

FAMILY SEE FLYING "DUMBBELL"

Adelaide, Jan. 21.—The latest report in the spate of South Australian flying saucer sightings came from a St. Morris family last night.

They said that they watched a flying "dumbbell" manoeuvring over the Adelaide Hills for more than a quarter of an hour.

Mr. C. H. Baker, of Green street, St. Morris, said he his 14-year-old son, Geoffrey, and another boy had first seen the strange object about 6.10 p.m. when they were walking home through the playground of the St. Morris school.

Geoffrey pointed the object out to me," he added.

"It appeared to be two flat discs joined by a rod. It looked like a dumbbell."

The object appeared to be several miles away, due west over Mt. Lofty ranges and at a great height.

"It appeared to be hovering and there were no lights showing," said Mr. Barker.

"From the distance it was away I should say the object was huge.

"Each disc must have been 50 to 100 ft. in diameter for us to see them as clearly as we did."

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started to move east, towards them at about twice the speed of an airliner.

"Just before we reached

some," Mr Barker added, "the object changed direction and headed north.

"It did not bank and turn like an ordinary plane, but changed direction 90 degrees."

Mr. Barker said that when he reached home he called his wife and she also watched the "dumbell."

"At the closest point it got to us I gathered the impression that it was flying very high, just below the cloud ceiling."

Mr. Barker said that while he was climbing on to a shed at the rear of his house to get a better view, his wife watched the object fall.

Mrs. Barker said it "fell like a stone" and vanished below the hills in the direction of Gawler.

Mr. Barker reported the sighting to civil aviation officers at Parafield.

Officers there said later that there were no civilian or R.A.A.F. aircraft in the vicinity at the time and no weather balloons had been released.
