

# THE UFO CONNECTION: STARTLING IMPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST CAPE, AND FOR AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY

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Bill Chalker's important and exclusive report appeared originally in the March/April 1985 issue of *Omega Science Digest (Australia)*, and he has given us the necessary permission for it to be reproduced in FSR. As the article falls into two separate parts, the first of which is a discussion of the book *CLEAR INTENT*, while the second relates to a serious UFO happening in Australia in 1973, I have taken the liberty of separating it accordingly into two sections. As we have already given a great deal of attention (FSR 29/5, 29/6, 30/1, 30/2 and 30/3 all relate) to *CLEAR INTENT* and matters linked thereto, it may be wondered why we have decided to give so much further space to it by reproducing the whole of Mr Chalker's article. The answer of course is that *CLEAR INTENT* is a meaty and tremendously important book. Not all of our readers have yet managed to see a copy of it, and what we have been able to quote from it so far has necessarily been brief. There were many other important points which we were thinking of presenting in further articles soon, and it so happens that Mr Chalker's article does include a good many of these.

EDITOR

## INTRODUCTION

RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) files document a remarkable sighting on October 25, 1973. On that very day, at the same top-secret site, a full nuclear alert was declared. Science is often defined as the ordered arrangement of ascertained knowledge, including the methods by which such knowledge is extended and the criteria by which its truth is tested. This narrow definition of science permits us to embrace the clandestine world of intelligence. It is a branch of science which few of us are privy to.

Today's world of Intelligence is mind-boggling. One of the biggest and most secretive organisations is the American National Security Agency (NSA), its initials often seen as meaning *No such agency, or Never say anything*. Its operations are massive and perhaps not a little disturbing in scope.

Recently, some of its operations were described in a fascinating book by James Bamford, entitled *The Puzzle Palace* (1982). The so-called 'Ears of America' exist as "the world's most secret espionage system".

Therefore, considerable interest was generated when a United States District Court recently ruled that the NSA did not have to accede to a *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)* request to supply a civilian group — CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY (CAUS) — with hundreds of UFO documents in its possession.

The extraordinary ruling stated that the release of the documents "could seriously jeopardize the work of the Agency and the security of the United States." With regard to the balance between public interest about UFOs and the NSA's need for secrecy, the court further rules that "public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail."

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## PART I: *Clear Intent*

The continuous ties of UFOs to national security and the claims of constant secrecy surrounding Government UFO documents, are the main themes of an explosive new book entitled *CLEAR INTENT* (Prentice Hall, 1984). It is subtitled *The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience*. While it is short on detailed critical analyses of the many Government UFO documents that dominate the book, the authors of *CLEAR INTENT* — Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood — present a powerful case for a 'cosmic Watergate'. Some of their conclusions are:—

- "UFOs are a real, material, physical phenomenon, completely unidentifiable in conventional terms".
- "UFO's display intelligence of a very high order".
- "UFOs have overflowed US military and other Government facilities since World War II, as evidenced by official US document releases from a variety of federal agencies".
- "This activity has extended to other nations, as evidenced by official US Government document release".
- "Despite tight secrecy regarding release of UFO documents, Government officials most closely associated with UFO data of national security importance probably do not have a definite 'answer' to the UFO problem, but they monitor the phenomenon in pursuit of an answer".

During late 1975, numerous 'penetrations' into several Strategic Air Command bases along the US/Canadian border by 'unknown objects' occurred. Describing one report, a Loring Air Force Base teletype



stated that an unidentified object “demonstrated a clear intent in the weapons storage area”.

