the Centre are well below levels of the past decade.

A run of 6 unidentified cases at Georgetown inflated the year's UFO total to 12, a small increase on 1981. It is of some interest that 10 of these sightings occurred during the May to July time period. Other reports of odd noises and glows came to the Centre in the same period but there was a lack of information in these reports.

INVESTIGATIONS..COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

Year	Reports	Unidentified
Pre65	124	24
1965	18	7
1966	33	16
1967	16	4
1968	29	6
1969	61	14
1970	44	8
1971	95	23
1972	68	14
1973	136	26
1974	159	54
1975	177	46
1976	191	42
1977	153	36
1978	176	30
1979	151	17
1980	60	8
1981	84	8
1982	56	12

INVESTIGATIONS 1982.

Unidentified.....	12
Insufficient Info:.....	4
Astronomical.....	20
Aircraft.....	10
Satellites.....	4
Meteorological.....	2
Ballons.....	1
Other Explanations.....	3
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS.....	56

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NOCTURNAL LIGHTS IN 82.

The most common form of sighting usually involves a nocturnal light. A sighting which is just of a light that may appear at low level or high in the sky, sometimes moving about erratically but never more than a light is seen.

The first light case occurred on March 8th near Glendevie. The lone witness was travelling north on the Huon Highway about 7am. The highway comes over a hilltop near Glendevie then winds downhill allowing views to the north. It was at this stage that the motorist was able to observe a huge light on or just above a hilltop to her front. (NW) She stopped the car and looked at the light for 3 minutes trying to make out what it could be. It was golden yellow in colour and was larger than moon sized. The huge light mass seemed to have landed although the hill is bush covered. It seemed to obscure the front of the hill but at no time did it move. The witness feeling a bit shaken by the sighting decided to drive on home. She lost sight of the light mass as she drove downhill.

Rokeby.

Another unexplained light came to our attention on May 5th. This time the witness was lying in bed looking out at the morning sky about 5.15am. He could see Venus shining brightly in the eastern sky. Then what he took to be a falling star, complete with tail came into view angling down out of the north eastern sky. He was rather surprised to see the star sized light come to halt, then after a second or two it moved along horizontally towards the south. Even more puzzling was the disappearance of the tail and it was now just a white light. The light was on the same level as Venus but as it neared the planet it changed direction. It climbed up above Venus passing over the planet before dropping down the other side to the same level. It then continued on into the southern sky, increasing speed and fading from view. The sighting lasted 2 minutes.

Verona Sands.

A similar type of light was seen by more than one witness from Verona Sands on June 24th about 11.10 to 11.55pm. Mrs A says she noticed the light from her bedroom window. A closer look showed the large white light was gaining elevation. The light continued to rise until it was some 30 to 45 degrees above the horizon towards Bruny Island. The light having come from the witnesses left now kept on working to the right as it fell away then rose up again to slightly higher in the sky. This pattern was repeated before the light descended down to the water level and looked to land on the water for 10 to 15 seconds.

Again the light started to move upwards in the same manner as when first noticed, going higher into the sky and moving to the right. Then once more it descended but seemed to disappear behind Bruny Island. It was about 11.25 pm and the witness gave up looking for some 10 minutes.

Looking out again she noticed the light was back, once more repeating its manoeuvres. Dropping to near sea level then climbing back up into the sky. Eventually it moved further to the right than before and the witnesses view was blocked by nearby trees. The sky during the night was mostly overcast and the weather fine and still.

TASMAN HIGHWAY.

The Tasman Highway snakes over the hills from Tasmania's East Coast before a straight run brings it to the town of Sorell some 26km east of Hobart.

Two witnesses on July 10th (1982) were travelling on the highway from the East Coast when they sighted a bright light about 8pm. They were just starting the descent down Bust me Gall Hill which is about 30km out of Sorell. The area has bushy hills and grazing land with scattered farms.

Little attention was paid at the time to the bright white light which looked like a large star some 45degrees or more up in the NW sky. The witnesses however were suprised when they reached the bottom of the hill to see the light was larger as if getting closer. It also had taken up a position to the right front of the car. They had first though it was a falling star but now they discarded that idea.

