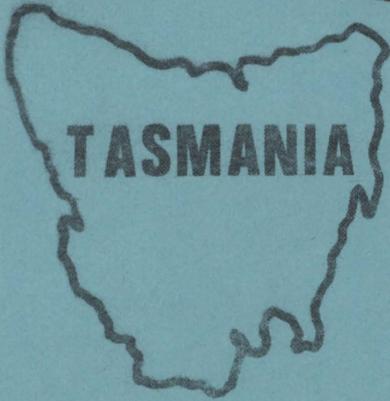


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SIGHTINGS 1985

The number of incoming reports to the Centre during 1985 showed an encouraging increase although the number of unexplained cases is only slightly above that of recent years.

Three sightings in the first half of the year (March and May) were followed by the balance of cases in the last few months. The reports were too few to suggest any patterns and came from areas as far apart as Swansea and Roseberry. It looked for a moment about October/November that sightings may increase but with the wettest December weather on record there was nothing but rain and clouds to be seen.

Sighting number one for the year came from Glenorchy, a nocturnal light that travelled in a curved path across the sky. It was hard to see as it passed over above hazy clouds. The evening was fine and warm when the witness noticed the light about 11.30pm (March 11th) approaching from the south to southeast. It came closer and passed over at a 70° elevation being visible as a bright white flat hazy shape. The glow of the light could be seen on the hazy cloud. The light moved at a constant speed and now made a turn so that it was heading away from the witness towards Mt Wellington in a west to south west direction. The light went away into the distance and was lost from view, it had been in sight for about 3/4 minutes. The Department of Aviation and Royal Australian Air Force advised there were no civilian or military aircraft in the area to their knowledge. So, what was it?

May Sightings.

We had to wait over a month before the next case on May 1st from a home in the bush near Richmond. Mrs R was woken about midnight by her dog scratching to get out. She let the dog out and almost at once it was barking to get back inside. It was as she returned to bed she noticed a large star sized light to the north east at about a 60° elevation. The light which seemed to be below the cloud was joined by a second light that came from somewhere overhead, then a third light came from the north east to join the first two.

The lights all appeared to be the same size coloured white with a touch of red now and then. Mrs R tried to rationalize what could be the cause for the lights and watched for a long time as she could not get back to sleep. The first light moved down and to the right from its original position. All the lights moved about now even being lost from her field of view from the bedroom window. Their movements seemed random but they mostly disappeared to the north east but one light was always in sight.

Mrs R thinks by about 3am there was just one light to be seen in the sky and it looked to be getting smaller and further away. Then she saw what she identified as an aircraft pass south below the light. Following this the light looked to get closer again and after 30 minutes was just visible on the left side of the window, now it looked at its largest and brightest. It disappeared from view and almost at once the wall facing the direction of the light was lit up by an amber glow. Mrs R could see the light now in the mirror on the chest of drawers. Now the light appeared to be a red colour and was about tree top level and some 200m distant. This stage lasted some 5 minutes before the glow faded and the light moved away into the north east sky.

Hobart Airport advised the Centre there was an air freighter into the airport at 3.28am and this would be the plane noticed by the witness before the light approached her house. Nothing unusual was noticed from Hobart Airport. Venus was rising in the south eastern sky about 4am but could not account for the lights seen earlier to the north east, let alone the final position of the light and glow before it disappeared.

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The second May report came in the early hours of the 15th as Don Ives was on his way home at 1.45am. The story appeared in the Examiner on the 18th and the Centre's investigator Colin Fletcher had the details from the witness on the 21st.

Mr Ives was travelling along the Esk Highway just east of Fingal when the sighting occurred. Lights on the right caught his attention (south). He could see rapidly winking lights moving at the speed of a small aircraft landing. He also saw what he assumed were car lights in the rear vision mirror but after pulling up the car was no longer in view.

Mr Ives now turned his attention to the lights in the paddock alongside the road but this was also now obscured by a low hillside. Mr Ives drove on at once and caught a final view of the lights from further along the road before they went behind yet another hill. As he drove on the clouds above the spot where he had last seen the lights were illuminated for a width of 100m with a strange purple hue.

The sighting lasted some 1½ minutes. No sound was heard from the object which was spherical in shape and multi-coloured. Mr Ives described the object as mainly green but with orange, yellow, and violet colours also.

The paddocks were very wet at the time and too wet for vehicles to travel over. There were flattened ferns in the sighting area but this was due probably to cows and the recent rains. The Department of Aviation had no planes in the area.

No other witness were found to the sighting but another incident took place near Fingal in August, this time Fletcher was unable to locate the witness. Again the Examiner ran the story but only knew the witness as Des. This time on the 11th at 2.30am a motorist had seen a round orange object with a bright beam coming from its side hovering over the road between Tower Hill and Mangana. (some kms north of Fingal)

End of Year Reports

Nothing seems to have occurred UFO wise until October/November although some high altitude research balloons caused some excitement in August.

