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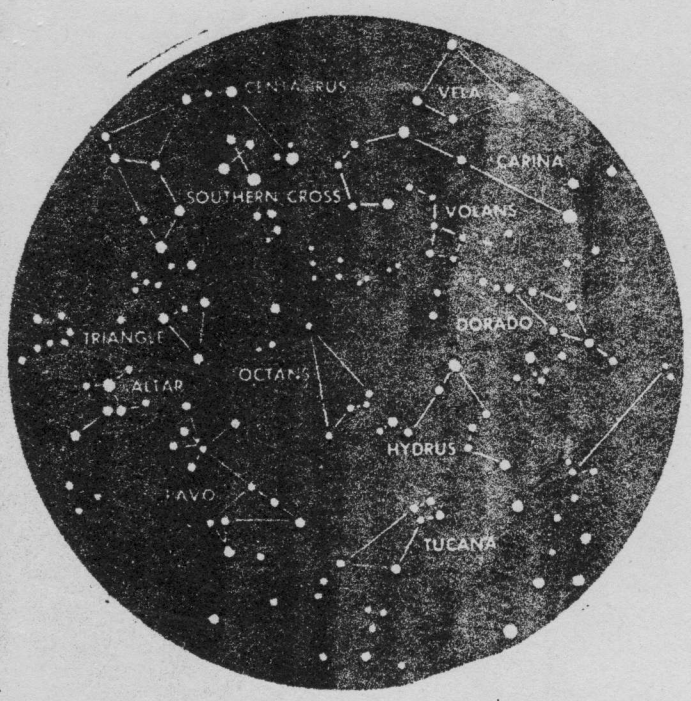

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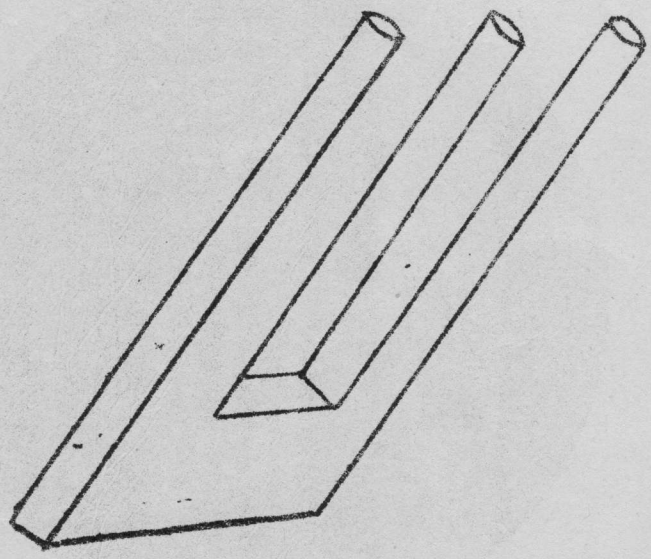

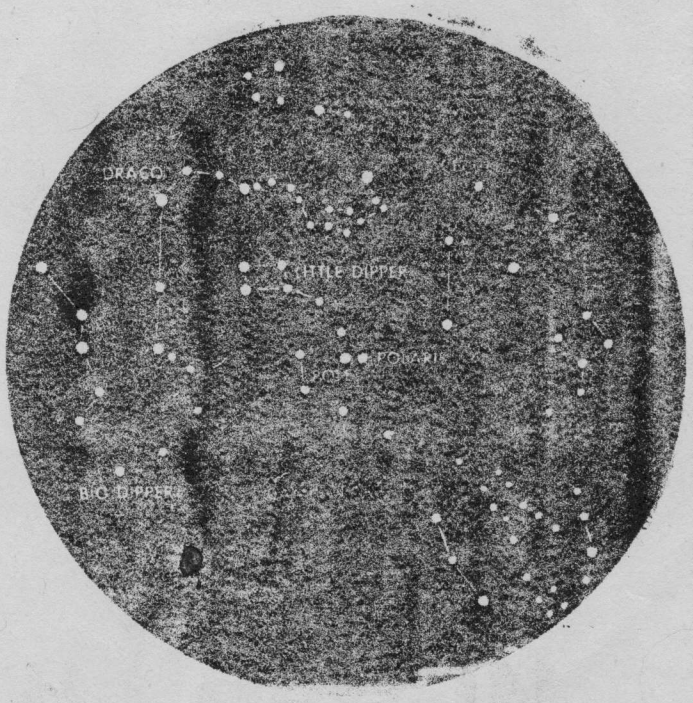

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Investigating the UFO - ABC Special

As everyone is aware, the ABC Radio Network presented a special two-hour programme on UFO's, on Wednesday March 24th. The show went live between 8 and 10 p.m. throughout Australia on the following stations:- Sydney 2FC, Newcastle 2NA, Brisbane 4QG, Melbourne 3AR, Hobart 7ZL, Canberra 2 CY, Adelaide 5CL and Perth 6WN.