On October 28, 1975, pandemonium broke out at Loring, when an unknown aerial object had penetrated the Base and was in the nuclear storage area! One of the Base personnel described the intruder when it was only 100 metres away, apparently hovering about 1.5 metres in the air. It was described as being about four car lengths long and exhibiting a reddish-orange colour:—

*“The object looked like all the colours were blending together, as if you were looking at a desert scene. You see waves of heat rising off the desert floor. This is what I saw. There were these waves in front of the object and all the colours were blending together. The object was solid and we could not hear any noise coming from it.”*

Early in November, 1975, at the K-7 Minute Man Silo near Lewistown, Montana, a Sabotage Alert Team responding to a reported ‘violation’ witnessed a huge glowing disc over the silo site. They refused to close in on the object, due to its ‘intimidating appearance’. The object departed and subsequently the missile housed at the silo was replaced, ostensibly because it was found that the targeting information in the missile computer system had been interfered with!

**IN 1976 AN IRANIAN FIGHTER PLANE WAS ‘BUZZED’ BY A UFO. AN OFFICIAL US REPORT STATES “THIS CASE IS A CLASSIC WHICH MEETS ALL CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR A VALID STUDY.”**

*CLEAR INTENT* carries intriguing data about a sensational encounter between an Imperial Iranian Air Force F-4 fighter aircraft and a UFO, that occurred on September 14, 1976, over Teheran. *The weapons system of the pursuing F-4 ceased functioning when the pilot sought to fire an AIM-9 missile at the UFO, the F-4 was then ‘buzzed’ by an object that left the UFO and subsequently returned to it.*

*A Defence Intelligence Agency assessment of the event concluded: “An outstanding report. This case is a classic which meets all the criteria necessary for a valid study of the UFO phenomenon”.*

From the NSA we find that the Iranian incident was carried in a secret Electronic Security Command Publication, with the rather esoteric title of the MIJI Quarterly. It contains narrative summaries of all ‘meaconing’ (?), ‘intrusion’, and ‘jamming incidents’ (hence ‘MIJI’). The account covering the Iranian case describes it as an example of an event “which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. It makes interesting, and possibly disturbing, reading.”

One of the more sensational disclosures in *CLEAR INTENT* is the extraordinary official documentation supplied, describing UFO intrusions over Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, in August 1980.<sup>1</sup> *Kirtland’s Manzano Weapons Storage Area is one of the largest nuclear weapon depositories in the world! The Base also houses some highly secret installations, including Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. SNL among other things develops electronics for nuclear weapons and cryptological devices for the NSA.*

There have been incidences of ‘official’ documents being circulated that have turned out to be hoaxes, but the Kirtland documents come directly from official channels via FOIA requests. It, therefore, seems unlikely that the material is a hoax.

One of the US Air Force (USAF) Office of Special Investigations (OSI) documents entitled *Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range* relates the experience a Sandia Security Guard had on August 9, 1980:—

*“At approximately 0020 hrs., he was driving east on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure. As he approached the structure, he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But, after driving closer, he observed a round disc-shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back-up patrol, but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The Guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the US Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter.”*

*“After referring to another (!) sighting in the same location, the report states ‘The two alarmed structures located within the area contain HQ CR44 material’ (which I am led to believe refers to nuclear materials! — B.C.)*

The OSI documents also carry extraordinary disclosures about one of the official investigators at

Kirtland Air Force Base involved in the 1980 incidents. Here I refer to Mr Jerry Miller, "GS-15, Chief Scientific Adviser for the Air Force Test And Evaluation Center, KAFB", who is further described in the documents as "a former *Project Blue Book* USAF Investigator who was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (W-PAFB), OH, with FTD. Mr Miller is one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of Aerial Objects in the South-West."

After analyzing photographic evidence supplied by a civilian scientist, Miller stated that "the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film; however, no conclusions could be made as to whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon areas." Miller contacted FTD (Foreign Technology Division) personnel at W.-P. AFB, who then expressed interest in the material and scheduled an inspection of the data.

The extraordinary thing about all this is that here we have a former *Project Bluebook* (The USAF UFO project) investigator liaising with FTD at W-PAFB — the former home of *Bluebook*. The big problem is, of course, that the USAF *Project Bluebook* was officially terminated back in 1969, on the grounds that further investigation "could no longer be justified on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." It seems clear now that both criteria — national security and scientific interest — are of major concern!