The road now takes a fairly level course through Runnymede towards the next series of hills. As they travelled on the light just stayed ahead of the car but more over to the right hand side of the road. During the duration of the sighting no other vehicles were encountered. Just after they lost sight of the object the first car appeared from the opposite direction. It may sound surprising to cover this distance with no other traffic but it would not be impossible on this stretch of road in the evening.

Little occurred at this stage as the witnesses continued on their journey to Hobart with the light maintaining its position in the sky. The witnesses had differing perspectives on the exact position of the light relative to their car. The passenger felt it was always up in the sky whilst the driver had the impression it was low. It seemed to be in front of the hills but beyond the roadside trees. Another puzzling aspect was that despite the changing direction of the road especially through the hills of Black Charlies Opening, the light always managed to position itself in the top right portion of the car's windscreen as viewed by the witnesses.

At no time did the car seem to be affected as the driver negotiated the hills and straights at various speeds from 40 to 100 kph. A long straight section of road heads south into Sorell and it was here that the object finally disappeared. It had accompanied the car for the best part of 20 minutes. It was now its largest in appearance as it suddenly shot across the road ahead of the car and was lost to view over hills to the east of the highway. It took only a second or two to move across the highway, pause a second, then seem to bank giving a view of what the witnesses took to be the underside of the object before it disappeared. At this time it looked to be almost half-moon sized. (apparent)

The object at its largest was described as dome shaped and a whitish yellow in colour. When it banked there seemed to be a string of red lights beneath. The driver thought the object was dome like with a rim below, whilst the passenger saw it as a round shape with a flat base. When it banked both witnesses saw the red lights beneath a dome like shape.

Just after the mystery object vanished a car came in the opposite direction, then two minutes later the witnesses noticed an aircraft to their west heading for Hobart Airport. It had pin head sized lights compared with those on the object. A check proved the plane was the 8.25 Ansett flight from Launceston. It would not have been visible to the witnesses when the sighting commenced as it took off about 8pm from Launceston. Another aircraft on the same flight path had landed before the sighting terminated.

AUTO STOP AT HAMPSHIRE

The Hampshire area is 30km south of Burnie on the Tasmanian North West Coast. On July 6th a North West witness reported that his car had stopped in close proximity to an unidentified object. It was the first report of this type to the Centre for over three years.

The location of the sighting is on a short straight section of sealed road nearly half a kilometre south of the Hampshire old railway siding. On the left (western) side of the road as the witness headed north is a grassed paddock backed by a line of trees. On the roadside there are some gorse bushes, then a barbed wire fence.

The lone motorist in his 1982 Toyota was travelling home about 7.30pm on a fine clear evening. As he approached the sighting area his car gradually lost power until finally it came to a halt. He thought there must be an electrical fault as the headlights were still on. He turned off the ignition and headlights and decided to get out of the car to have a look under the bonnett.

He opened the door and had got out when he noticed that the barbed wire fence to his left (west) was throwing off sparks and making a fizzing sound. Then he realised there was something above the paddock beyond the fence. The electrical charge off the fence was a pure white colour and the charges were jumping a couple of metres from the fence.

Our witness stood for about a minute looking now at what was beyond in the paddock. There was an object some 30m distant and 5/7m off the ground. There was a blue haze about the object which was a dark outline. There were no features visible on the shape which looked to be the length of a local Transport bus, making it about 7 to 10m long. It was cigar like in appearance although the left (southern) hand end was more tapered off like the tail on a helicopter.

As the witness watched the shape began to change giving the impression that whatever it was was in fact turning as if to present a tail end view as he stood by the car. It was now smaller and looked to be circular with an orange like glow at the back. At the same height the object seemed to gradually move away to the west, diminishing in size until after half a minute it had vanished. At the same time as far as the witness can recall the fence stopped sparking.

The witness got back into his car and found he was now able to restart the car. He then had to get out once more to close the bonnet which he had earlier released from inside the car. He was a bit disturbed by the event and made good time to his home. The car has performed well since the sighting and there has been no effect on the witness. A visit by the Centre's representative to the sighting location has confirmed the witnesses claim that there are no traces to indicate anything out of the normal has taken place over the paddock. The roadside gorse bushes have died, but this could be due to spraying by local roadworkers or maybe the owner of the paddock.