The first unexplained case since May came on October 25th from Bridgewater. A family of four were leaving home at 7.35pm when they spotted a light that kept them puzzled for over 5 minutes. It was initially in the south to south west sky and low down below clouds in that part of the sky. The light was round and had an apparent size of a quarter moon and was a dull yellow to white in colour.

The witnesses decided to stop their car and then got out to see if there was any sound but the light moved silently and steadily up river (north). It stood out well as it passed in front of Mt Faulkner (901m) on the western side of the Derwent River although the witnesses felt the light was over the river itself about 1km or less distant.

The light moved about the speed of a light plane but then came to a halt in clear sky in the west south west (250°) at an elevation of 10/15°. The light remained in the same spot but just got smaller and smaller until it was no longer visible. The weather at the time was fine with some areas of cloud, a light south easterly breeze, and the last of the daylight in the western sky. No aircraft were in the sighting area.

The Centre heard of another report of a yellow/white light being seen by a witness at Granton, the light was over Bridgewater on the following evening (26th). However, the witness took little note of the light after the initial sighting so that no investigation was possible, the light may have been an aircraft.

Sightings 1985

The Close Encounter of the year goes to a sighting on November 18th on the Tasman Highway between Swansea and Triabunna on the state's east coast. The Highway follows the coast south from the town of Swansea, then some 20kmts south of the town the road takes a turn inland at Little Swanport.

Our witness left home at 3.30am for an early start to work at Triabunna driving a truck, he has covered the route many times at night in his Torana. It was a fine clear night as he headed south from home in Swansea but a few minutes down the road he noticed a few lights in a small bay alongside the highway. He thought little about the lights thinking it was probably a fishing boat anchored in the bay. However, about another kilometre down the road the lights were still there over the sea and the witness now started to wonder how they could be keeping up with him. The lights which were to the left rear of the car moved up until they were alongside and the witness was able to get his first clear view.

After Kelvedon Farm the road climbs up to be above the sea giving a clear view over sand dunes that had at one stage blocked the view of the lights. The witnesses estimated that the lights were now only 100mts from the car and seemingly level with the road.

The object was clearly visible and dome like in appearance. Its estimated dimensions were, about 20m in length and some 5m high. Three lights could be seen, one at the base of the dome on each end, the third was smaller and beneath the leading edge of the UFO. The two big lights seemed to be shining upwards as if to illuminate the dome above. The dome was white in colour.

There was no other traffic on the road and the witness said he didn't feel like stopping by this stage. He drove on at about 100/110kph with the dome object staying alongside the car. At Mayfield the road starts to angle inland and the witness was a bit relieved to see that the object was getting further away as if following the coastline. Trees now started to block off a clear view of the UFO which was visible between breaks in the tree tops, then after some 16kmts of highway with the object it was gone. The trees obscured the UFO and it was not seen again by the witness.

During the sighting the CB radio in the car had emitted a lot of loud static and electrical interference. The static disappeared with the departure of the object. Immediate checks on aircraft, local explanations and astronomical locations failed to find anything to account for the sighting.



Further sightings are under investigation at years end, a Westerway resident on November 28th saw two larger than moon sized lights side by side in the north eastern sky, there seemed to be a beam of red light on the northern side of the lights. The bright glow from the lights were noticed by other people in the area.

The next event was reported from Roseberry, the parents of two children aged 12 and 10 told how their children had been frightened by the close approach of a round mass of lights which had been accompanied by a whirr-whirr type noise. The lights were low and towards Mt Murchison. Several people in a car earlier in October had seen a similar mass of light in the same area. The flashing lights were seen as they drove home from Williamsford, after leaving friends the lights were then seen low towards Mt Murchison.

TWENTY YEARS AND FLAPS

The Centre is twenty one years old in 1986. Founded in 1965 during a world wide flap. Now though, twenty one years on, things have gone to the other extreme. Sightings in the current decade have often been seperated from each other by many months.

Much is made of the flaps that occur from time to time. A surge of sightings may occur from time to time in a particular area. However, little has been written about the lulls that seperate these flaps, in fact periods of low activity seem to be the norm.

TUFOIC was founded in 1965 at a time when sightings were at a pretty high level throughout the world. The two years 1965-66 saw local activity on the up with a number of cases state wide. Suprisingly the Centre failed to pick up any cases from the years prior to the Centre's foundation. One has to go back to October 1960 for the Cressy Affair (1970 TUFOIC Annual Report) to find any sign of UFOs. This was the first flap in Tasmania which it seems was followed by a dearth of reports for some 4 or 5 years.

The formation of the Centre in 1965 by itself was enough to see an increase in reports but this state of affairs did not last long. 1967 to 1970 saw UFO reports returning to lower levels except for a rash of low level cases in the winter of 1969. So for most of the decade things were at a pretty low level.

The new decade saw the first indication of things to come with Close Encounters reported around the state, May providing a series of landings. A temporary lull followed well into 1973 before the action hotted up with an explosion of sightings in 1974.

Flaps in various parts of the state now became the expected thing with the full range events from Hynek's sighting's classification. Sightings raged across the North East in 1974, then into the Highland Lake Country during 1975. The next year 1976 saw a spate of lights at Maydena and the South East before the Hobart area had its turn in 1977.