The National Security Agency (NSA) took that concern a major step forward with the unprecedented release of a document prepared by an NSA analyst back in 1968. It bears the extraordinary title *UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions*. The NSA emphasised that the document does not represent NSA policy; however, in view of the fact that the same Agency apparently shreds 40 tonnes of documents per day, it is, at the very least, extremely puzzling why this document along with 239 other UFO-related documents have not long since found the same fate. *Perhaps, contrary to public pronouncements, the documents were preserved because of their significance!*

Briefly, the document above contained the following intriguing points:—

*"It is the purpose of this monograph to consider briefly some of the human survival implications suggested by the various principal hypotheses concerning the nature of the phenomena loosely categorized as UFO."*

1. "All UFOs are Hoaxes ... If UFOs, contrary to all indications and expectations, are indeed hoaxes — hoaxes of a world-wide dimension — hoaxes of increasing frequency, then a human mental aberration of alarming proportions would appear to be developing. Such an aberration would seem to have serious implications for nations equipped with nuclear

*toys — and should require immediate and careful study by scientists."*

2. "All UFO's Are Hallucinations ... In spite of all the evidence to the contrary, if UFOs did turn out to be largely illusionary the psychological implications for man would certainly bring into strong question his ability to distinguish reality from fantasy. The negative effect on man's ability to survive in an increasingly complex world would be considerable — making it imperative that such a growing impairment of human capacity for rational judgement be subject to immediate and thorough scientific study so that the illness could be controlled before it reaches epidemic proportions..."<sup>2</sup>
3. "All UFOs Are Natural Phenomena. If this hypothesis is correct, the capacity of air warning systems to correctly diagnose an attack situation is open to serious question..."
4. "Some UFOs Are Secret Earth Projects ... Undoubtedly all UFOs should be carefully scrutinized to ferret out such enemy (or 'friendly') projects. Otherwise a nation faces the very strong possibility of being intimidated by a new secret 'doomsday' weapon."
5. "UFOs Are Related to Intra-terrestrial Intelligence". (I assume the NSA analyst meant 'extraterrestrial' or 'dimensional'? — B.C.) According to some eminent scientists closely associated with the study of this phenomenon, this hypothesis cannot be disregarded. (The well documented sightings over Washington D.C. in 1952 strongly support this view.) This hypothesis has a number of far-reaching human survival implications:—  
"IF THEY DISCOVER YOU, IT IS AN OLD BUT HARDLY INVALID RULE OF THUMB, THEY ARE YOUR TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORS ... THE 'INFERIOR' IS USUALLY SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL CONQUEST..."
6. "COMMENT: Although this paper has hardly exhausted the possible hypotheses related to the UFO phenomena, those mentioned above are the principal ones presently put forward. All of them have serious survival implications. The final answer to this mystery will probably include more than one of the above hypotheses...  
"It would seem a little more of this survival attitude is called for in dealing with the UFO problem...  
"Perhaps the UFO question might even make man undertake studies which could enable him to construct a society which is more conducive to developing a completely human being, healthy in all respects of mind and body and, most important, able to recognize and adapt to real environmental situations."

Clearly, at least back in 1968,<sup>3</sup> an NSA analyst saw the UFO phenomenon as a critical problem, whatever its eventual nature.

**PUBLICATION OF UFO REPORTS WAS OPPOSED BY AMERICA'S MOST SECRET SECURITY ORGANIZATION. A JUDGE WHO, WAS NOT SHOWN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, AGREED.**

With these perspectives, one wonders what can be made of the 21-page *in camera* affidavit presented by Eugene F. Yeates, the Chief, Office of Policy, of the NSA, to the District of Columbia, Maryland, Court. This was all the judge had access to in making his decision to deny access to the NASA UFO documents. He was never made privy to the original documents.