Press coverage on the incident brought forward a possible second witness. Taken alone the light seen by our second reporter could be assumed as a falling star. However, it occurred a few minutes before the auto-stop case and was sighted in the direction of Hampshire from Cuprona, roughly 15km away. The witness driving home at the time, saw a bright white light to the south at 7.25pm. She at first took it to be a falling star but it did not appear to burn out but reach the ground instead. The Burnie Advocate newspaper checked at the time in case the sightings were due to aircraft but none were in the area at the time. (Page 11 for sketch)

NOISE RECORDED AT GEORGETOWN.

The TV set could hardly be heard over a strange sound. A pulsating, high-speed whishing noise was coming from somewhere outside the house. Eventually the R family just had to look out and find out what was going on to make the noise. Much to their surprise all they could see to account for the sound was a large bright red light to the north-east of the town. The noise, so it seemed, had its source from the light.

No one could make out just what the light was but Mrs R recalled at one time a Georgetown resident was very interested in reports of lights in the sky. Accordingly she thought he would be interested to hear the noise if they could get it down on tape. A cassette recorder microphone was duly hung out the window and a recording of the sound made. After a while the sighting finished when the light went straight up the river and disappeared.

Mrs R's tape was passed on to P.Tattersall (Centre's Northern Representative 1979) and he in turn alerted the Centre to the case. Meanwhile some of the witnesses had been interviewed on Launceston radio station 7EX and the UFO noise played to listeners. It was claimed a number of other callers contacted the radio station about the sighting but no names were taken.

The sighting which had caused so much interest had occurred on May 8th at about midnight. It was just one of a number of sightings from Georgetown that have proved to be something of a puzzle, and maybe unique in that a possible sound associated with an unidentified light was recorded on two separate nights.

First Night.

A similar event the witness tells had occurred earlier in the year about February. One night near midnight Mrs R recalls that the interior of the house was lit up as if car headlights were shining in to the house from outside, except the light was coming in windows too high for car lights to shine in. It was also shining into rooms from interior passageways.

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WHAT DID THE WITNESS SEE?

During the run of reports from Georgetown area a puzzling sighting came to light when a Sydney witness wrote with details of what he had seen to the Launceston Examiner.

The witness says he was on an incoming flight on June 27th to Tasmania over the Tamar Valley just south of Bell Bay at about 4.30pm.

He was observing the landscape below when he noticed something beneath the aircraft as it appeared to be following the plane. When the sun broke through the clouds he could clearly see a metallic spherical object about 5m in diameter. It seemed to be going with the plane then proceeded upwards and away towards the north. Before being lost to view it reached about the same elevation as the passenger aircraft.

The witness, a Contracts Engineer, estimated the object was 1500 to 2000m from the aircraft and travelling about 400kph. There were no lights or wings on the object so he ruled out the possibility of it being another aircraft or helicopter.

Checks by the Centre with the Department of Aviation, Ansett, and the RAAF could throw no further light on the incident. One is left wondering if the sighting has any connection with the Georgetown reports which occurred May/June?

GEORGETOWN Contd:

Then there was an awfully loud noise, very similar to that heard later in the year during May.

By the time Mrs R and her son struggled into some clothes and went outside there was nothing to be seen. The noise seemed to have come from the Park area at the rear of the house. Some other residents mentioned to Mrs R about seeing a glow and of hearing the noise but no one else appeared to take a great deal of interest in the event.

May Sightings.

Similar events occurred again in May, starting on May 8th, and again on the 11th, 13th, 17th, and 20th. Similar noises and lights were seen on other nights about May and June but the Centre could not gather sufficient information on these cases.

The string of events during May all seemed to blur together in the witnesses' memory, it being difficult with the passage of time to recall what features occurred on which night. Mrs R was called out by her neighbours one night and in turn called out friends across the street on another evening. Mr H who heard the tape of the claimed sound from the light was amazed when Mrs R showed him the light and he could hear the same sound apparently emanating from a large red light in the sky. It seems other residents knew about the sound or light.