The show presented two good taped interviews, one with Phillip Klass, and the other with Professor Carl Sagan. By a special link-up with a radio station in Las Cruces in New Mexico, Professor Hynek was heard live throughout the entire programme. Besides this, listeners were invited to phone in, and relate their experiences or comments, which led to the ABC Switchboard in Sydney to become jammed, and therefore presented several technical difficulties, which led to a number of calls not coming through.

In Sydney studio were Harry Griesberg of ACOS and Dr. Don Herbison-Evens, Scientific Consultant.

Although the programme centred mainly around the Extra-terrestrial theory, it did serve quite an important purpose, and that is to make people aware of the existence of UFO organisations in Australia. To date, one week after the programme, ACOS is receiving numerous letters from all over Australia, either requesting information, or to report sightings, both new and old. These letters will be passed on to the nearest UFO organisation within the next few days, and as more are received, these too will be passed on. ACOS will answer every letter personally, advising the writer that his letter has been passed on to one of our member organisations, who will be in touch with him shortly. So far, quite a number of very interesting reports have been received. We ask your co-operation in this, by contacting the people as soon as possible, either to give them information, which could lead to more members for your organisation, or by following their UFO experience.

There were a number of items I wanted to bring up during the show, among them, The Centre's definition of a UFO, investigation procedure, how the Australian UFO organisations operate, the RAAF's attitude towards the subject etc. Unfortunately, time did fly, and before we knew it, the show was over. To some people therefore, it seemed that we were only collecting reports, and pushing the extra-terrestrial theory. However, from a public relations angle, the show was extremely good. There is a possibility that towards the end of the year, another show might be presented, focusing on Investigation of the phenomenon. We have had discussions with several Scientists who were listening to the programme, with a view to them possibly becoming Scientific advisors to the ACOS organisations.

Before and after the programme, I also had discussions with Professor Hynek via the hookup, and he told me to pass on to our member organisations, that he was extremely pleased with the way ACOS was operating in Australia, and the co-operation which the groups who participate are giving to the Centre. Very soon now, we should also hear from Dr. David Saunders, the Centre's Computer expert, regarding the computer symbols and programming of the Centre's computers, as discussed at the October conference in Terrigal, to enable us to set up our own Computers with Dr. Herbison-Evans, allowing Australia to forward information more rapidly and better to the Centre.

I further enquired as to whether Professor Hynek will be in Australia to observe the total lunar eclipse inOctober inMt. Gambier South Australia which co-incides with our second Australianconference, but unfortunately I have to disappoint everyone, as he will be unable to be here.

H, Griesberg.

From a listener's point of view the programme was both entertaining and instructive and - wonderfully - the dreaded term "flying saucer" was not mentioned once!

It was a little unfortunate that Mr. Klass and Dr. Sagan were not on direct line as it would have been entertaining to hear some points, raised in the tapes, discussed with them.

Klass' tape was instructive in showing just how illogical and uninformed some "natural explanations" can be. I am referring, of course, to his "explanation" of a slow very brilliant object which "paced" a helicopter, as an Orionid meteor. This reveals a monumental lack of knowledge of astronomy on Klass' part and tends (rightly or wrongly) to make one sceptical of any of his explanations.

The Orionids are very swift (one of the swiftist of the meteor showers in fact), quite bright (many would be at least as bright as the bright stars) and leave fine trains. They appear at a considerable height and are very quick and brief. They are thought to be caused by debris from Halley's Comet.

In other words, the Orionid meteors are quite the antithesis of the slow red fireball which Klass believed explained this particular UFO. (That is not to say that a sporadic fireball could not have appeared co-incident with the shower, but this was not Klass' explanation and, in any case, this would also involve difficulties in explaining why no-one else reported such a brilliant fireball, especially in view of the fact that quite a few meteor-watching amateur astronomers were probably out watching the Orionids at the time).

Sagan's tape was very interesting, but I would like to have heard a discussion between the good Doctor and J.A.H. on the merits and demerits of radio as an interstellar communicator.

Sagan's point regarding the cost of radio vs. the cost of space travel is something we should all keep in mind when considering the merits and demerits of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis for the origin of UFO's. We are not likely to find exact copies of our own mixed free-enterprise-part-socialist economy on some other planet, but, presumabely, any technological society has some medium of exchange and, therefore, some kind of "monetary" economic system, with all its cost considerations. If UFO's are space ships and if they have been coming to earth as long as they seem to have been, someone somewhere is faced with a national debt that would make even Canberra count its blessings!

I, personally, think that the type of argument put forward by Sagan, plus further considerations like the activity of UFO's, which certainly does not give overwhelming evidence of extraterrestrial origin, should give many extraterrestrial enthusiasts pause.

What do UFO'S FEEL Like?

The radio programme raised a point that, though often encountered, seems to make little impression on investigators, namely the "feelings" witnesses claim to experience during a sighting (raised in the programme by Mr. Cohen's daylight sighting). This may be an important phenomenon, maybe every bit as important as the object itself.

We would certainly like to hear from witnesses of UFO's telling us of their feelings or reactions - WHETHER THEY FELT OR EXPERIENCED ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR OR NOT to allow us to try to determine how important and how usual this subjective experience is. (It may be possible some day to distinguish UFO's from IFO's by the "feeling" of the witness!)