The following year (78) saw a quiet start but unexplaineds lifted towards years close together with the Valentich affair creating extra publicity that carried interest on into 1979. However, the endless series of sightings could not go on for ever and before 1979 was out there was a dramatic drop in UFOs.

The current decade has seen a return to levels more in keeping with the 1960s. A series of events around the GeorgeTown area in 1981/82 has been the only ripple on an otherwise calm pond.

Sightings in the TUFOIC files date back to the late 1940s and most of the past 35 years has been spent waiting for those elusive flaps. If only we could predict when they will occur? There is no indication anything happened prior to Cressy in 1960. There was a brief lift in reports in the mid sixties. The mid 70s was without doubt the geatest flap that has (and maybe ever) occured in the state. So we find that now in 1985/86 we are back to normal biding our time for the next run of sightings.

Looking back at previous lulls it feels as if we have been waiting long enough already, but going on previous records we may be waiting anything from a few to over ten years. Maybe there is some outside influence that we haven't noticed yet that may be the catalyst for the many flaps that have occured since 1946. Maybe now with the increasing use of computers data could be entered on other than sightings to see if we can turn something up!

Do sighting flaps have some connection with the weather, cost of living, media coverage, sports results , or is it a phenomena that appears at random at any old time. Right now despite many well investigated sightings and an embarrasment of cases in files about the world, we do not seem to yet have the answer.

AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS '85

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	SHAPE	NOTES	(SOURCE)
Jan 4	WA	2130	NL	Beechboro	-	Car paced, buzz noise	1
4	WA	nite	NL	Perry Lakes	-	3 witns see obj with noise	1
15	WA	2300	NL	Mullaloo	Square	Humming, red/green lits	2
15	WA	0149	NL	Willagee	Cigar	Whirring noise, lights	2
15	WA	2300	NL	MtLawley	Ball	Spinning ball lits up sky	2
17	SA	nite	NL	Ooldea	Lits	Distant lits x train	10
mid	Qld		NL	Boulia	Lits	Min Min lits reports	5
22	WA	2215	NL	CareyPark	Lits	Yellow/red lits pass over	6
24	WA	2215	NL	Bunbury	Lits	Yellow/green lits go over	3
24	Qld	2200	NL	Cairns Dist:	Lits	Org/red/white lits seen	3
26	NSW	2310	NL	Davistown	-	Lits/humming passes car	6
30	NSW	0100	NL	UminaBeach	Mass	Lits pass at 300m height	6
31	Qld	2200	NL	Cairns	Lits	Orange pulsing lights	3
Feb 3	PNG	2200	NL	SouthFly	-	Foreign object seen in area	6
7	VIC	2225	CE2	Wangaratta	Lit	Blackout as blue lit in sky	8
24	PNG	Nite	NL	Kundiana	Circle	12UFOs fly down gorge	6
Mar 11	Tas	2330	NL	Glenorchy	Lit	Round lit circles area	4
15	NSW	nite	CE3	WestPennant	Large	UFO lands, beams, figures	6
Apr 8	SA	0330	NL	Goolwa	Lit	Lit on river, beams of lit	7
May 5	Tas	0300	CE1	Richmond	Lits	Lit nearby lits up room	4
14	VIC	0620	NL	Werribee	Lit	60x300m elv, speeds off	6
15	Tas	0145	NL	Fingal	Oval	Object/lits near ground	4
17	SA	0547	CE2	PortGiles	Lit	Radio crackle, lit car sized	7
19	WA	0630	CE2	MtBarker	Lit	Townlits fade, lit in sky	1
22	VIC	0620	NL	Werribee	Cigar	Large object above town	3
23	NSW	0930	DD	Auburn	Lit	Lit in sky shoots off	6
24	WA	0405	CE2	Roleystone	-	Car pace/witns sore eyes	1
26	NSW	0500	CE1	Campbelltown	Saucer	Zig zags about, seen twice	7
30	SA	1840	NL	Adelaide	Lits	Circling object, 3 reports	7
?	SA	2400	CE1	VictorHarb:	Lit	Blue lit zooms at hiker	7
Jun 7	WA	2100	CE1	Marylands	Lits	150mts to yell/grn lits	1
9	WA	2100	NL	MtNewman	-	Pilots seen bright object	1
14	WA	0530	CE2	Mandurah	-	Car pace/car become hot	1
20	SA	1830	NL	PtAdelaide	Oblong	Amber obj moves up coast	7
28	WA	2243	NL	Noranda	Egg	Red/blue obj passes over	1
Jul 21	NSW	dusk	NL	Mudgee	Lits	Busload see bright lits	6
22	NSW	1900	NL	Captree	Lits	Dark obj + lits seen	6
?	NSW	-	NL	Mudgee	Lits	Regular lits reported	6
Aug 11	Tas	0230	NL	Fingal	Ball	Orange with beam	4
Sep 13	WA	2335	NL	Kelmscott	-	Glow obj low and fast	1
16	WA	1730	NL	Gossenels	-	Glow obj low and silent	1
early	WA	-	CE2	Lancelin	-	Car gauges play up, car pace	1
20	WA	20.30	CE1	Forrestfield	Oval	Grey, passees low over road	1
21	WA	2300	NL	Alfred Cove	Lit	Pulsing white lit	1
Oct Beg	Tas	0230	NL	Roseberry	Oval	Mass of lit low over hill	4
15	WA	0515	NL	Midlands	Lit	Orange, went up and down	1
25	WA	1820	DD	Yanchep	30obj:	Series of obj come x clouds	1
25	Tas	1935	NL	Bridgewater	Lit	Yellow lit at low level	4
Nov 18	Tas	0330	CE2	Swansea	Dome	Car pace, radio plays up	4
28	Tas	2130	NL	Westerway	Round	2 large lits, red, go down	4
Dec 15	Tas	2315	CE1	Roseberry	Oval	Flshg lit mass scares boys	4