The affidavit itself was classified 'TOP SECRET —' ('TOP-SECRET UMBRA' I assume) meaning that the information was of the highest SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) sensitivity, however, heavily censored copy was subsequently released.

The NSA indicated that disclosure of its UFO documents would have the following effect, namely: "when alerted to the extent of NSA's capability, and if given information from which inferences could be drawn as to the processing methods used, foreign intelligence services would be able to evade or defeat portions of NSA's present foreign intelligence efforts."

The affidavit further stated:—

*I have determined that the 156 reports relating to COMINT (Communications Intelligence — B.C.) activities at issue here are based on intercepted communications of foreign governments of SIGINT operations and, thus, remain properly classified. In concluding this review I have weighed the significant need for openness in government against the likelihood of damage to our national security at this time, and have determined that each record should continue to be classified. No meaningful portion can be segregated from the records without revealing classified information about the intercepted communications underlying the COMINT reports...*

*'... I certify that disclosure of past and foreign intelligence communications activities of NSA revealed in the records that the plaintiff (CAUS, — B.C.) seeks would endanger highly valuable sources of foreign intelligence'.*

As the current military and political environment requires such clandestine intelligence activity to maintain the integrity of our national security, it is difficult to argue against the validity of such a case. All of us value our free and democratic life-style. However, since the UFO phenomenon seems global in scope, overshadowing current political and military

artifacts, perhaps there is justification for independent reviews of the NSA data by parties acceptable to both the NSA and the UFO research community. Surely at least the judge should have been made privy to the original documents rather than an NSA-prepared summary.

The authors of *CLEAR INTENT* refer to one date given in the 'TOP-SECRET —' affidavit, but could offer no suggestion as to what event it was referring to. However, for me this section was an extremely meaningful portion. The relevant page is heavily censored, but tells us the following information:—

"9.(TS—) NSA-originated reports — thirty-eight documents are the direct product of NSA SIGINT operations and one document describes operations and one document describes classified SIGINT activities. These documents can be further described as follows:—

"b. One record is a 1973 report which — ...

#### **PART II: *The Events at North West Cape (Western Australia) in 1973***

This reference to a 1973 report made me deeply re-think the significance of a specific UFO report contained in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) files. I acquired this report long before I was afforded the first civilian direct access to the 'totality' of the RAAF UFO files during 1982.

When I first saw the North West Cape report back in about 1975, I was surprised, due to its contents, that, firstly, it had been entered on to a standard RAAF-Department of Defence Sighting Report Form, and, secondly, that it had been made available to a researcher closely associated with me at the time. With the hindsight of the knowledge of its broader implications, which I am about to reveal, it leaves me just short of incredulous that people outside the world of Military Intelligence were made privy to it. It is heartening, however, that it did see the light of day and now its fuller implications are to be laid bare for public debate and scrutiny. This is the way it should have been all along.

**THE NORTH WEST CAPE UFO WAS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN: "A LARGE, BLACK AIRBORNE OBJECT ... ACCELERATED AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED."**

The case in question at North West Cape involved two U.S. naval (USN) personnel, observing a UFO near the restricted USN Communications Station at North West Cape in Western Australia.

At about 1915 hours, on Thursday, October 25, 1973, Lt-Commander M— (USN) observed "a large black, airborne object" at a distance of approximately

8 kilometres to the west at an altitude estimated at 600 metres. Lt-Commander M— was driving south from the NAVCOMSTA (Naval Communication Station) towards the support township of Exmouth, along Murat Road. The officer indicated in a written statement that, "After about 20-25 seconds the craft accelerated at unbelievable speed and disappeared to the north." The officer's report further states:—

" 7. *Hovering at first, then accelerating beyond belief.*"

" 9. *No noise or exhaust.*"

"11. *Have never experienced anything like it.*"