David Seargent.

ACOS NEWS

Please take note of the following changes of addresses:

Mr. W. Chalker, P.O. Box 1094, NORTH SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2060

Mr. K. Basterfield, 60 Skyline Drive, FLAGSTAFF HILL. S.A. 5159

Lack of Sightings

As has been mentioned on the ABC radio programme, it is estimated that the UFO Organisations throughout Australia only hear of about 20% of actual UFO sightings made. One suggestion we have is that as a witness to a sighting is interviewed the investigator also asks them that should they hear of any UFO sighting infuture, would they please contact the Organisation.

Requests for Information

Frequently ACOS receives letters not only from all over Australia but from many parts of the World of people requesting information on ACOS and its connection with the Centre. We have therefore composed a leaflet titled "The Australian Co-Ordination Section (ACOS)" a copy of which is enclosed with this Bulletin.

We are presently also working on a Publicity Release as was discussed at UFOCON ONE and subsequently decided upon.

Nocturnal Light Reports

Owing to the nature of nocturnal light reports it has been decided to leave it up to the individual organisation's discretion as to whether the entire report should be forwarded to the Centre. If a N.L. report is considered to be of the slightest value then in such case the complete report should be forwarded, but if the report is of little value a brief summary giving the relevant detail including name of witness will suffice.

Hoax Cases

Recently ACOS was informed that a UFO was seen diving into a lake near Perth, W.A. We were also informed that the RAAF was quoted as stating they did not have an explanation. We subsequently alerted UFO Research, W.A. who started tracking down this report. Details as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 11, 1976 Time: Approximately 8p.m.
Locations: Kelmscott, Bentley, Kewdale, Victoria Park and Rivervale, W.A.
Description: 10 - 12 people rang a local radio station and reported green and white flashes. Mr. Geoff Bell of UFO Research W.A. contacted the news editor of the radio station concerned who advised him of the ten to twelve calls but unfortunately no names or addresses were taken. Further investigations revealed that the RAAF was not contacted at all. It was resolved that no object dived into a lake, and this case was put down to experience.

The advantage of this case is that UFO Research W.A. has now obtained the full co-operation from the radio station concerned especially in passing on future sightings.

We are very interested in hearing about hoax cases which you have on file with a view of compiling a hoac report catalogue and would appreciate receiving all past and future reports of this nature.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN HARRY GRIESBERG AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (in Canberra.)

On the 8th March, while in Canberra, I took the opportunity to visit the Russell Offices, which houses the Department of Defence, and had a pre-arranged informal discussion with the Officer who co-ordinates UFO reports for the Royal Australian Air Force. I was first received by the Director of Public Relations, who then introduced me to the Officer. A number of questions were put to him, which he had absolutely no hesitation in answering. I asked him if there was any way that the ACOS organisation could further co-operate with the RAAF, to which I was told that the way it has been up to now, which is that we channel our reports to the RAAF, was the best way that we could help the RAAF. The reports are naturally forwarded to the RAAF directly by the organisations, through their nearest RAAF base, to the Intelligence Officer, and NOT by ACOS. The majority of our member organisations are already doing this automatically, and a list of the RAAF Bases appears at the end of this article.

I was also informed that the RAAF has investigated only 66 reports in 1975, as it seems that 1975 was an extremely quiet year for UFO reports. This seems to tie in with our analyses report which was taken recently.

One of the main points I raised was that up until now, when a report went to the RAAF, and if the RAAF then did find an explanation, they notified the witness, and it was up to the organisation concerned to find out from the witness as to the results of the RAAF's investigations. I proposed to the Officer that he also notify the organisation through which the report came. I was advised that this would be done from now on, PROVIDED that the organisation's name and address appeared on the report form forwarded to the RAAF. For those organisations who are unaware, the Air Force do have their own report forms, and if you require some please request these from the Intelligence Officer at the nearest base. For the above item, we therefore recommend, as discussed with the RAAF, that each organisation run off small, pre-printed sheets, approximately the size of 15cmX10cm (not necessarily that size), with the words:

"This report was forwarded by
(name and address of organisation)

Please notify us as to the outcome
of your investigations.

Date..... Signed.....

These sheets can then be stapled to the RAAF's report form, and the organisation's stamp can also be put on the back of the report form. I was informed that then, each organisation will be notified of the outcome of the RAAF's investigation.

As mentioned at the Conference in October last year, Bill Chalker is at the moment working on a physical trace catalogue for Australia, and I asked the Officer if we could receive copies of the Air Force's reports on Physical Traces. These reports will be forwarded to ACOS very shortly, and we will then pass them on to Bill Chalker for inclusion in the Catalogue.

They further stated that there are approximately 3% of reports which they are unable to explain and these are listed as U.A.S. (Unusual Aerial Sightings which is what the RAAF terms UFOs). I also enquired as to why incoming information goes to Intelligence and outgoing information comes from Public Relations. I was informed that it was the policy of the Air Force that Public Relations handle all enquiries, and that Intelligence pass any information requested on to P.R. from which it is then passed on to the enquirer. There is also no written policy whatever regarding UFO organisations but we are on the same parity as anyone who makes an enquiry to them.