The light always looked the same, a large red ball. It moved about the sky quite a lot and on one occasion shot in a second across to the western side of the Tamar River. It moved in a straight line and the noise could be heard approaching well before the light would come into view. It also circled the town one evening making quite a racket. It looked to be high enough for anyone in the town to notice it. Sometimes it vanished in mid air as if the light had been turned off.

Members from the Centre visited the town in July and interviewed the two families that had been the centre of the sightings. Checks were also made with the local Police, Fire Brigade, and industry. There were no military manoeuvres in the area at the time.

The Centre was left with the possibility that the whole thing was a hoax, the light and noise were unconnected, the noise may be a local phenomenon. Interviews with the witnesses plus the local awareness of the event ruled out the hoax. The witnesses have nothing but possible ridicule to gain from any publicity. That the two events are unconnected cannot be ruled out. Efforts have been made by the Centre to uncover any unusual events in the town at the time of the sightings but nothing untoward has come to the surface.

Mercury 8.1.83

Soviets urge UFO watch

MOSCOW. — A Soviet newspaper said yesterday that the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) should not be ruled out and revealed that a Soviet fighter plane had a brush with a mystery object two years ago.

The weekly Sovetskaya Kultura said there were still many unexplained phenomena behind various "flying saucer" reports.

LANDINGS OF 1969.

Reports of UFO landings in the early years of the Centre were practically non-existent so that 6 low level cases in the year 1969 were something of a turning point on the local scene. Prior to that only a couple of low-level cases were on record. Most of the sightings came to light well after the event; it was not the practice to report such cases in those days. (maybe it still isn't) Doubtless there are many unreported sightings that would quicken the pulse of the UFO investigator.

1. Southport Lagoon. March 1969 (Investigation. Tattersall, Roberts)

Southport Lagoon is 72km south west of Hobart and is 6km south of the small town of Southport. The lagoon is saltwater fed with an entrance to the sea on its eastern face. There is a track to the lagoon which is relatively isolated.

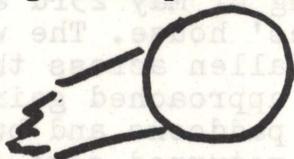
One weekend in March at 3pm our main witness and 5 other friends were on a fishing trip to the lagoon. They were on the lagoon's north-eastern shore when something reflecting the sun on the opposite (SW) shore caught their eye. It was about 2km across the water to the other shore.

There seemed to be a round silver object sitting on the beach. It had an aluminium-type appearance. An effort was made to wade closer to the opposite shore but deep water halted this when they were over a kilometre from the beach.

As it got darker the group noted that the object assumed an orange-red glow which remained constant and with an even intensity. The object remained stationary on the opposite shore until near midnight when it took off into a dark clear sky.

The witness thought there was a slight swish as the object took off. It appeared the same in the air above the bay except the bay was lit up with an orange-white light. The light it appears came from the underpart of the object, furthermore as it moved along there was an apparent tail of light. It rose at an extreme rate to an estimated 1600/1700m, then levelled off and went away to the SSW being finally obscured by the hills. Coincidence-but 2 years later on April 4th two fishermen at the same lagoon were followed by a yellow cigar shape with a glow.

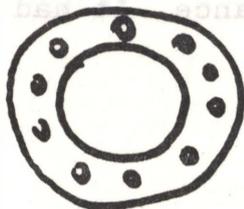
Object in motion..



2. Kelvedon. May 7th. (Dunbabin, Bennett)

The Examiner of May 10th (1969) reported that 2 boys had spotted a UFO near Swansea on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Moore and Cotton had seen an oval object near ground level on a slope just above the shoreline. Sizes of about 10 to 15m were given for its width. It glowed an orange colour and had red lights below and holes with white lights near its edge. The boys watched for a minute then left in a hurry going back to their boat on the lagoon behind the beach. They had just got into the boat when the object now green in colour was seen moving at rapid speed over the sea and away to the north. It is not known if a check was made for traces. Sighting details were obtained by the Tas Flying Saucer Observers Association (now defunct) and for TUFOIC some years later.

Kelvedon..



