

# Balloon theory on UFO

**The RAAF issued a report yesterday on its investigations into the sighting of an unidentified flying object near Canberra on July 15.**

The report gave three possibilities — condensation from a jet aircraft's engines, the planet Venus and a weather balloon.

The report appeared to lean towards the idea that the object was a balloon.

It said balloons could often be seen from long distances because of their reflecting surface, sometimes appeared hazy, and on occasions could appear to change colour.

The report added that the balloons could often disappear suddenly, as did the object seen from Canberra, because they burst at varying altitudes.

## Bungendore find

Reports of the object came from a number of people, including Department of Civil Aviation officers on duty at the RAAF base, Fairbairn.

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Yesterday Mr J. J. Harrison, of Bungendore, reported that earlier in the

week he had found a burst weather balloon on his property, about four miles east of Bungendore.

He found it after a windy night and believed it could not have been in the paddock for long, as it was not torn.

"The wind would have whipped it to pieces if it had been there long," he said.

Mr Harrison reported the find to Bungendore police and has kept the balloon as a souvenir.

SYDNEY, Friday. — Newspapers, radio and TV stations were bombarded with calls about a glowing object which passed slowly across Sydney tonight.

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across Sydney tonight.

The object was soon identified, however, as a weather balloon sent aloft by the Bureau of Meteorology and carrying a yellow lamp.

The bureau and Mascot airport authorities received at least a dozen calls from excited people.