

"Flying Saucer" believed plane

MELBOURNE.— Civil Aviation officials believe that a "flying saucer" seen by a Melbourne pilot was the reflection of a Convair airliner in flight.

They formed this opinion after the pilot, Captain D. Barker, of A.N.A., sketched the object.

WHERE HE SAW IT

He reported seeing the object flying towards Templestowe, an outer suburb.

A Convair was flying over another suburb, Eltham, for landing gear tests, about the time Captain Barker reported seeing the "flying saucer."

Captain J. P. Boyd, who flew the Convair on its testing flight, and radar screen operators at Essendon saw nothing unusual.

Civil Aviation Department officials said that no other aircraft was near the area at the time.

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Captain Barker said however: "I couldn't possibly confuse the object with any plane."

The Regional Director of the Civil Aviation Department, Mr. A. R. McComb, admitted that Captain Barker was a "very experienced pilot, who is not likely to imagine things."