West Australia set the pace at years' start, then featured again later in the year. New South Wales had a number of reports in the first six months including a possible CE3 encounter, no more information is to hand so we are not aware if further sightings have occurred in the later half of the year. In fact apart from West Australia little news has been received at the close of 1986. Victoria looks to be having a lull in sightings and the same can be said of Queensland whilst South Australia has had a drop in reports.

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SIGHTINGS OF THE SIXTIES

Its twenty one years since the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre was founded in 1965. Sightings from that era have yet to see the light of day in our Publications, in view of the lack of current action we have put pen to paper to rectify the shortcoming. It will soon be seen that UFO reports of twenty years ago are no different to current sightings, although there do seem to be a number of cases with multiple UFOs! In this article we cover the major cases from 1960 to 1968, sightings from that date on have featured in our Annual Reports.

The initial action of the sixties was the "Cressy Affair" of October 1960. (covered in our Annual Report of 1970). Following the sighting of a cigar object and attendant discs by the Reverend Browning from Cressy a series of UFO reports followed in the ensuing weeks. These cases even included a US Air Force report from a high flying aircraft over the Tamar Valley. This report failed to come to the public's attention at the time and languished in the RAAF files until uncovered by ACUFOS Investigator Bill Chalker a few years back .

Little appears to have happened following the Cressy sightings until a report from Levendale on April 23rd 1963. A local farmer was out on his tractor spotlighting about 10.30pm when he noticed a circular yellow light to the west. The light seemed to circle him and as it came closer the farmer turned off his spotlight . Eventually it passed overhead and gave him quite a fright as the whole area was lit up by a beam of light that came from below the object. He was relieved to then see the object move away to the west. He estimated it was only 50mts up when it had passed over, and estimated the size at 30mts. The sighting lasted in all about 15 minutes.

Some of the old cases lack exact dates due to the passage of time until they were reported to the Centre, our next case occurred about the mid sixties and is very similar to the 1963 Levendale case. The event which took place about 2.30am is best described in the words of the witness.

" A party of four were hunting with a spotlight in the Jericho area when a brilliant white light was seen by the four of us travelling in a south to north direction. The spotlight which was quite powerfull was played on the object from a distance of about 200mts when it was directly above us.

The object became stationary and the light which gave a silver brilliance that lit up at least 30acres plus lighting up the station wagon which was three tone green with an off white roof. The whole area including my car and ourselves were silver.(grass,trees, fence posts etc)

The object could only be looked at for a very short time and the following morning all our eyes were very sore and bloodshot. My eyes were so bad that I went to my own Doctor who said it appears that I had received a bad welders flash.

The object remained stationary for some five minutes after the spotlight was turned off, and then in a straight vertical direction it diminished in size until it was completely gone".

On the world front sightings were on the increase after a lull for some years, the renewed interest in the phenomena saw moves to form a UFO group in Tasmania. Meanwhile some interesting cases (that were reported later) were occurring as activity in Australia was now showing signs of multiplying. The Winter of 1965 produced one of these cases from Tasmania.

A Police Constable was driving from Hamilton to Bothwell one evening when he noticed a triangle formation of orange, green, and yellow lights to nis north east. Another motorist later told him that he had seen similar lights at the same time. However, the other witness was on the Lake Highway looking to his west as he approached Bothwell. The lights seemed to fade out near Bothwell.

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The Police Constable was some distance ahead of the second motorist after they had passed through Bothwell when the lights reappeared. This time the lights looked lower and closer, the Policeman estimated they were only 150mts behind his car. The following motorist told him that the lights were also visible to him again appearing ahead of his car. Once again the lights just faded away as they neared their final destination at Arthurs Lake.

Also during the year a Franklin couple saw a white cigar shaped object crossing the Huon Valley. It moved slowly to the north east until it disappeared behind the hills. There was no sound from the object which had three white strips on its body.

Granton 1965.

Two sightings occurred at Granton just north of Hobart in October 1965. A family living on a hill above Granton told how they were awoken early one morning by their dogs barking. On going outside, the witnesses noticed an elliptical object about 4/500mts to the south east, apparently just above ground level. It was beaming out in all directions rays of orange, green, and blue. The colours seemed to be rotating. Silently the object rose up into the sky until it disappeared at a 70° elevation to their south east.

