

# UFO PILOT 'NOT HIDING IN BUSH'

Steve Robey quashed suggestions that the pilot was flying upside down.

"I don't believe he was disoriented because he was communicating quite clearly," said Robey.

One report to the Department of Transport says the metallic sound which ended the Valentich-Robey conversation was like two drink cans

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being banged together.

But Robey said: "It sounded like the rapid keying of a mike."

Valentich spoke his last words to Robey from the blue and white Cessna, Delta Sierra Juliet, at 7.12 pm.

He said he was over

Cape Otway and below 1500m. He was due at King Island at 7.28 pm.

A friend of Valentich, who would not be named, said near Cape Otway yesterday: "Freddie was too good a pilot to go down in the drink.

"We believe his radio failed and he must have turned back to land."

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