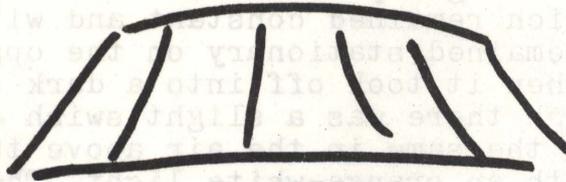
3. Glenorchy May 22nd (Bantick, Bigwood, Dunbabin)

"Saw UFO take off he says". So read the Mercury article of May 25th (1969) referring to a claim by Mr G.Longey that he had seen a UFO about 11.30pm through a louvered window at the rear of his house.

The elliptical shaped object with brilliant lit areas in the top section was seen for a few seconds as it took off from his back lawn. Mr Longey notified the Police and RAAF. He said it was difficult to get somebody to believe him, but he knew what he saw. On the back lawn he found an elliptical shaped ring of scorched grass and broken limbs on a small tree at the edge of the burn. He estimated the object was larger than the ring.

TUFOIC and the now-defunct Tas Flying Saucer Observers Ass: both investigated the case. Apart from varying measurements (Imperial) for the ring of 5 to 6". Its size was TUFOIC 18 x 12ft, TFSOA 21 x 10ft. A radioactivity test proved negative and nothing further came to light.

It was suggested someone had played a prank on the witness or the whole thing was a hoax. However, no one could quite work out how the scorched ring had appeared that evening. Mr Longey certainly gained nothing from the publicity apart from a ribbing by his workmates. He was still shaken by the event when investigators called two days later.



4. Mt LLOYD. May 23rd (Roberts)

During investigations into a sighting some years later an incident that had occurred the day after the Glenorchy landing was uncovered. The sighting at Mt LLOYD lasting some hours involved a round red light seen by a family.

About 7.30pm on the evening of May 23rd a light was noticed over the road near the witnesses' house. The witnesses had to go out to remove a tree that had fallen across the road nearby. The red light drifted away as they approached gaining elevation to about 10m. It moved across the paddocks and bush and the witnesses took no more notice until they returned some time later. They then saw the light which had a street light type appearance was now back just above the road again. It was stationary and after watching for a while the family went back inside and did not bother to look out again.

5. Central Plateau. Winter time. (Roberts)

A lone motorist heading south on a highland road on frosty evening noticed a bright glow some 400m west of the road. At first he thought a car had somehow run off into the button-grass. Soon he was able to view the source of the light, there appeared to be a large dome-shape object on the ground.

As he pulled up the object was stationary and emitting a bright orange glow into the surrounding bush. The object then rose slowly, emitting the glow from beneath. It gradually gained elevation and receded into the distance. It had been in sight for some 3 to 4 minutes.

SENATOR PROXMIRE VERSUS NASA'S SETI* PROJECT

BY JANE BROOKS (UFORAN Space Technology Correspondent)

For years up until September, 1981, NASA had been preparing a project which would have made an extremely sensitive search for the radio signals of other civilizations in the Universe. A device known as a multichannel spectrum analyzer was being constructed by scientists at the Stanford University. When complete, this device would have been able to monitor 8 million radio channels simultaneously. NASA planned to use it on radio telescopes in California, Spain and Australia to search the entire sky for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI). The spectrum analyzer, or another like it, would then be attached to the giant Aricebo radio telescope to search particularly promising sun-like stars. This entire SETI program was to have taken about seven years, at a cost of \$ US 2 million per year ($\frac{1}{3}$,000 of NASA's annual Budget). It would have accomplished more than 10 million times the searching done in all previous searches put together! Just as this project was about to commence (you may have seen announcements of it on Channels 2 and 10) it was killed by Senator William Proxmire. He persuaded Congress to pass an amendment which forbade NASA from using its internal funds for the project! He regarded trying to find an answer to one of Mankind's most profound and age old questions, i.e. "are we alone in the Universe?" as a waste of money. Senator Proxmire's arguments against SETI were, for example, that any signal we got would be

hundreds of years old and therefore of no interest; the civilization that sent it could be extinct by the time we got the signal, and that there is no evidence for the existence of ETI! He missed the points that just finding the signal would answer our questions, and that the only way you can discover whether or not something exists is to look for the evidence you do not have!