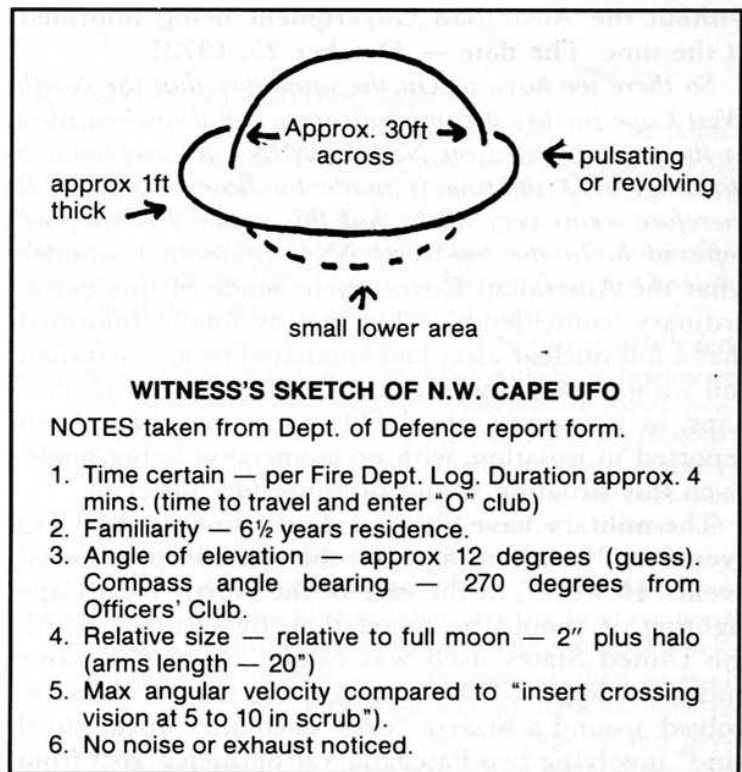
The other witness, Fire Captain (USN) Bill L—, provided the following narrative:—

"At 1920 hours, I was called by the POW to close the Officers' club. I proceeded towards the Club in the Fire Department pick-up 488, when my attention was drawn to a large black object, which at first I took to be a small cloud formation, due west of Area 'B'. (Area 'B' is the location of the high Frequency Transmitter and between 3 to 4 kilometres due west of this point is located Mount Athol. — B.C.). Whilst travelling towards the Officers' Club I couldn't help but be attracted by this object's appearance. On alighting from pick-up 488, I stood for several minutes and watched this black sphere hovering. The sky was clear and pale green-blue. No clouds were about whatsoever. The object was completely stationary except for a halo around the centre, which appeared to be either revolving or pulsating. After I had stood watching it for approx. 4 minutes, it suddenly took off at tremendous speed and disappeared in a northerly direction, in a few seconds. I consider this object to have been approx. 10 metres in diameter, hovering at 300 metres over the hills due west of the Base. It was black, maybe due to my looking in the direction of the setting sun. No lights appeared of it at any time."

The real significance on this provocative report is due to two things: one, its location obviously, and, two, the date of occurrence — October 25, 1973. Consider the following:—

In "A Suitable Piece of Real Estate — American Installations in Australia", (1980), Dr Desmond Ball, Senior Research Fellow in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, writes:—

"The NSA is the principal US Intelligence agency operating in Australia ... Compared to the CIA in Australia, the NSA has a much larger presence, is more important, more secret, and closer to Australia's own Intelligence organizations. It is responsible for all the various activities associated with Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) — electronic intelligence, radar intelligence, electronic counter-intelligence, and signal security."



The NSA operates at the North West Cape Base, through its Naval Security Group component. The Base, along with the other US bases around Australia, have long been a matter of acute political sensitivity, specifically related to the assertion that such sites would be nuclear targets during a major outbreak of hostilities between the Super-Powers.

On October 11, 1973, five days after the Middle East (Yom Kippur) War broke out, North West Cape, along with other US bases in Australia, was put on full alert.

