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Dear Sir,

1. Thank you for your telephone call of Saturday 6th June 1970.
2. Your sighting is being investigated by the appropriate authorities. At the moment no positive identification of the source of the lights has been made.
3. Your prompt reporting is very much appreciated. You may be assured that this report and any future reports will be fully investigated.

Yours faithfully,

D.W. Neumann

(D.W. NEUMANN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

BLANKING

(QUOTE)

.... IF YOU'VE BEEN 'BLANKED.

IT'S NOT LIKE FORGETTING. WHEN YOU FORGET, YOU CAN REMEMBER, GIVEN THE RIGHT CUES. WHEN YOU 'BLANK' SOMETHING, IT'S LIKE SOMEONE THROWING A COIN INTO A POOL OF OPAQUE WATER WHEN YOU AREN'T LOOKING. HOWEVER HARD YOU STARE AT THE SURFACE, YOU'RE NOT GOINT TO KNOW THE COIN IS THERE. YOU MAY EXPERIENCE RIPPLES EVERY NOW AND THEN, AND YOU MAY REALISE THAT SOMETHING IS BURIED INSIDE YOU, BUT UNLESS YOU'RE TAKEN BACK IN TIME TO SEE THE COIN SINK, THE EVENT SIMPLY NEVER HAPPENED FOR YOU.

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL SMITH

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KINGSFORD

AROUND SUNSET ON A FINE SATURDAY IN JULY, 1966, A FRIEND WHO LIVED IN ABOUD AVENUE, KINGSFORD, AND I WERE GOING TO THE CINEMA. WE WALKED TO THE CORNER OF ABOUD AVENUE AND GARDENERS ROAD INTENDING TO TURN RIGHT UP THE HILL TO A BUS STOP. APPROACHING THE CORNER I NOTICED A SHAPE THROUGH A TREE ON THE CORNER OF A PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF THE ROAD. AS WE CAME TO THE CORNER, I LOOKED SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT AND I SAW A UFO 'SITTING' IN THE AIR ABOVE GARDENERS ROAD.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE ALTITUDE OF THE CRAFT COULD BE MADE IN RELATION TO HOUSES OPPOSITE WHERE WE STOOD ON THE CORNER AND THIS WOULD PUT THE HEIGHT AT APROXIMATELY 30 FEET. IT WAS WIDE AS THE ROAD FROM FOOTPATH TO FOOTPATH AND HAD A DISTINCT DOME. I COULD CLEARLY SEE THREE 'PODS' ON THE UNDERSIDE. (I LATER FOUND THIS CRAFT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS AN ADAMSKI. THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY WINDOWS, BUT AT THE ANGLE I WAS OBSERVING THE SUN MADE A FAIRLY HARD SHADOW. IT WAS A METALLIC MID-DARK GREY/KHAKI AND GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS VERY, VERY OLD. IT WAS STEADY ON POSITION - THERE WAS NO WOBBLE.


I HAD TIME TO WAVE AT A FEW CARS, BUT THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT WE WERE TRYING TO HITCH, THEY ALSO HAD THE SUN IN THEIR EYES. MY FRIEND SAW THE UFO BRIEFLY AND THEN SAID "I KNOW IT'S THERE BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOOK".

THE UFO WAS THERE FOR ABOUT A GOOD MINUTE OR MORE - QUITE STILL - AND THEN MOVED WEST ALONG THE LINE OF THE ROAD FOR A DISTANCE WHICH I THINK MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT IT TO BOTANY ROAD, THEN IT TURNED SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT AND VANISHED. JUST VANISHED.

LATER, I GAVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE TRAFFIC WHICH WAS FAIRLY HEAVY MOVING WEST ALONG GARDENERS ROAD. BEING A SATURDAY IT COULD HAVE BEEN COMING FROM RANDWICK RACECOURSE. THE BEST ROUTE TO THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS FROM RANDWICK IS DOWN ANZAC PARADE THEN RIGHT INTO GARDENERS ROAD WHICH LEADS TO MASCOT OR OVER THE COOKS RIVER AND ON TO SYDENHAM AND THE PRINCES HIGHWAY WHICH GIVES ACCESS TO TEMPE, ROCKDALE ETC., AND FOREST ROAD WHICH LEADS TO THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS. SO GARDENERS IS A MAJOR ROAD WITH HEAVY TRAFFIC TO THE WEST ON RACE DAYS. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE TRAFFIC TO THE EAST AND WHICH MIGHT HAVE NOTICED OUR VISITOR AS THEY CAME OVER THE RISE. THE BUSSTOP, WHICH WAS OUR DESTINATION, IS AT THE TOP OF THE RISE AND OPPOSITE A BLOCK OF UNITS. AS THE CRAFT PASSED ALONG THE ROAD, I NOTICED IT WAS ABOUT LEVEL WITH THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BLOCK, BUT NOT HIGHER THAN THE BUILDING.