Ironically, while Senator Proxmire was killing SETI, he managed to get Congress to preserve giving excess subsidy, in addition to a basic subsidy, to dairy farmers. This excess cost enough in two days to fund SETI for a whole year.

However, despite the Senator's efforts, Americans may still be able to tune in to the Cosmos. Thanks to private donations, Harvard Astronomer, Paul Horowitz, will take a 64,000 channel spectrum analyzer to Aricebo to listen for signals from 185 nearby sun-like stars this (northern) summer. In addition, many NASA officials and some of the other Congressmen have been angered by Senator Proxmire's action in attacking one of NASA's tiny internal projects funded from general funds. His action appears to have generated a backlash of wide support for SETI. If the Senator tries the same thing with the 1983 Budget, he may not find it so easy!

*Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. ■

Landings of 1969 continued.

6. Paddy Island. October 28th. (Roberts, TUFOB now defunct)

Two scallop boats were off Paddy Island nearly 3km from the coast between Scamander and St Helens. The men on one of the boats had noticed a bright light in the sky, and when they looked $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour later they saw an object to the north-east. It was estimated to be a kilometer away and about 100m high.

The well defined object was red-orange in colour and disc-like with a dome or rounded area on top. There were two dim orange squares on the body of the object, and a bright orange glow coming from below at the outer edges. The object had approached slowly and now remained stationery. The witnesses aroused the men on the second scallop boat. They all watched the object with its light reflecting on to the sea below until about 4.50am. Then the object rose up, changed to a purple colour and was gone at terrific speed to the north-west.

The defunct group TUFOB had the sighting on their newspaper file after it had appeared in the Examiner. Investigation was made by the Centre some months later.

SIGHTINGS AT ROSS AND DOVER.

Two sightings in 1981 failed to make it into our 1982 Annual Report. One was near Ross in February ; the other at the other end of the year in November near Dover. The year was very quiet but one sighting came from north of Ross on February 20th so that the second case that came to our notice on February 3rd was of extra interest.

The sighting occurred near 9.40pm as two witnesses were travelling home together in Mrs A's car. Mrs A said they were about a kilometer north of the town when she first noticed a bright white light to the west. She thought it was a plane as it descended in front of some low hills. She didn't take much notice as they continued on towards the town centre. However, the object changed direction and slowly approached the local hotel, growing in size. It looked as if there was going to be a crash. Mrs A did not want to be too close to the scene of an impending accident and pulled up some 300/400m short of the hotel. She said to her elderly passenger, "Look at that". The passenger saw nothing at this stage as she was looking for something on the road. There was no noise, other traffic, or effects on the witnesses.

Mrs A estimated the object to be moving slowly at a 30m height off the ground, and having an apparent size of twice the moon. It was elliptical in shape and a greenish metallic colour with gold light beams from either side. The witness found it hard to describe but the object presented the same appearance despite its change of direction.

The object now disappeared. Having reached the area of the hotel it suddenly shot up and away to the south. It was now noticed by Mrs A's passenger. It dwindled in size in a couple of seconds and was lost to view in the distance.

Report near Dover.

A lone motorist contacted the Centre the next day after his sighting of a green light the previous evening (Nov 17th). He was driving home from Dover to Southport when he first noticed the light as he travelled up a rise out of Dover. The Centre received a number of calls about this time but they were all attributable to the planet Venus prominent in the west to south-west sky.

The motorist did not take a great deal of interest at this stage of proceedings as he motored the 6km to Raminea. Then with the light looking lower to the ground and closer to the road he decided to stop for a look.

There was no noise as the half moon sized circular light seemed to move about in a confined area of the sky. It looked to change direction and elevation several times. After a number of minutes the witness noticed that the light was moving away to the west and it was lost to view behind a rise about half a kilometre away. A glow lit up the trees in its vicinity as it moved off. The witness continued on home but was able to see the glow behind the rise for some time until the area was lost from his sight.

Arriving home he says that Venus was visible in the sky. He then went in and watched TV till near midnight. He then went outside to see if there was any sign of his earlier light. Together with his wife he noticed a white light to the west and watched it for 30 minutes as it slowly moved northwards maintaining the same elevation. It finally disappeared behind high cloud in the NNW. A report of a red nocturnal light on April 11th also occurred over the area south of Dover.

