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UFO was RAAF aircraft

Canberra's latest unidentified flying object, which excited hundreds of people last night, turned out to be a RAAF aircraft taking part in tracking operations at Tidbinbilla Tracking Station.

Early last night the aircraft began swinging in a wide arc across the southwestern Canberra sky, its twin identification lights merging into one red-tinted glow.

Worried residents rang RAAF Fairbairn and The Canberra Times, reporting the phenomenon and asking for explanations while the mysterious light continued on its steady path.

Hours later a weary RAAF base switch-girl was still explaining.

Engineers at Tidbinbilla were testing their tracking equipment by fixing on a radio beam from the aircraft, on the same frequency as that to be used soon by an American space satellite, which Tidbinbilla will track.