I WAS LEFT WITH THE FEELING OF EXHILARATION WHICH HAD BEGUN AT MY SIGHT OF THE SHIP. I ALSO DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN IT DISAPPEARED AND ALSO THAT MY FRIEND HAD CHOSEN 'NOT TO LOOK'. I STILL FEEL A SENSE OF AWE AND GRATIFICATION THAT I HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE.

RON V GAIST (SYDNEY)


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UFO SIGHTINGS - CASTLECRAG etc..

SIGHTING *1 Summer, 1962.

Castlecrag - house on Edinburgh Road - sunny Sunday - lunching with friends and children in room with open French-windows onto a patio with a view to the North. One of the children said there appeared to be a hawk hovering a long way off to the north. We all saw a dot in the sky which seemed to be hovering motionless. The dot vanished after a few minutes and we assumed it had been a bird, perhaps over French's Forest area.

About ten minutes later, someone drew our attention to an object which appeared to be about a quarter of a mile away over Sugarloaf Bay. This object was not a bird. We could see a metallic surface which glinted as it appeared to waft or ride on an airstream. The object had the classic 'saucer' profile and what appeared to be three or four pods on the under surface. The object remained in this position for 13-15 minutes - enough time for my friend to telephone someone in the City to ask if the UFO could be seen from the top of their building, but they could not see it, probably due to distance and the height of the object. As the UFO 'wafted' the sun glinted on the surface and it was easy to see the shape and get a rough estimate of size and distance. We estimated it was about 30 feet across at the edge of the rim. It was at a height level with us above the Bay.

The first feeling of surprise was quickly followed by awe and a buoyant feeling of joy. We were all aware of these feelings and at no time did anyone, even the children, feel any panic or hysteria. Binoculars and cameras were, unfortunately, not available. After about 15 minutes, the object moved slowly away to the East, appearing to gain speed suddenly and then simply vanished. There was never any noise, We all had the impression it changed course slightly just before it disappeared.

It was a very warm, sunny Sunday, and we were not aware of any neighbours being around, but their houses were not easily seen from our location.

SIGHTING *2

Castlecrag, a few weeks later - One am in very clear weather. Leaving our friend's house, which had been the location of the Sunday sighting, a group of us stood at the front gate on Edinburgh Road saying our goodnights. I noticed a very bright 'star' which I thought could be the planet Venus. As I watched, I saw the light pass between telegraph wires, moving slowly up and down as a dot in music staves and from one side of the telegraph pole to the other. I mentioned this to the others and we all watched for a few minutes. The light, as we saw it, definitely moved up and down, changing its position in an apparently random fashion but not moving any great distance in any direction. The movement could be observed quite easily as it was situated, from our point of view, between the telegraph wires and gave the appearance of 'dancing' as it passed from one strand to the other without any apparent purpose.

A friend suggested we drive as far as possible in the direction of the light and we proceeded down to, and then easterly along Sailor's Bay Road, Northbridge. The light continued to move in its random fashion relative to our sighting of fixed objects - trees, houses etc.. . We drove as far as possible along the road without seeming to get any closer, and we estimated it to be at a considerable height over the sea and some distance from the coast.

My friends left me at North Sydney and I decided to telephone the RAAF Base at Richmond as I had served there in National Service and I thought they would be the obvious people to be informed of any UFO activity. I told the Switch Operator that I had a suspect UFO and, without pause, the next voice was that of the Duty Operations Officer who took the details I was able to give as elevation at approximately 35-40 degrees, distance an estimated 40 miles judged without reference to size and light intensity as brighter than Venus.

Sighting *2 Continue.

And there the matter rested until some four weeks later when I received a visit from two plainclothes RAAF officers. They asked me a few questions and I completed a questionnaire. The information I gave was much as the above. In the days following, I learned they had checked on all the personal reference I had given.

The same men returned a week or so later and we had a further discussion of both sightings. I asked why the first object had not been detected on the Radar installation then situated in French's Forest, and they informed me it 'did not operate on weekends' and at the time had 'been closed for a few weeks for maintenance'. The officers told me the night sighting had been verified and they gave me a telephone number to call on a 24 hour service if I had a future sighting. They said that a couple of fighters had been sent up but the object, although seen by them, had been too high for close approach. They said it had been very large.