The same month Mrs B was returning home in the early hours of the morning after working late in the city. She was travelling home to Pontville and it was whilst passing Granton Railway Station she became aware of a very bright light that seemed to be across the Derwent River, it appeared cigar shaped and a bright glowing gold.

Mrs B continued on and by the time she had crossed the river to Bridgewater she could hear a high-pitched whine apparently coming from the object. The witness felt a little disturbed now as she left the houses behind and headed for Pontville as the noise was painful on her ears and the glowing cigar was still there to her south east side.

Mrs B arrived home and raced inside to tell her husband. Both were able to go out to view the cigar shape below the skyline to the east. It was giving off such a bright glow that an estimate of the size was difficult. They watched the cigar for some half an hour until it rose up and went behind the hills. The noise and glow faded out together.

Centre Founded.

About this time the Centre was founded with the main talking point in early days being the sightings that occurred that summer at Maatsuyker Island. (see special report available from the Centre) In brief a number of prolonged sightings of nocturnal lights came from the light keepers at Maatsuyker LightHouse. The lights were seen throughout the summer of 1965/66.

Another summer sighting was to come from Woodbridge. A resident reported the case on February 14th about 9.30pm. It was one of the first landing cases reported to the Centre.

A big glow of light was seen at ground level near an empty house. A cluster of orange and red lights was visible with several small white lights in the sky near the object. The silent mass of lights took off in a shallow climb and crossed at high speed to the beach near Porpoise Head on Bruny Island to the east.

The object appeared now as a bright central light with dim lights at each end. The witness did not watch proceedings any further so we have no idea how the lights disappeared.

February produced another interesting case, one wonders how many cases eluded the newly formed Centre that summer when activity around the world was peaking. In the United States the flap was eventually to see the United States Air Force instigate the University of Colorado investigation that finally saw the close of Project Blue Book.

Sightings of the sixties

The second February sighting was from the north of the state on the 22nd. The sighting from Hillwood in the Tamar Valley was carried in the Launceston Examiner on the 28th of the month.

"The Stroessingers noticed a brilliant blue/white light about 3.30am, the light was so brilliant that the paddock on the hill next to the house was lit up. The light was so bright that it seemed to hurt the eyes. It was throwing out a beam of light that was like the light from beneath a lampshade except the paddock was lit up like day. It was shimmering but there was a vague oval shape.

The light was watched for half an hour and at one stage several stabs of light came out from below, then it moved slowly across the country for a couple of miles. It seemed to float sideways, when it stopped four distinct reddish lights appeared in a rectangle on the white light. The light was still in the sky when the Stroessingers went back to bed."

February continued to be a fruitful month for the Centre with another early morning case this time from Eaglehawk Neck on the 26th. The Hobart Mercury carried the story somewhat belatedly on March 12th.

"Mr Ohlsen said the sighting gave him an eerie chill. A bright yellow/white light was noticed low over the Blowhole. It looked like a cross between a crescent moon and a meat pie. Mr Ohlsen who had been a sceptic before the sighting, said there was no sound as the light gained elevation, then seemed to fade out in a clear sky. Mr Ohlsen said he had come forward because of a similar mystery light reported from Maatsuyker Island."

Cigar Shape and Vapour.

March saw yet another strange case keep the pot on the boil, this time on the 4th at about 11.30pm. A motorist returning from Queenstown told of the encounter near Hamilton as he headed home on the Lyell Highway.

Initially Mr L noticed a vapour trail on the right side of the road, it was 7mts off the ground and rising, the cloud crossed the road and L drove beneath it assuming there must be some rational explanation.

South of Hamilton the same or similar vapour trail reappeared to the right of the road. This time L decided to pull up and see what was going on! As L got out of his car he had a brief glimpse of a large blue football shape some 1km distant. L thought he must be imagining things as all he could see now was a cloud in the spot where the blue object had been, it was the only cloud visible against the black night sky. Then L saw a long white cigar like shape seem to emerge from this cloud, the object was soon enveloped in the cloud but not before a beam of light could be seen shining down from the cloud onto the ground. L could see trees and fences for quite a distance towards the object.

The beam disappeared at the approach of another car so L signalled to the vehicle which pulled up just along the road. He never took the name of the people in the car but they said they had seen the light in the sky as they approached. Whilst chatting to the passengers of the car L recounts how the large blue shape materialized in the cloud.

There were no discernible markings but the shape was well defined and somewhat iridescent. A second car was now heard coming up the road. The blue shape now for a few seconds emitted a beam of light before moving steeply up and away towards the south west, it was gone in a matter of seconds.

Quite a number of the Centre's sightings have involved cigar shapes and vapour, the last such case being in our 1985 Report when a cigar and cloud case came from Greens Beach. (July 15th 84.

Sightings of the sixties

Another of the Centre's sightings made the headlines, this time in the Hobart Mercury of April 16th after a 3am sighting two days earlier on the 14th.