The Air Force has absolutely no ties or involvement on UFO matters with any foreign Air Force or department.

As far as co-operation between ACOS members and the RAAF is concerned, ACOS usually deals direct through Canberra, and each organisation is able to take up liasion with their nearest Base. I was also informed that any enquiry to the RAAF is answered on the merit of the letter. Furthermore, each report is investigated by the Intelligence Officer at the nearest Base, and if he is unable to find an explanation, the report is then forwarded to Canberra for further investigation.

The Air Force is also interested in receiving Newsletters etc., from the UFO organisations, and these can be sent directly to:
Mr. H. R. Rayner, Director of Pulic Relations, Department of Defence, (Air Office) Russell Offices, Canberra A.C.T. 2600.

One of the most important informations I was told however was that as far as UFO reports and information concerning UFOs was concerned, which the RAAF have, is NOT classified. All their reports and information is on open file. If reports are requested by ACOS, they are available minus the witness' name and address, for privacy reasons.

All in all, I spent 1½ hours with the Officer, and I can positively state that as far as I was concerned, no information was denied to me, all my questions were answered, some information was given to me without my asking for it, and I was assured that reports which we come across sometimes that the RAAF confiscates photographs or hides information, is absolutely not true. The RAAF receives an average of 5 letters per year from "cranks" who acuse them of doing the above, to which the Air Force just send a letter thanking them for their letter. All letters received by the Air Force are answered.

Naturally, the Air Force does not volunteer information regarding UFOs nor do they enter into discussion on the subject. They have nothing to hide and they would like this fact to be known to our member organisations. Upon leaving the Russell Offices, I was satisfied that the hour and a half had not been wasted, and that the interview was everything I had expected.

H. Griesberg
Co-Ordinator.

RAAF BASES

Brisbane	-	Amberley RAAF Base.
Sydney	-	Richmond or Williamstown
Melbourne	-	Point Cook.
Hobart	-	Hobart RAAF Offices.
Adelaide	-	Edinburgh.
Perth	-	Pierce.
Canberra	-	Fairburn.

SALISBURY PLAIN

To most people England's Salisbury Plain is best known for the ancient stone monuments of Stonehenge. That the craggy ruins seem to be a congregating point for Unidentified Flying Objects is not as widely known.

The British Army uses part of the Salisbury Plain for army exercises. Such an exercise was conducted furing August 1957 when troops from London's Southern Regiment conducted an exercise against the King's Regiment from Liverpool.

As part of the exercise, the opposing force, the Southern Regiment was equipped with five Centurion tanks. The tanks were deployed in a guarding role and were to engage midway through the manoeuver. While readying for this task one of the tanks reported to Command that the crew had sighted a large silvery, cigar shaped object and that the tank was about to open fire.

Nothing further was heard from the tank and no traces of it were found! It had vanished completely without trace. The Army could not explain what had happened, and conducted widespread searches, and interviewed all persons involved in the exercise. All to no avail. The tank and its five man crew had vanished - another of the baffling and unexplained disappearances that sometimes follow in the wake of UFO sightings.

W.J. Tarplee

Great Words of Interest.

No testimony is sufficient to establish a miracle, unless the testimony be of such a kind that its falsehood would be more miraculous than the fact which it endeavors to establish:....

-David Hume.
(from Other Worlds,
by Carl Sagan.)

Some suggestions.

1. Could the "electro-magnetic" cases be explained by a psychokinetic effect similar to that believed to be the cause of poltergeist phenomena and the effects allegedly associated with Uri Geller and Nelya Mikhailova?

2. Do children, teenagers (especially girls) and people suffering from some form of frustration (esp. sexual) feature in E.M. cases, as they seem to in poltergeist cases?

3. This leads to the wider problem of the relation between UFOs in general & psychic phenomena. Do those who report UFOs and those who experience psychic phenomena have certain psychological or physiological features in common? Is there any common feature between areas prone to UFO sightings and areas where psychic phenomena are commonly experienced?

4. Experiments with psychokenisis suggest a connection between this and Theta brain rhythms. As these rhythms are usually connected with anger and similar emotions, it is possible that psychokenisis is most likely to be manifested during times of rage or frustration, although concious anger etc., does not seem to be displayed by the person involved in poltergeist cases (he or she seems rather disinterested in the whole thing) but by the poltergeist itself, indicating the role of the subconscious mind. What is the usual reaction of reporters of E.M. cases?

5. It is said the emotion of anger can be induced by looking at a light flashing at the rate of Theta rhythms. This flashing induces Theta rhythms in the brain which shows up as anger. If psychokenisis could also result, is it possible that the light of "E.M." UFOs pulsates at the Theta rate (4-7 cycles/second) and this induces psychokenetic effects in certain P.K. - prone people?

D. Seargent.

Aims and responsibilities of UFO Research Organisations.

