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EDITORIAL

A significant new step has been made in the field of international UFO research. Australia has now joined the Centre for UFO Studies, founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. This Centre is not a small organisation. In the U.S. it has hundreds of investigators. It also has a private WATS telephone line in use 24 hours a day. This service extends from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast. Every police chief and sheriff, throughout the United States refers UFO sightings straight to the Centre. They have also been invited by the Library of Congress to have their name listed in the National Referral Centre, a public service providing aid to individuals who wish to know where information on any particular subject can be obtained. C.U.F.O.S. has access to modern computers and are forming a central data bank of UFO information - information theory and modern methods of retrieval, pattern recognition etc. are used to establish patterns and correlations between various UFO parameters (time, place, demographic factors, witness reliability, types of sightings etc.)

The Centre also has at its disposal several laboratories, which will be concerned in part, with laboratory analyses of plants, trees, soil that has been affected by the presence of UFOs with the reported effects on the operations of cars, radios, television receivers and electrical systems, with medical studies of witnesses who have reported being temporarily blinded, paralysed and subject to nausea, headaches etc.

The membership of the Centre is made up largely of professional scientists and engineers, and faculty members from various universities around the country. The Centre is entirely supported by private funds.

The Smithsonian Institute co-operates with the Centre For UFO Studies, in transmitting UFO sighting reports they receive. In return the Centre contact them when they receive reports of bright meteors and other phenomena of interest to them.

Australia is now participating in the work of the C.U.F.O.S. The local branch will be known as THE CENTRE FOR UFO STUDIES - AUSTRALIAN CO-ORDINATION SECTION.

We also at this point, wish to make it very clear that the ACOS is in no way associated with, or part of any organisation within Australia - the only one it is directly associated with is the main Centre in the United States.

Professor Hynek sincerely hopes that ALL Australian UFO organisations will partake in this opportunity and join the Co-ordination section. We now wish to quote part of a letter from Dr. Hynek.

"The UFO phenomenon is certainly a global phenomenon and it is necessary to study it on a global basis. Assistance from all parts of the world is welcomed and the Centre for UFO Studies - Australian Co-ordination Section joins its counterparts in France, England, Canada, South America and Japan. It is of great importance to intercompare the UFO phenomenon as it occurs in various parts of the world and to co-ordinate its study.

The Centre for UFO Studies in the United States operates a toll-free telephone line for the use of official agencies in transmitting UFO sighting reports. It has obtained the co-operation of law enforcement agencies across the country and it is hoped that the Australian Section will be similarly successful in obtaining the co-operation of Australian officials".

The Centre defines a UFO as "the reported perception on an object or light seen in the sky or on land, the appearance, trajectory and general dynamic and luminescent behaviour of which do not suggest a logical conventional explanation, and which is not only mystifying to the original percipient but remains unidentified after close scrutiny of all available evidence by persons who are technically capable of making a common sense identification, if one is possible".

The Australian co-ordinators for C.U.F.O.S. are:- Mr. Harry Griesburg and Mr. David Seargent, and the address:-

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SIGHTINGS

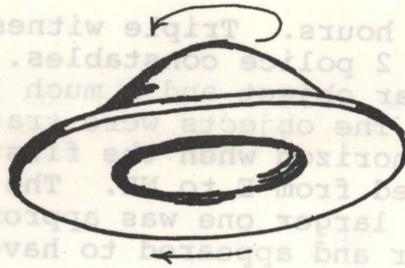
Sightings continue to flow in at a fairly substantial rate from all over the state. Main areas of activity are:

Sydney Metropolitan, Blue Mountains and North Coast.

We have detailed several recent sightings in this newsletter however there are still a large number that are currently in the process of investigation and final appraisal. These will be detailed in our subsequent newsletters.

The Blue Mountains are an area of continued high activity. To examine this area more closely, we will hold a number of field nights in localities that seem to have an attraction for UFOs. All members are eligible to participate in these trips. Details will be given at meetings and also published in the newsletter.

5.3.74 - 0145 hours 2 witnesses watched an unusual orange light for approximately 1-2 minutes from Ben Buckler Headland, Bondi. The object was first seen travelling from E to SW. It suddenly turned on its axis, giving a clear view of the top and bottom which appeared to be rotating in opposite directions (see sketch) The object changed altitude several times and was eventually lost to view as it travelled to the S at high speed. The object was larger than the apparent size of a star, the colour changing to deep orange as it sped off. Visibility at the time was excellent with no clouds or moon visible. No sound was heard at any time during the sighting.

