

**To The Editor**

Sir—From a news item in "The Advertiser" (20/12/54) I learn that a "flying saucer" shot across the northern suburbs of Melbourne at 2.15 a.m. on Sunday (SA time), at a height of less than 2,500 ft., being observed over a track some five miles long.

One hour later, the same saucer, or a sister ship (if the term may be allowed) was investigating the sky above Adelaide, hovering or moving at subsonic speeds. At low speeds it would emit no light, and hence would be invisible or at least inconspicuous. As it departed it accelerated rapidly, probably vertically, and in passing through the "sound barrier" it caused the familiar bang which is often produced by modern jet aircraft. This bang was heard over a large area of the city, shaking windows and causing a slight, but prolonged, tremor to be felt at Burnside.

Here are no optical illusions or mass hallucinations. These things exist and if they are of terrestrial origin the public on whom they are inflicted have a right to demand a scientific explanation. Lacking this, I can only conclude that the "saucers" come from outer space.

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