There are three aspects of UFO research organisations viz. the scientific, the social and the religious. More fully, they exist to perform scientific research into a puzzling problem, they exist to provide a place where people can contact researchers and investigators if they see anything unusual (and have their nerves calmed or their dreams shattered) and they also (mostly unwillingly) exist as organisations where people go to seek some kind of thrill or partake in something "weird". In its worst form, this latter aspect degenerates into contacteeism.

Very few of us would consider the religious aspect of UFO research a desirable one-I guess that most of us could relate stories of contactee-orienated individuals causing trouble within our own organisations, attempting to convince non-contactee members that the scientific pursuit of investigation is a waste of time. "Follow us" they in effect say, "and we will show you the truth behind the UFO (or Flying Saucer as they prefer to call it) problem."

In the last Bulletin I argued that the phenomenon of contacteeism or flying saucer religion is an important part of the total problem & we neglect our role as investigators of the entire UFO problem (as distinct from that part of it which we find appealing or which supports our beliefs) if we fail to give it adequate weight in our thoughts and actions. Following this line of thinking, I now would like to point to the basic core of contacteeism in almost any investigation organisation, i.e. the basic myth which is held, as a quasi-religious conviction or dogma by many believers in UFOs. This is the extraterrestrial dogma (ETD) quite distinct from the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) which is a genuine scientific hypothesis and, like all such hypotheses, stands or falls by the data. It is one hypothesis among a number and may or may not be correct.

However, in the minds of many UFO "believers", the extraterrestrial nature of UFOs is a foregone conclusion. Even non-believers seem to assume that, if UFOs did exist, they would be extraterrestrial visitants and many people reject the whole notion of UFOs, not because they find the reported sightings incredible, but because they believe the extraterrestrial explanation for these sightings to be absurd. All such people (and regrettably, many investigators as well, although a more scientific attitude seems to have gained ground in recent years) are essentially religious in their approach to the problem and could be termed "proto-contactees".

Wherever someone says "We know what the UFOs are, we know that they are space ships from another civilization" we have cripto-religion and not science. Similarly when any research organisation puts forward a public image in conformity with such notions, that organisation is playing the role, not of a scientific research team, but of a quasi-religious cult. This might be being harsh, but I think it is vital.

Let me elaborate by referring to Jaques Vallee's theory that the UFO phenomenon represents the birth of a myth similar to the fairy myths of former ages (this is, I believe, a fair assessment irrespective of the physical or even the extraterrestrial nature of the UFOs themselves). The ETD is giving man-materialistic technological mid-twentieth century man-a religious myth in which God or the gods have been replaced by spacemen, heaven with a superior planet, the apocalyptic kingdom with the rule by benevolent spacemen, and hell and devils by evil spacemen. Furthermore, the widespread myths of the elite (a human race) guardians (kindly spacemen who look after our interests) and various futurist speculations which appear from time to time (such as the "theory" that flying saucers are kidnapping scientists, doctors and the like and training them in the ways of superior science & medicine in order to return "perfect" scientists and doctors to the Earth at some future date) are all reminiscent of the delusions of psychotic patients. This point was exemplified by C.M. CADE, but he did not develop it to its logical conclusion,viz, that because of the latent schizophrenic in all of us, such beliefs are "powerful medicine" when broadcast to the population at large - they may well bring the latent schizophrenic into the open.

This is probably the reason why many contactees and proto-contactee believers have "breakdowns" and it may, at least in part, explain the increasing number of madmen thinking that "Martians" are after them and the murders that have been committed by people who believe that "a voice from space told me to do it."

However, if this is correct, what is the responsibility placed upon ordinary investigation societies? If the ETD-contactee myth is so potent and if it is as potentially socially and psychologically disruptive and dangerous as people like Vallee and Keel believe, should the whole thing be dropped altogether and all societies involved in this research come out with a public statement that the whole UFO problem is nothing but a lot of hot air? Alternatively, should research be left to a small group while all public statements about the matter are deliberately played down?

Such ideas may shock you. They seem like censorship and indeed that is what they are - but which is better, censorship or a situation where a myth capable of creating public alarm, prejudiced beliefs and any number of Aladino Felixs and Charles Mansons, is activly encouraged by public lectures and newspaper articles? Public lectures on the subject have a notorious ability to attract and encourage the crackpot element. Can we really pretend to be doing something worthwhile whilever we pander to such elements? "Telling the people what they want to hear" is about as sensless as giving a masochist a whip or a sadist a torture rack.

I put these questions to you, without answering them. My own belief is that the UFO problem is not something to be popularized and given publicity - I think it should be handled with "kid-gloves" - but this is only a personal belief, which very few UFO researchers seem to share. However, the questions and the above remarks are, I believe, worth considering, not just theoretically but as a practical issue in the determination of the style and future of UFO research.

D. Seargent.

THE HANSARD DOCUMENT.

The following is one of a few Australian Documents we were able to come up with relating to UFOs. Our thanks to UFO Research W.A. for obtaining this: Page 2208 of the Official Government Record Book of Proceedings in Parliament for the year 1960.

Unidentified Flying Objects.