According to Richard Hall, in his book *The Secret State* (1978), this alert status was to escalate dramatically due to "an NSA misreading of Arabic in a Syrian message to the USSR, which led Kissinger and Nixon to believe that Soviet troops might be sent to the Middle East".

The result was that, two weeks after the October 11 alert, North West Cape was used to communicate the general US alert to both conventional and nuclear forces in the region — all of this, according to Dr Ball,

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without the Australian Government being informed at the time. The date — October 25, 1973!

*So there we have it. On the same day that the North West Cape facility is communicating a full nuclear alert to the region, based on NSA COMINT interceptions, a startling UFO sighting is made by Base personnel. It therefore seems very likely that this is the '1973 report' referred to in the top-secret NSA affidavit. I wonder what the Australian Government made of this extraordinary 'coincidence', when it was finally informed that a full nuclear alert had emanated from Australian soil without its knowledge on October 25, 1973? (Perhaps, as it appears, the UFO report may have been reported in isolation, with no connection being made. Even this situation would be cause for concern.)*

The military have always viewed provocative UFO events in isolation against the backdrop of local events. However, in the case of the North West Cape sighting, it should be noted that, by October, 1973, the United States itself was caught up in a massive and sensational UFO wave. Much of the publicity revolved around a bizarre "close encounter of the third kind" involving two Pascagoula fishermen across from local naval shipyards wherein nuclear submarines were under construction. The event occurred on October 11, 1973 — by coincidence the date of the initial full alert.

What was it that hovered near the sensitive North West Cape Base and accelerated out of sight at "unbelievable speed" on the same day as a general nuclear alert was communicated from the Base? Was it an extraordinary remote 'drone' of a foreign or friendly power, testing the responses of the facility or was it a bonafide UFO? Either way, national security implications are very apparent.

There are clear lessons for our own "official, governmental examiner" of UFO reports, namely the RAAF, and for other Australian agencies that have flirted with the subject over the years. The latter include the Department of Civil Aviation (now Department of Transport), the Joint Intelligence Organization (JIO, formerly JIB, the Joint Intelligence Bureau), the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization (ASIO) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO).

On May 2, 1984, the RAAF curtailed its long public flirtation with the UFO controversy. In announcing the RAAF's 'new' policy on UFOs, the Minister of Defence, Mr Gordon Scholes, stated:—

"The vast majority of reports submitted by the public have proved not to have a national security significance."

The 'policy change' was, in fact, a logical and inevitable expression of the RAAF's long involvement in the Australian UFO controversy. The whole history of the RAAF's activity in this area has been based on two criteria — logically, national security and, predictably, political expediency.

The RAAF have stated: "Nothing that has arisen from the 3% or 4% of unexplained cases (the figure is actually now closer to 8% average over the last 20 years according to the RAAF's own statistics, and has gone as high as 33% in a single year — B.C.) gives any firm support for the belief that interlopers from other places in this world or outside it have been visiting us."

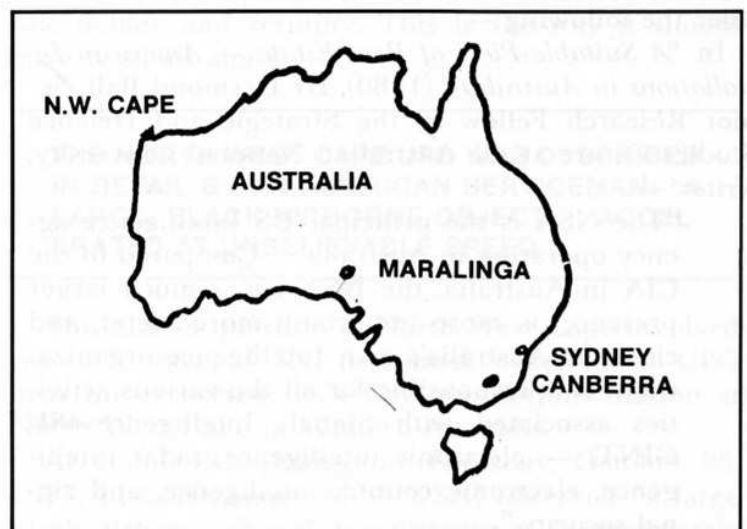
It is my contention, having examined many of those officially unexplained cases (and many of the so-called 'explained' cases), that surprisingly many of them contain extraordinary details which do not lend themselves to easy explanation. These deserve to be the stuff of scientific scrutiny.

