

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Jan 54	2. LOCATION Mallala, South Australia	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2105 GMT 15/1105Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Momentary	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver obj in straight flight with yellow tail disappeared in mid-air. Obj in sight only momentary. Passed overhead in Northerly flight. Sound like a/c with motors cut assumed to accompany object.		11. COMMENTS Probable meteor (bolide) sighting.

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Royal Australian Air Force
Headquarters
R.A.A.F. Mallala

19 January, 1954

The Secretary,
Air Board, (Director of Intelligence)
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne

Sightings of Unusual Objects

Attached herewith reports of sightings of the above by Miss [REDACTED] of Mallala, S.Aus., and Mr. [REDACTED], St. Morris, S.Aus.

(Sgd.)
(R.D. MILLER)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

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REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED

(The numbers and questions follow same pattern as those in report beginning on page 2. Only answers are given below.)

1. Miss [REDACTED]
2. Mallala, S.Aus.
3. Home duties on fathers farm
4. 2105 on January 15th, 1954
5. Momentary
6. 138°28'E 34°31'S
7. Overhead and in front
8. Noise
9. Definite object
10. One only
11. Silver
12. Like two plates joined together
13. No
14. No
15. Yes, slight sound like that of an aircraft with its motors out
16. Unascertainable
17. Unascertainable
18. - -
19. Passed overhead traveling northwards
20. Straight path
21. Yellow trail
22. Mid-air
23. No
24. Clear sky
25. None known
26. Adelaide Meteorological Bureau. West Terrace. Adelaide

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Jan 54	2. LOCATION Melbourne, Australia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 930PM 2130 GMT 15/1130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE varied	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Faint whirring sound and then object dropped in front of observers at a distance estimated to be 300 ft. Obj looked like a mushroom with a short stem. Two small green lights underneath. obj descended to about 200 ft and remained stationary, green lights went out and noise increased. Remained for 10 minutes in this position. 150 ft in diameter. Had band around middle of bright metal about 12 ft wide. Rest of obj dull stem 20 ft diameter and 25 ft long total bottom to top 60 ft. Whirring ceased and obj rose accompanied by yellow gaseous light		11. COMMENTS Sighting descriptive of balloon which had a leak and descended, then rose and finally burst giving the appearance of rapid departure. coming from bottom of stem. Rose to above 3,000 ft and gas stopped. Green lights reappeared on sides of stem. Circled and appeared to be stationary at 3,000. Rise and circling took 10 min. Roar and yellow gaseous light and object disappeared climbing higher in NE direction	

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Melbourne
17th January, 1954

Intelligence Officer
R.A.A.F. Headquarters
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
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Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice the sighting of an object, which could be described as a "Flying Saucer". The sighting occurred while I was in the company of a lady, and although our association was harmless, the meeting was clandestine, and if known could be most embarrassing to the lady. Under the circumstances it was the lady's wish, and my undertaking to her that the sighting not be reported. However, after careful consideration I feel it my duty to report the matter fully, and to honour the lady's wish, I will refrain from mentioning our names which will obviate any risk of her identity and/or association with me, becoming known. Also, in writing to you, I feel more confident than if writing to a Civil Department, that the whole matter will be treated in confidence. You may, of course, regard this as just an anonymous letter, but in view of the foregoing I earnestly request that it not be treated as such, as please appreciate that I would hardly go to this trouble to mislead you, or anyone else.

Both me, and my companions were without watches, and therefore the times mentioned can only be approximate, but you could no doubt establish accurate times, if you so desired, from events that will be mentioned. Naturally any measurements given can only be regarded as approximate.

The sighting occurred on Friday last, the 15th. inst., and we were in a car parked

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near a Gravel Quarry at the Paps, which are two hills about 5 miles west of Mansfield. Entrance to the site is gained through a gateway off the Maroondah Highway, between Mansfield and Maindample. The sky was cloudless, and from our elevated position at the Paps, we had a clear view to the Eastward, and the street and house lights of Mansfield could be plainly seen in front of us. The car was facing East.

At about 9:30 pm we heard a faint whirring sound like the wind causes in telephone wires, but there was not a breath of wind, and as far as I know no telephone wires in the vicinity. Within a matter of seconds an object dropped into view directly in front of us at about 300 yards distant. In profile, the object looked like a mushroom, complete with short stem. We noticed two small green lights facing downwards on the underside of the mushroom. When about 200 feet above the ground, the object ceased to drop, and remained stationary, the green lights being immediately extinguished, and the whirring sound seemed to become louder.

For at least 10 minutes we had a full view of the object, which was circular, and at least 150 feet in diameter. In descent it looked in profile like a mushroom, but when stationary, we could plainly see that the profile was similar to two saucers with their edges together. The rim was in bright metal, like aluminium in appearance, and about 12 feet wide. The rest of the object, including the stem, was dull. The stem appeared to be about 20 feet in diameter, and about 25 feet in length. From the bottom of the stem to the top of the object seemed to be about 60 feet.

After the 10 minutes we heard the drone of a plane and having previously alighted from the car to have a better view of the Saucer, we saw the navigation lights indicating that the plane was travelling Northwards. Almost simultaneously the whirring sound from the Saucer ceased, and it made a rapid vertical ascent, emitting a yellow gaseous light from the bottom of the stem. We estimated that the time was then about 9:40 pm. On attaining about 3000 feet, the gaseous light from the stem ceased, and a similar light appeared on the side of the stem, and the Saucer then proceeded horizontally at a terrific speed in the direction of the plane. On completion of the circle, which was a wide one, the Saucer then headed towards us, and in the matter of seconds was again overhead at about 3000 feet. The green lights appeared under the Saucer, and on opposite sides of the stem, and the descent immediately commenced, and the Saucer became stationary in what appeared to us, to be the same position that it had occupied before leaving to pursue the plane, only a few minutes previously. We estimated the time to be about 9:50 pm.

We then decided to leave, and immediately the car lights were turned on, a green light appeared momentarily facing us, and from the edge of the Saucer, in the middle of the bright band. There was a sudden roar at the same time, and the Saucer departed leaving a stream of yellow gaseous light, being emitted from the side of the stem. With what seemed to be only the fraction of a second, the Saucer was on the outskirts of the Town, and only then did it commence to climb to a higher elevation, and then disappeared in a North Easterly direction.

In discussing the whole matter with my friend, she told me that there had been previous sightings in Mansfield, and these had been in the vicinity of the Golf Links, and the Saucer had been seen resting on the ground.

Such reports may have already reached you and other Authorities investigating this matter, but if not, I hope this one is of interest.

I would like to add that the Saucer in flight does appear to be of a bright metal, but from my observation the bright metal exists only as described in this letter.