(see sketches next page of objects)

A SIGHTING UP COUNTRY
(Credit VUFORS Oct:)

Mrs A.S. reported to this Society that on Saturday, 10th July 1982 at approximately 6.45 to 7am while travelling on the Ballarat Road at Rockbank with her son and her mother, they observed a bright white light in the distance slightly to the right of the highway.

The car was travelling in a westerly direction away from the city. Mrs S. stopped the car when opposite the source of the light and was amazed at what she saw.

The object, shaped like a cigar, was the size of a semi-trailer, hovering about 200ft off the ground and 100ft back off the highway. Green pulsating portholes surrounded the middle of the UFO with green flashes of light spraying out from underneath it.

The observation lasted only one minute as Mrs S. decided to leave the area. The following two days Mrs S. stated she felt unusually tired and her son was suffering from headaches.

The car radio was not on at the time and no electrical faults in the car were detected. I have since checked over the sighting area but nothing was discovered. Two farm houses in the immediate vicinity were visited but without result. (P. Gildea..for VUFORS. PO Box 43, Moorabbin, Victoria)

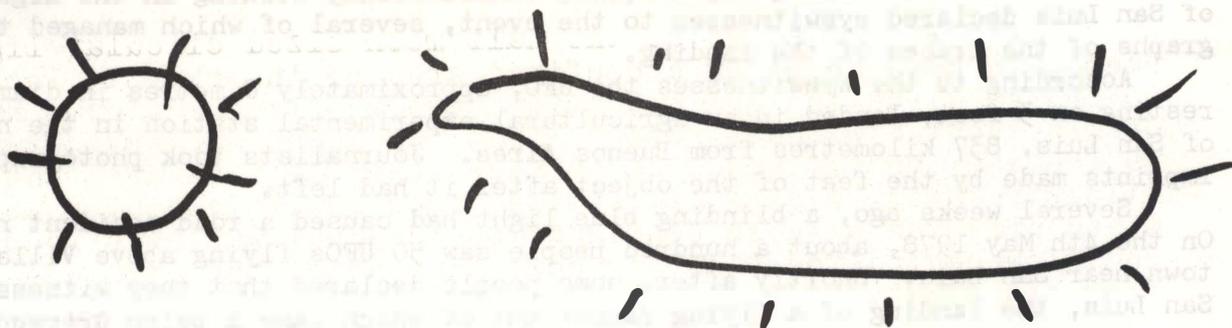
VALENTICH-THE OFFICIAL VERDICT.

ACUFOS JUL 82. Consultant Bill Chalker received a copy of the Department of Aviation "Aircraft accident investigation summary report". This was for the aircraft which disappeared along with pilot Valentich on October 21st 1978.

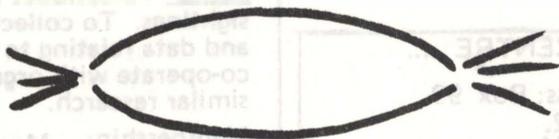
The report is extraordinary in what it does not mention - "Location of occurrence - not known". "Time : Not known". "Degree of injury : presumed fatal". "Opinion as to cause : The reason for disappearance of the aircraft has not been determined".

It does not address itself to, "What Mr Valentich might have been looking at when he described his observations". A considerable number of suggestions have been put forward by persons inside and outside this Department. All have been examined. "The Department is not aware of any other official body having undertaken such an investigation into this occurrence!"

WITNESSES' SKETCHES.



HAMPSHIRE UFO...July 6th 82. Rear view to left.



UFO reported near Ross Feb 1981.

Another Victorian UFO (Credit "Border Morning Mail" 24.5.82)

An anonymous Melbourne man said he was pursued along the Hume Highway near Bowna, by a UFO. The object was first sighted about 3.30am as it moved parallel to the car about 200m away and 7m off the ground. The man stopped his car and switched off the lights to see if the UFO was a reflection, but it wasn't. The noiseless object hung in mid-air, so he continued on his way towards Mullengandra. Near there the object passed over the car 15m up, and then again followed the car until he arrived at his mother's house. She was awoken, and also saw the object. The bright diamond-shape remained stationary but flickered every few minutes.