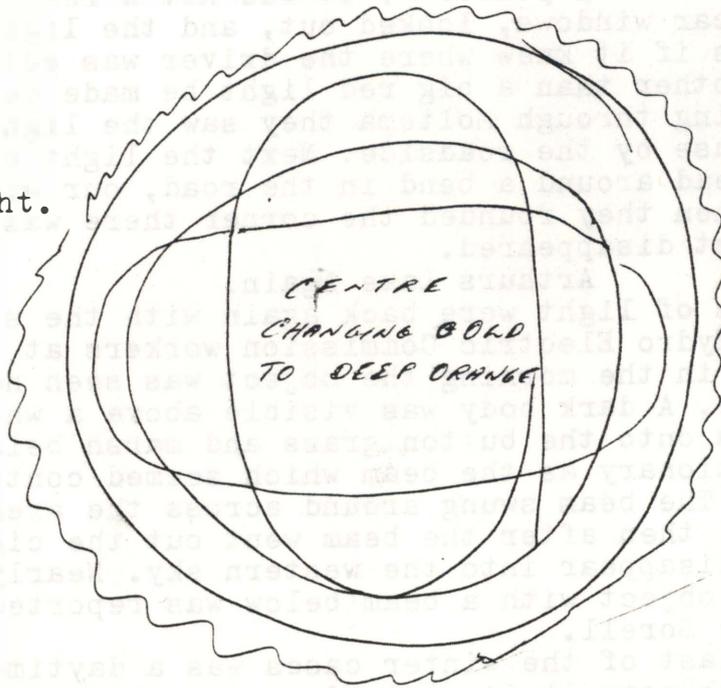
"Four flying saucers were reported hovering over a hill in South Hobart by a woman on her way to work.

Mrs Worbel saw the saucers at 3am. The four convex shaped saucers were hovering in a horizontal line over a small hill half a mile distant (800m). She watched one of the light pinkish saucers rise 7mts above the others before returning to its place. The saucers then changed to bright green and disappeared without a trace. A bright light which hurt her eyes came from beneath the saucers and lit up the trees below."

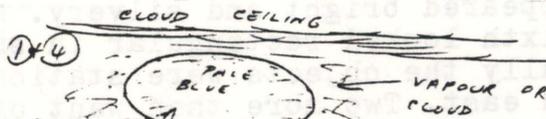
The era produced a large percentage of cases with beams of lights and multiple objects. Winter of 1966 saw a few more cases coming in before the Centre ran into its first lull in reports. No exact dates could be given by the witnesses for the events other than they all occurred about winter time.

Witnesses sketches.

Mid sixties
Jericho Light.



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BRIF GLIMPSE BEFORE
OBJECT 'BURIED' ITSELF
IN 'CLOUD'.



4
OBJECT ABOUT 200' LONG
60' WIDE.

GLIMPSE WHEN FIRST GOT OUT OF CAR
AND THEN LATER WITH OTHER PEOPLE



3
STRANGE
'CLOUD'
GROUND
LIT UP BY
LIGHT FROM
CLOUD
X MY POSITION



5
LIGHT BEAM
JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE
OF OBJECT

March 1966, Hamilton.

Sightings of the sixties

The first winter case of 1966 came from Collins Cap about 8.30pm one evening. The witness had gone out to meet his father and was walking down the road when a glowing orange blob appeared out of the north east. It was slowly approaching and following the contour of the ground. As it came closer he could hear a throb noise that seemed to beat every second and reminded him of a wobble board.

The object continued to come closer and in fact the witness says it passed directly over head at an elevation of some 30mts. It looked to have a bright orange and blue dome on a dark shadowy triangle shape that carried no other features. The witness estimated it as being 3mts in width. It continued on towards the south and went out of sight over the hills giving off a shower of sparks from behind as it was lost from view.

The action moved next to the North West when a red light paced a motorist near Moltema for some 10 minutes. About 11.15pm two travellers noticed a red light well off to the east above the hills. However, the light swung across the sky to take up a position alongside their car. The light which was estimated as being a mere 5mts ahead of them was about 10mts off the ground.

They increased and decreased speed but the light seemed to be able to maintain its position. It was not a reflection as they wound down the car windows, looked out, and the light was still there! It was almost as if it knew where the driver was going. At no stage could anything other than a big red light be made out.

Passing through Moltema they saw the light gain elevation to go over a house by the roadside. Next the light crossed the road and went off ahead around a bend in the road, our witnesses were surprised to find when they rounded the corner there was no light to be seen. It had just disappeared.

Arthurs Lake Again.

Beams of light were back again with the sighting of a cigar shape by Hydro Electric Commission workers at Arthurs Lake. About two (2am) in the morning the object was seen near the western side of the lake. A dark body was visible above a white beam shining down some 100mts onto the button grass and marsh below. The cigar was practically stationary as the beam which seemed contained did not cast a reflection. The beam swung around across the area for the best part of an hour, then after the beam went out the cigar shape seemed to rise up and disappear into the western sky. Nearly 10 years later in 1975 another object with a beam below was reported to the Centre from nearby Lake Sorell.