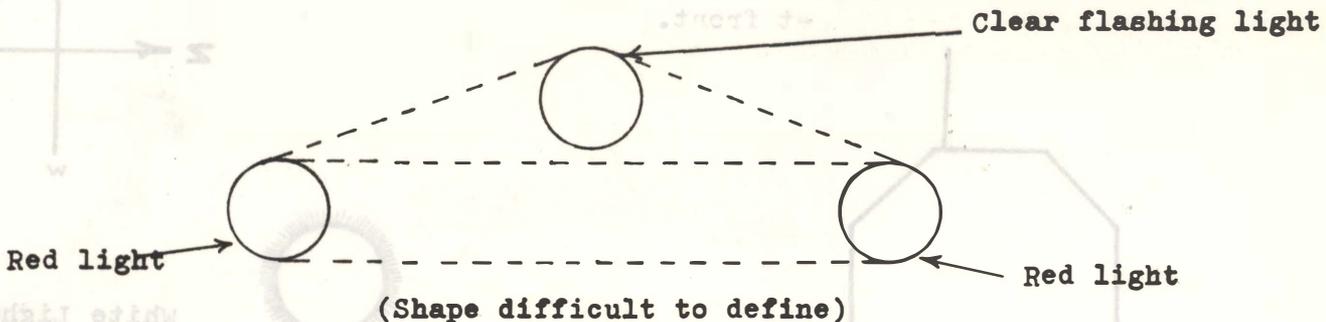


Deep orange colour.

Arrows indicate direction of rotation of top & base of object.

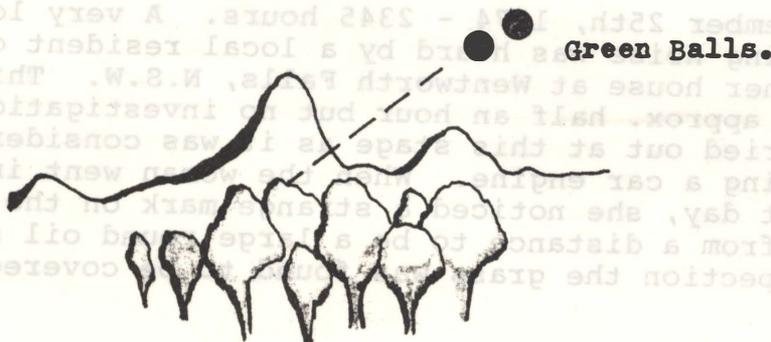
OBJECT SEEN AT BONDI ON 5TH. MARCH 1974.

13.5.74 - 2130 hours 4 witnesses watched 2 unusual objects from West Ryde for approximately 7 minutes. The objects were roughly oval shaped with a red light either side and a flashing white light in the centre (see sketch). The objects appeared to be larger than an aeroplane, travelling faster than a helicopter. Both were completely silent. At first only one object was seen travelling in a Westerly direction before coming to a sudden stop and hovering. A second object appeared and joined the first object. Both then instantly disappeared. The weather at the time was clear.



EYEWITNESS DRAWING OF OBJECT SEEN AT WEST RYDE ON MAY 13, 1974.

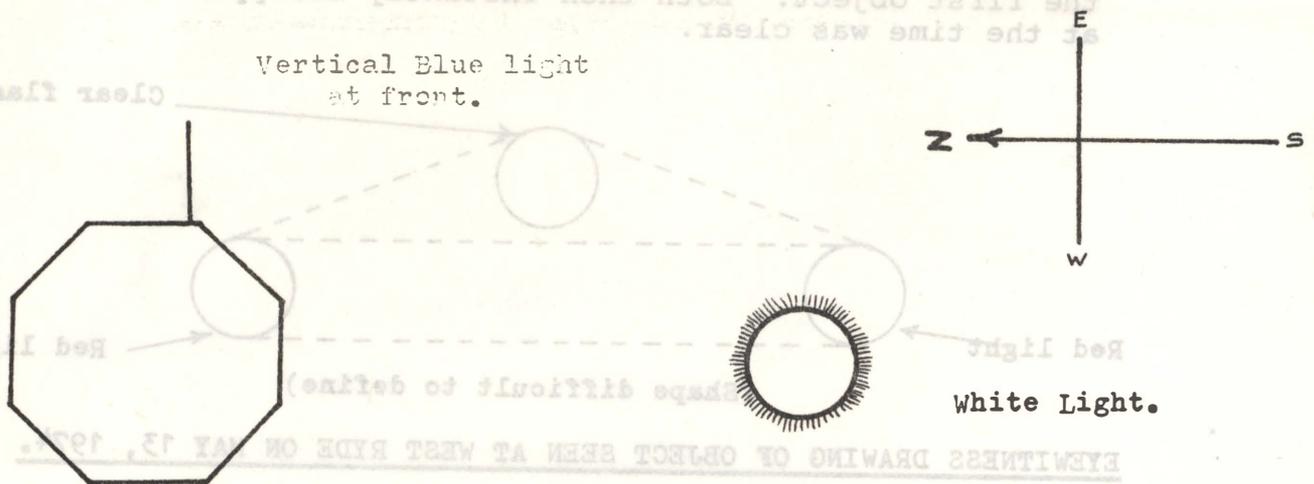
27/5/74 - 2100 hours A single witness observed 2 green objects for 2 to 3 seconds at Narrabri, N.S.W. The objects were seen at 45° elevation in the NE heading towards the ground at 45°. The objects were bright emerald green, and suddenly appeared in the sky travelling rapidly towards the ground until they were lost behind trees. This sighting has all the characteristics of a classic "green fireball" type of sighting.