MR. DUTHIE.- Has the Minister for Air read the reports of unidentified flying objects sighted in Australia in the last two years, especially the detailed description of such an object seen at Cressy in my electorate by the Reverend Lionel Browning and his wife two weeks ago, and twice last week-end? Incidently, the reverand gentleman was my Liberal opponent at the 1951 and 1954 elections. Does the Minister accept responsibility for investigating these sightings? Does his department make any record of them? Has the Minister any information about them that may be of interest to the people of Australia?

MR. OSBORNE.- I have read the press reports of these sightings in Tasmania, and in accordance with the usual practice, all the information that is available concerning them has been furnished to my department and is now being examined. The Department of Air does obtain information about all well reported cases of unidentified flying objects. The department not only receives information about them, but also exchanges it with the Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force. There is a regular exchange of information on these matters. I can tell the honorable member for Wilmot that although reports of this sort have been investigated very carefully for years, nearly all of them are explainable on a perfectly normal basis. Sometimes they are found to be weather balloons, high-flying aircraft or even stars. (cont)

On one occasion, it was established that a reported space ship was the moon. Of all these reports, only 3 percent or 4 per cent cannot be explained on the basis of some natural phenomenon, and nothing that has arisem from that 3 per cent or 4 per cent of unexplained cases gives firm support for the belief that interlopers from other places in this world, or outside it, have been visiting us.

ASTRONAUTS SPOTTED UFOs.

These were the headlines of a Perth Newspaper on March 14, 1976.

"Two US astronauts graphically describe seeing UFOs on a new long-playing record released this month. Both claim photographs of the mysterious objects apparently vanished once they got into official hands. Astronauts Gen. James McDivitt and Col. Gordon Cooper tell their stories on a record produced by UFO investigator E. Lee Speigel called UFOs: The Credibility Factor. It is distributed by Columbia. McDivitt gives a detailed account of watching and photographing a UFO which flew alongside his Gemini IV spacecraft in June 1965. McDivitt says on the record : "I have never been able to identify it, and I don't think anyone ever will. As it (the gemini capsule) was rotating around I noticed something out in front that was a white cylindrical shape with a white pole sticking out of one corner of it. I couldn't tell how close it was and I couldn't tell what the size was - depth perception is not very good unless you know what the size of the object is that you're looking at. I thought I might run into it, so I turned on the flight control system. Two cameras were floating in the spacecraft. I grabbed one of them and took a picture. I let go of it. Then I grabbed the other one and took a picture. I never did find out what it was, and nobody else ever did either. They checked NORAD records to see what they had up on radar and there wasn't anything within very close range of us."
McDivitt says the films he took were sent to Houston. When the published pictures did not show the object, he went to Houston and looked through all the frames.
"And there wasn't anything in there like what I had seen," he said.
Cooper says he sighted a group of strange objects while stationed with a fighter group in Germany before he joined NASA. Cooper says the objects appeared for three days. They flew strange patterns, like fighter formations except that sometimes they would almost stop, or change direction suddenly in a right 90 degree turn. Cooper says almost every pilot on the base flew as high as their planes would take them "still trying to spot these strange devices flying overhead, and we never could get close enough really to pin them down. But they were round in shape and very metallic looking."

STATISTICS for 1975.

Enclosed with this copy of the Bulletin, you will find a copy of the Australian UFO Statistics for the year 1975. We thank you all for your co-operation in compiling this, and a copy will be forwarded to the Center. We will compile statistics annually from now on, so that not only will we know what activity has been occuring during the year, but it will also enable us to compare the data year by year. We realise that there could have been a lot more information contained in the statistics, and this will be rectified next year. If you have any suggestions as to what other information should be included in the statistics, we would be pleased to hear from you, so that they may be included in future ones.

While trying to think of a heading for the following article, we thought of " UFOs did not make these Ewe turns, by Roger RAMJET", but on a serious note:

"NEST FOUND"

by "The Author"
(name supplied but
withheld at request)

Discovery of Marking.

Around mid-December 1975 the author was sitting in a car in the middle of a paddock. His attention was attracted whilst driving to the centre of the paddock to a marking by avoiding a dead sheep. On trying to steer away from it, he discovered that beside the sheep there was a very strange, clear marking. It appeared to be almost perfectly circular. At the time of the discovery nothing further could be done but notice was taken of the location of the marking and an investigation was planned for the following weekend.

Location of Marking

The location is inside the fence of a very large field used for feeding sheep and cannot be seen from the main rod. It has recently been reported that several people and a pilot of an aircraft have seen it and similar markings, but thought it was caused by a whirl-wind.

Investigation of Marking

The following weekend the author again inspected the marking with intention of obtaining measurements etc. from it. Very detailed data e.g., radio-activity tests, compactability tests, magnetic field variation tests were not warranted, and so was not obtained, as it was evident that the dead sheep lying next to the marking had somehow caused the marking. The appearance of the surrounding soil is quite difficult to describe, but basically it is extremely hard dirt, with many large lime-stone blocks over-lying the terraine, and sparce native weed growth. The weed was about $\frac{3}{4}$m high, and very dry and golden. The dirt could clearly been seen through even the most dense part.