The last of the winter cases was a daytime report from Geeveston. Six objects it is claimed were observed against the bright blue sky, they appeared bright and silvery. However, one object was different. The sixth looked rectangular in shape and was half black and white. Initially the objects were stationary but then two went away to the south east. Two more then went off south west before the fifth came closer as it moved away into the north eastern sky. Last of all the rectangular object also went off to the north east, tumbling over and over as it departed to complete this amazing display of objects.

Penguin Photograph.

Sightings now became few and far between and in our next case regrettably information has been lost on a photographic case from Penguin on February 24th 1967.

Three Adelaide tourists were travelling past Three Sisters Islands near Penguin at 5.15pm when they spotted a row of flying objects above the water. The driver stopped the car and one of the tourists jumped out and took a photograph of the things.

Sightings of the sixties

The photograph showed four flying objects at different levels surrounded by dark shadows like rings, they appeared white in the picture. The objects were hovering when the picture was taken but shot off at great speed straight afterwards. They were silvery and oval. The report is similar in numbers and shape to the South Hobart case of April 1966.

Another Multiple Sighting.

Sightings of multiple objects seemed to be the vogue for the mid nineteen sixties and yet another case appears in the Hobart Mercury of August 29th 1967.

Six UFOs were seen by Mr Singline and six others out hunting near Binalong Bay in North East Tasmania.

The lights were spotted flying out of a gully and when they came closer it could be discerned that they were saucer like. There were little lights all around and a bright light in the middle underneath.

"When I trained the spotlight on them, we could see they were black on top and white underneath," said Mr Singline. The objects seemed shy of the spotlight and one by one went out, re-lighting at a respectable distance away from the spotlight. Then they all darted off to the east - still in formation.

Mr Singline said the sighting was about 8.15pm. His spotlight had a range of about 400mts

Cars and Close Encounters.

Nineteen sixty eight saw only 3 reports, still the quietest year for the Centre since formation in 1965. The first two cases involved motorists. In the first report it was claimed that car headlights failed twice when a yellow beam of light shone on a car. A second motorist reported that a white-blue glowing flat object paced his car between Stanley and Smithton. It just disappeared like a light being turned off.

The last sighting in our series was reported to the Centre well after the event but the Close Encounter has remained as a vivid memory for the witness. The sighting which occurred near Murdunna on the Tasman Peninsula happened during the 1968 Christmas holiday.

Mr A noticed a flash whilst fishing one evening. The source of the flash was on the hill behind him, maybe some 400mts distant. At first he thought a tree or telephone pole was on fire. However, then he was able to observe that the flash had come from an oval shape which was at tree top level.

The object was dark on top, had a white band around the centre, and was blue below that. Red sparks were falling from beneath but fading out and failing to reach the ground below. The object which was very low was clearly visible against the background of the nearby hills.

The object showed no sign of movement and Mr A watched and wondered what it was he was watching, the best part of 15 minutes passed before the object suddenly departed. There was a swish sound and the witness saw the sparks trail off as a clear light shot away in front of the hills at fantastic speed. In a matter of seconds the light had disappeared towards the west. He said there were reports of lights from Bruny Island that evening, in fact the Centre has details on lights reported from the Island at Christmas 1968.

Hunter had "saucers" in spotlight

A BINALONG BAY man "spotlighted" six unidentified flying objects about a mile from his home on Tuesday night.



UFO NEWS 1985

Death of Frank Gillespie.....
We report, with regret the death of Frank Gillespie at the end of 1985. He failed to respond to chemotherapy treatment for his cancer. Frank will be missed. His recent contributions included editorship of the ACUFOS Journal, organisation of annual conferences and administrative duties. Those who attended UFOCON in Hobart in 1983 will remember Frank.

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CHINA SEES 600 UFOs SINCE 80 (Examiner 29/8/85)

More than 600 unidentified flying objects have been reported in China in the past five years, according to a report from the country's first UFO Seminar.

The meeting of 40 scientists in the northeast part of Dalian ended Tuesday the official Xinhua news agency reported. One scholar said the first UFO picture in the world was taken in China's northeast city of Tianjin 40 years ago. China set up its first UFO research society in 1981 and it now has 20000 members.

The most recent sighting was spectacular. The pilot of a CAA state airline Boeing 747 jetliner encountered a UFO whose brilliance extended for 40 to 50km. The pilot said he spotted the object in June (85) as he flew over western China's Gansu province on a flight to Paris.

The object travelled extremely fast pacing the aircraft in a southerly direction for about two minutes. In a later press report, pilot Wang Shuting was quoted as saying the yellow UFO appeared only as large as a walnut when viewed from the cockpit. He said it glowed much brighter than other stars in the sky.

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ITALY

ACUFOS Oct 85.