SKETCH OF OBJECTS SEEN AT NARRABRI ON MAY 5

10.7.74 - 2230 hours. Single witness sighting at Brighton-le-Sands, N.S.W. The witness' attention was attracted by 3 lights that appeared to merge into a triangle. The lights were white in colour with the extreme right hand light exhibiting a tendency to change to a red-orange-green combination of hues. All the lights were approximately the size of Venus and appeared to be directly over Royal National Park. As this area is one of the main approach paths to Sydney Airport, it is more than likely that this sighting was no more than a very unusual formation of aircraft lights, however due to insufficient information a firm evaluation is not possible at this stage.

15.4.74 - 0320 hours. Triple witness sighting at Parkes, N.S.W. which included 2 police constables. Two objects were sighted - a small circular object and a much larger diamond shaped object (see sketch). The objects were travelling in formation approx. 10° above the horizon when the first was sighted. The direction of travel varied from E to NE. The objects were completely silent and the larger one was approximately 4 times the size of a helicopter and appeared to have portholes and a well lit interior. The witnesses felt that the object was intelligently controlled. Shortly after this, a RAAF report on this incident was received by one of the Police constables in which the Air Force felt that the 3 men had been watching Venus and Jupiter at the time. It must be conceded that the position of the objects coincides exactly with that of Venus and Jupiter on the night in question, but the detailed description of an object 4 times larger than a helicopter and with lighted portholes tends to discount the Jupiter/Venus explanation. It must also be remembered that at least 2 of the witnesses are trained observers. We have requested further details on this case, but unfortunately have received no reply.



Well lit up with
Interior lights

Both objects had very bright exterior lights

EYEWITNESS DRAWING OF OBJECTS SEEN AT WELLINGTON RD. PARKES.

December 25th, 1974 - 2345 hours. A very loud high pitched reving noise was heard by a local resident coming from the rear of her house at Wentworth Falls, N.S.W. This noise continued for approx. half an hour but no investigation of the sound was carried out at this stage as it was considered to be someone reving a car engine. When the woman went into the backyard next day, she noticed a strange mark on the ground. It appeared from a distance to be a large round oil slick, but on closer inspection the grass was found to be covered with spherical

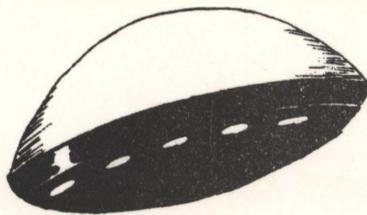
SKETCH OF OBJECTS SEEN AT WARRABRI ON MAY 2

grey charcoal like particles. The particles appeared to be much heavier toward one side of the circle and a clothes line support normally located near the circle had been knocked over. No unusual odour was detected. Unfortunately the UFOIC investigation section did not receive notice of this incident until June 1974. A thorough investigation was immediately instigated, but due to the delay there was not much the section could do but to detail the incident accurately. The charcoal-like substance had long since disappeared and no-one had thought to preserve any of the material. We have managed to obtain verification of both the noise and the mark from another witness.

2/6/74 - 1630 hours. The witness was standing outside the local primary school at Wentworth Falls. Her attention was suddenly drawn to 6 very bright lights moving overhead. The lights were coming from a very dark grey circular object moving slowly and silently toward the W. As the angle and distance of the object increased a clear plastic like dome could be seen. This covered the whole upper area of the object. No interior detail could be seen due to the sighting angle. The object was visible for a total of 8 minutes.



MRS.H. OF WENTWORTH FALLS & NEIGHBOUR POINTING TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE STRANGE MARK APPEARED.



Clear Plastic like dome

5 lights shining through tubes at rear of vehicle.

Lower portion very dark grey in colour

OBJECT SEEN AT WENTWORTH FALLS
NEAR KATOOMBA ON JUNE 4, 1974



It is of note that the preceding sighting occurred in an area which continues to be the centre of a high amount of UFO activity. We feel that this part of the State should be singled out for an extensive research program.

To this end, we have and will place a number of notices in the local papers requesting anyone who has information that could be of use to contact us. The first notice was placed in the Blue Mountains Advertiser in August and we received four useful replies. Due to the poor response, the next insertion will be somewhat different.

Detailed maps of sightings over long periods will be drawn up and UFO direction of travel will be plotted. As research widens in the area, we will publish details of our results including maps, diagrams etc. in the Newsletter.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th December 1974 at the Railway Institute, adjoining Central Railway Station in Devonshire Street, Sydney. All members are cordially invited to attend. Meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m.



MRS. H. OF WENTWORTH FALLS & NEIGHBOUR POINTING TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE STRANGE MARK APPEARED.

Clear plastic like dome

2 lights shining through tubes at rear of vehicle.



(approx. 6 lights at front of object)

Lower portion very dark grey in colour

OBJECT SEEN AT WENTWORTH FALLS NEAR KATOomba ON JUNE 4, 1974