The appearance of the marking however was very noticeable. Only one small patch of weed was visible within the perimeter of the marking, and the rest of the ground was absolutely bear. The marking was slightly recessed into the dirt, indicating a digging, or swirling, cause, and a thin matting of weed was swirled in an anti-clockwise direction around the edge of the circular dirt area. A measurement was taken from north to south and this measured exactly 162.5cm in diameter. (From one edge of the dirt to the otherdirt edge.) Then, a measurement was taken from west to east and amazingly it was exactly the same; 162.5cm! Intermediate measurements were not taken. The inside portion, i.e., the dirt area, of the circle, was extremely weather-worn and although basically averaging out to be flat had many pits and holes in it as though the rain had washed away some loose debris. A slight rise was noticeable around the outside edge of the marking also giving the marking a 'cratered' appearance. No loose debris was to be found within the boundary of the marking and no stones were on the surface. However, a small quantity of wool and biological material was evident. A dark outline of the sheep was visible on the cleared dirt of the marking and one small section of the edge of the marking was flattened, near where the sheep was lying. A fellow-investigator suggested we try to drag the badly decomposed sheep to see whether indeed it had been moved, or whether the marking and the sheep were coincidental. The sheep moved even when dragged by a leg, and did not come apart. Therefore, something could have dragged it out of the marking.

The dark stain in the marking was compared to the stain left where the decomposed sheep was lying, but was evidently of someother liquid. The grass where the sheep had been lying was badly burnt through nitrogen - decomposition, whereas the marking left a dirt stain. It has been suggested that the dirt stain may be blood, and the burnt stain normal decomposition burning, although we could not get these analysed. The sheep had been dead an estimated one to one-half months. A measurement of the sheep was then made. It measured 105cm from nose to tail and its front legs were almost as long as the back, being about 60cm. It was lying 250cm south of the marking, facing it, lying on its left side. The belt of swirled grass around the edge of the marking measured at an average of about 15cm wide. The marking was photographed in detail, with coloured slides. It was suggested that a watch should be kept every few weeks on the sheep and the marking to see of any changes, and fortunately the following events were recorded. All other dead sheep in the field, the total number of which was about 12, were closely observed, but left no circular marking like this. One sheep had a slight clearing around its body, but nothing further.

Later Observation

On 23.1.76 another check was made onthe marking and an amasing thing was noted. Within that month, the particular sheep in question was somehow totally dismembered, and is only to be found in over 50 pieces within 100m of the marking. The marking however has been undisturbed. Also another dead sheep, dead for slightly longer than the important one, was checked, and it too was in many pieces all over the field. It had been intact the week before. In its place was another perfectly circular marking! There HAD NOT BEEN A MARKING THERE THE WEEK BEFORE. Further investigations of this marking are still forth-coming if warranted.

Conclusions

From various sources, it appears possible that in the case of the first marking discovered the sheep may have been the cause. Possibly, the sequence of events:- After being attacked by a fox, many of which roam the area, or through dying of heat exhaustion, the sheep lay down and could not regain its footing. It kicked itself around ina circle for an unknown time before it died, thereby making the marking. Foxes may have dragged the sheep out of the marking and later dismembered it. As for the second sheep, the foxes may have pulled it around in a circular pattern whilst trying to tear it apart, which they finally succeeded in doing. However, no proof exists for these explanations at this time, and other unknown factors may have contributed.