It sounds like the Italian summer sky has been filled with UFOs! "It is the best year yet for the UFO", according to Dr Eduardo Rosso

President of the National Centre for Ufology. Hundreds of calls were received with 78 unexplained cases remaining. Amongst the reports: A Boeing 747 pilot flying over Milan reported a "cigar-shaped object" which looked "like a missile" passed the Jumbo soom 100m away. A couple claimed they saw a UFO land and send out a yellow fog which killed the engine of their car. Two army generals watched a luminous cigar-shaped object over the Pordenone army base. Two motorists claimed they were approached by aliens in Pordenone. Another couple said they were approached by an armless humanoid. But perhaps the international quote of the month belongs to a Ministry of Defence official: "We don't believe these things and we don't want them in our files".

PEOPLE 1-2-85

'UFO vadis?' over Italy

ITALY IS experiencing a UFO invasion. From the northern Alps to the island of Sicily, startled citizens have spotted dozens.

- The captain of an Olympic Airways Jumbo told Milan control tower that a "cigar-shaped object" had passed his plane.
- Later, dozens of witnesses saw 28 UFOs doing aerial acrobatics over Trieste.
- In Pordenone, two motorists claimed they were approached by silvery aliens.
- Another couple claimed they saw a saucer land and send out a yellow fog which killed their car engine.
- Two army generals watched a luminous cigar floating over an army base.

But not all Italians were agog. A defence ministry official said: "We don't believe in these nonsensical things — and we don't want them in our files."

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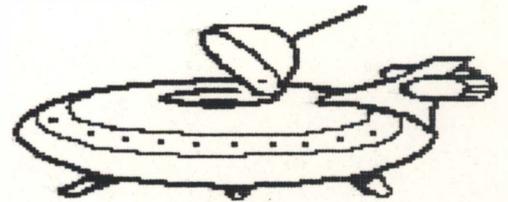
ANNUAL REPORT LATE

The TUFQIC Annual Report magazine is usually printed in February each year. We regret that the 1986 issue is now two months overdue, this is mainly due to the fact that our Liaison Officer, Paul Jackson, moved house at the beginning of the year, and it became difficult to devote enough spare time to the Centre to get the Magazine printed on time. For this I apologize to all members, groups and correspondents.

Our next Publication will be the June Newsletter, which should be printed and posted out in early July, this should put us back on schedule.

Paul Jackson

FOR SALE



See the Annual Report for a list of TUFQIC Publications now available.

Weekly News June 4, 1985 (Australian Int: UFO Flying Saucer Research)

"I was kidnapped by space aliens" by J.F Pirkel.

A 17-year old peasant girl's astounding account of being kidnapped by space aliens who subjected her to a physical examination aboard a hovering UFO has been confirmed by scientists.

The classified document was leaked in New Delhi by disgruntled high-ranking officials of the Indian Ministry of Health. The detailed government report, which included photographs of the victim, said that Indu Shah was found just before dawn wandering alone near her village on the Ganges River in the state of Bihar.

"The girl appeared confused and disoriented when she was found by a farmer who had known the subject all her life", said the report written by Dr Adi Tarafdir, head of the government research team that examined Indu in a New Delhi hospital later that day.

"The farmer noticed small patches of skin on the girl's face, arms and legs were glowing although he was afraid to touch her, he took the subject back to the village in his cart".

The girl, who had been missing for three days, told her parents the astonishing story of her abduction. Indu's frightened family beleived she was hallucinating and rushed her to the nearest medical facility, a military hospital. Army physicians conducted a preliminary examination of the subject, noting high levels of radioactivity. A top government medical team began a battery of sophisticated tests. "We found areas of intense radioactivity confined to perfectly round patches of skin," Tarafdir reported. Researchers could find no plausible explanation for the radioactive patches until the teenager was injected with sodium pentothal and interviewed by psychologists.

Under the influence of the "truth serum", Indu said she was walking in a field on the day of her mysterious disappearance when a silver, saucer-shaped craft suddenly hovered over her.

The teenager said she was drenched in a bright light and was unable to move before she felt herself rising through the beam towards the UFO.

"Inside the craft she was spoken to in her native dialect by a pair of dwarf-like aliens who assured her that she would not be harmed," according to Tarafdir. "The subject said she beleived there were other aliens aboard, but she never saw them!"

The girl was placed in a glass booth equiped with a machine that slowly descended from her head to her feet. We must conclude that this was some type of advanced x-ray, which would account for the radioactivity in her body.

The report daid Indu had no idea how long she was in the spacecraft and remembered nothing else before she was found wandering near her village.

Tarafdir said the lie detector tests confirmed the girl was telling the truth about every detail of the bizarre kidnapping. "The only conclusion that can be drawn based on all the evidence is that Indu Shah was captured and examined by beings from another planet" the scientists' report stated.

MERCURY 2-1-86

That's odd

<p>THE then-Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill ordered a Ministerial report on flying saucers, according to UK cabinet papers released yesterday under the 30-year rule.</p>	<p>In a memo to the Air Ministry, he demanded: "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it all mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your conveni-</p>	<p>ence". The answer from Air Secretary Lord De L'Isle and Dudley — that the "stuff" did not amount to much — clearly satisfied him.</p>
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