TELEPORTATION CASE IN ARGENTINA (Credit Earthlink-UK)

15.30, December 15, 1981. Corrientes province, Northern Argentina.

While driving his heavy dump truck near Paso de Patria towards San Luis del Palmar, Sr. Rubén Meneses, 40, a Provincial Highways Dept. mechanic, was blinded by a brilliant light that flooded his cab. Shortly thereafter Meneses "entered into a semi-conscious state and suddenly, without being able to define intermediate stages, I found myself suspended face down in a mirrored, luminous cabin, as if made of steel."

At this point in the story, Meneses, in an effort of concentration, said that in an adjacent, shadowy passage he noticed a short, thin man with extremely long arms and thick wrinkles (in his forehead).

"I know we did not talk," said Meneses, "but I have the unexplainable sensation of having communicated with him."

The Clarin's report says Meneses's adventure was evidently framed within non-temporality for when he became aware of driving his truck again it was 5 p.m. and located 110km. from where his encounter began. He also had no physical sensation of his body and only on standing up and taking off his shoes and making contact with the grass did he recover. Meneses then ran to the local police station where he broke into an uncontrollable nervous, crying spell before being taken home.

Meneses's family doctor who knows him well was of the opinion he wasn't lying and that something very strange had happened; he'd also suffered a nervous breakdown and conjunctivitis.

Summary of report from "Clarín" (Buenos Aires, Argentina), January 11, 1982.

N.B. Other periodicals carrying this story differ slightly in some parts. While there is confusion over the length of time Meneses was abducted, nearly all state he was hospitalised and remained in shock for some time. (Ed.)

Cr. UFO Newsclipping Service, April 1982 (See ADVERTISEMENTS). Transl. Jane Thomas.

ANOTHER UFO IN ARGENTINA

An unidentified flying object (UFO) landed Friday evening in the Argentine province of San Luis declared eyewitnesses to the event, several of which managed to take photographs of the traces of the landing.

According to the eyewitnesses the UFO, approximately 8 metres in diameter and resting on 3 feet, landed in an agricultural experimental station in the neighbourhood of San Luis, 837 kilometres from Buenos Aires. Journalists took photographs of the imprints made by the feet of the object after it had left.

Several weeks ago, a blinding blue light had caused a road accident near San Luis. On the 4th May 1978, about a hundred people saw 50 UFOs flying above Villa Mercedes, a town near San Luis. Shortly after, some people declared that they witnessed, also near San Luis, the landing of a flying saucer out of which came a being dressed in a green suit.

Cr. Mr. W. Ager, Brugge, Belgium. "Le Soir" (Belgium), 30 March 1982.

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AUSTRALIA'S FIRST ABDUCTION EVENT?
(Credit ACUFOS Bulletin)

Investigations are underway into a case said to have occurred near Port Lincoln, South Australia, last October (1981). The story..Two young men, Messers J & P were travelling from Broken Hill to Port Lincoln in Mr J's 1966 Holden sedan. From Port Lincoln they were intending to drive up to Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

On the 24th October 1981 they left Adelaide at about 8am. They had trouble with the car which slowed them down. Thus they reached Whyalla about 9.30-10pm. Nothing was open so they decided to continue on their way.

A few minutes outside Whyalla Mr P yelled to Mr J to stop the vehicle, which he did. (Mr P had seen a blue 'flare' light in the sky to his left, south-east towards Spencer Gulf). They stopped and both saw a second light shoot out from beneath the first. This second light moved around and flew up and down hills and gullies, before stopping in one particular gully. They watched for a while before setting off again.

The two talked about what they had seen. Shortly Mr J felt like stopping again. He says what occurred next is hard to explain but recalls "drifting off" into a white endless space. He knew he was there but couldn't move. This 'thing' walked up the road and stopped in front of him. It looked like it was in a suit like Romans wore. It stood there for a while then vanished. Mr J woke up and sat for a while before Mr P said, "What happened"? Mr J recollects that it was near daylight, so they drove on. He felt he had not slept for a week.

Mr P apparently recalls walking into a big white room and also has vague recollections of an entity, seen as an outline standing some 15m away from the car.

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