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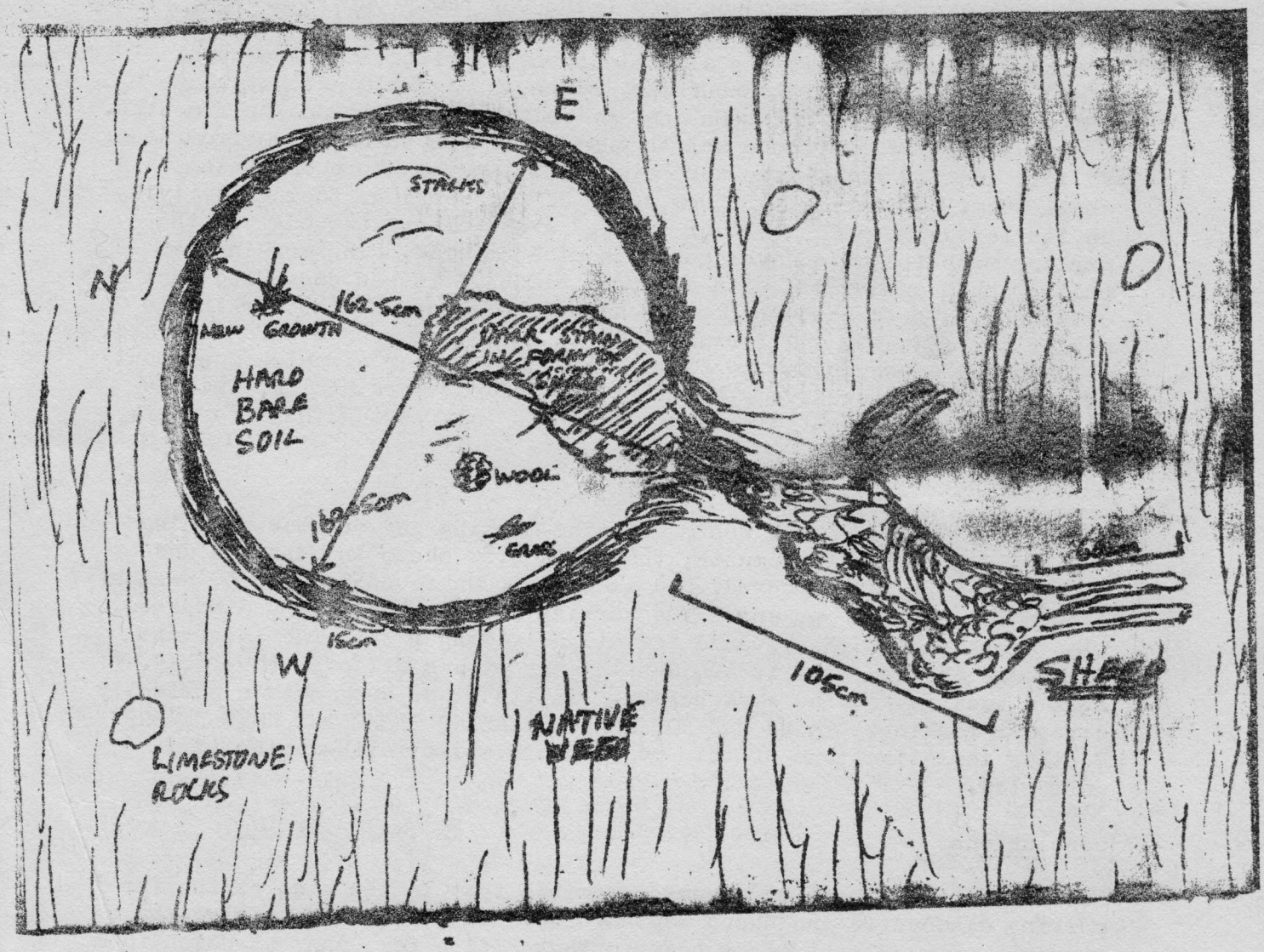
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REPORTS.

In our last Bulletin we printed a preliminary report by Dr. G. Stevens regarding the Narrogin Depression in Western Australia, here now are the final results, which were received a few days ago by Dr. Stevens.

"Samples of soil and plants were obtained from a damaged area in an oat crop by members of UFO Research - Western Australia. The crop was incorrectly reported as wheat in the local newspaper article. Samples were taken from the affected area, and from well outside the area.

The only difference detected were the lower conductivity and lower carbonates and nitrate content in the sample remote from the affected area. The values from the affected area are not unusually high, however, and these differences are not sufficient to cause the destruction.
These analyses give no indication of the cause of the damage to the oats.

If a full copy of the Analysis report is required by anyone, please contact UFO Research - WA 84 Acton Ave., Rivervale Western Australia.

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The latest Newsletters of both UFOIC of Sydney, and UFO Research Central Coast, carried an article regarding a ground marking found in Adamstown, near Newcastle early this year. Soil samples were taken of the site, and forwarded to Dr. Stevens. Results were as follows.

" This report describes the analysis of samples from the alleged landing site described in the Newcastle "Sun" on 8th January 1976 and the Sydney "Mirror" on 9th January 1976. The samples, collected by UFO Research - Central Coast, are described in Table 1.

This work has positively identified the white material as flour. The acid appears to be a mixture of hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, with a small amount of nitric, containing dissolved zinc (zinc Chloride is a common soldering flux). The acids were strong enough to kill the normal microorganisms in the soil but some bacterial spores survived.
The alleged landing site was fabricated with easily available materials."

If a copy of this report is required, please contact UFO Research - Central Coast, 3 Haynes St., Wyoming N.S.W. 2250.

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Another Tasmanian UFO Flap??

It seems that Tasmania once again is the center for UFO activi
just received from TUFOIC, informs of a number of sightings over M
the second time in a week. They followed the same direction - from
west - . The first known sighting was made by a group of outs
Maydena RSL Club about 11.50 p.m. They called out others
strange orange-red lights as they floated towards the
on Saturday night were similar to those made the prev
young men saw two mysterious lights flying the same
The last spectacular was seen by hundreds of peopl
Thursday night. After UFOs had appeared on five
17. Two truck drivers had a hair-raising e
UFO escorted them from Nive Hill to Berrie
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The men said the UFO had a brilliant y
and underneath it they could make ou
It appeared to be about 50 feet in
but were unable to pick up any ra
static." MORE ABOUT THIS

The following list of UFO books was compiled by Alan Tasker of UFO Research Central Coast, for distribution through the ACOS Bulletin to our member organisations. Should anyone know of any other books available on the subject, please notify ACOS or Alan Tasker directly.

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3.	"	Flying saucers have landed.
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6.	Allingham, C.	Flying saucers from Mars.
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8.	ANZAAS	The Unidentified Flying Object problem.
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11.	"	The unidentified.
12.	"	They knew too much about flying saucers.
13.	Bearne, A.	Flying saucers over the west.
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Definition.

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