

Silent, brilliant flying object

was not an aircraft

About 7pm on September 25, I was sitting in the garden watching some swallows darting about in the moonlight catching insects and thinking what marvellous eyesight they must have.

The night was clear and cloudless and a half-moon was nearly overhead. Then into my line of vision came what at first I took to be a small Cessna aircraft coming in to land at Wanigela airstrip.

I wondered if I could help in any way, and then I noticed that the "aircraft" was brilliantly illuminated in what I took to be the

WHAT I TOOK TO BE THE cabin and that it was quite noiseless and was moving very slowly — not more than 10 knots an hour — in a northerly direction.

Then I noticed that it didn't seem to have a fuselage, only several brilliant white lights in what I took to be the cabin of the craft

The brilliant lights were in the form of an egg with another one or two bright lights in what I took to be the tail section.

Then the craft hovered for a few seconds and I decided it must be a helicopter. However, the complete lack of sound from the craft had me puzzled.

It continued moving slowly in a northerly direction until it disappeared behind some trees.

During the time the craft was in my line of

craft was in my line of vision it could not have been more than two or three hundred feet from the ground and about a quarter of a mile from where I was sitting.

It had come into my line of vision from a southerly direction, along the coast of Collingwood Bay.

Thinking about it afterwards I realised that no aircraft would carry such brilliant white lights and have them all switched on while coming in for a landing.

Also I had assumed that the craft had a fuselage by the positioning of the lights which formed an egg-shape in what I took to be the cabin, with a couple of other brilliant white lights in what I took to be the tail section.

However, these lights were very brilliant and white and to my know-

white and to my knowledge no aircraft carries that kind of lighting.

Judging by the position of the lights I saw I should say the craft was about the size of a single-engine Cessna.

I was not the only person to sight the UFO. When our local staff reported for work the following morning some of them said they had distinctly seen the craft.

My wife reported the sighting to DCA the following morning and the officer she spoke to said they had no report of any aircraft being in the Wanigela area at that time.

Wanigela, N.D.

**A clever
move?**

Perhaps the most impressive feature of the mass march by Papuans demanding separatism in Moresby on Wednesday was the absence of the Member for Central Regional, Miss Josephine Abaijah.

This, coupled with the size of the marching group (variously reported as between 2000 and 3000), makes me feel for the first time that there really is a strong wish among Papuans to have a state of their own.

Port Moresby.

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