In the great majority of cases that make up this unexplained residue, national security implications were not as clearly apparent as in the North West Cape event. However, it would be wrong to assume that that sighting was unique.

## The Maralinga Case

For example, consider the following account, which comes at a time when its location is very much in the news. The report comes from a former RAF (Royal Air Force) corporal stationed at Maralinga Airfield (South Australia) during October and November, 1957. The incident was not included, in any form, in the official RAAF files. During September and October, 1957, the nuclear weapons test series code-named ANTLER were undertaken at Maralinga with kilotonne range nuclear explosions occurring on September 25 and October 9. The site was subject to intense security. However, during October/November, 1957, the integrity of the facility was challenged in an extraordinary fashion.

Just before dusk one evening, the RAF corporal and some colleagues were called out of the Maralinga village canteen to witness a UFO hovering apparently



silently over the airfield. It was described as "a magnificent sight", being silver/blue in colour, or a metallic lustre, with a line of 'windows' or 'portholes' along its edge. The corporal states that the object could be seen so clearly that they could make out what appeared to be plating on its surface. The duty air traffic control-officer also ostensibly witnessed the spectacle. He allegedly checked with Alice Springs and Edinburgh airfields, who reported that they did not have anything over their areas. No photographs were taken, as it was alleged that the top-security status of the area required that all cameras be locked away.

These had to be signed in and out when used. After about 15 minutes (as dusk began to fall) the aerial object left, swiftly and silently.

**BASED ON THE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DISMISS UFO SIGHTINGS AS "HAVING NO NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE." THE TIME FOR SECRECY HAS PASSED.**

It seems to me, both based on the Australian experience (North West Cape, 1973, and Maralinga, 1957, for example), and certainly that of the American situation (Kirtland Air Force Base, 1980, for example), that it would be unwise, or at least premature to dismiss UFO sightings as having "no national security significance" and no scientific relevance. The time for secrecy and apathy has passed. Instead, the need for open public study and substantial scientific investigation should now be our *'clear intent'*.

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## THE UFO CONNECTION: ADDENDUM

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In correspondence with Mr. Chalker about his article "THE UFO CONNECTION: STARTLING IMPLICATIONS FOR NORTH-WEST CAPE AND AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY", we asked him whether he actually believed that the Royal Australian Air Force *really had shown him the whole of their UFO files*, and on May 16, 1985, he replied in a long and interesting letter which we think it best for us to reproduce as it stands, and as an addendum to his article.

We therefore reproduce the letter below. — EDITOR

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May 16, 1985

Dear Editor,

Thanks for your letter of May 2nd. I'm pleased you like my "UFO CONNECTION" article and plan to run it in FSR.

My reference therein to "*direct access to the 'totality' of the RAAF files during 1982*", obviously requires some clarification. You may therefore care to use this

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### FOOTNOTES (BY EDITOR, FSR)

<sup>1</sup>Kirtland USAF Base lies two miles south-east of Albuquerque, New Mexico. This case was the lead-story in FSR so long ago as Volume 29, No.5 (June 1984). (*US Air Force Base's Radar Knocked Out by a UFO*).

<sup>2</sup>Already, in my introduction to *The Humanoids In Latin America* (first published by FSR as a *Special Issue* in October 1966) I had the following comment to make:—

"One thing at least is certain. These stories of alleged meetings with denizens of other worlds or realms or levels of existence constitute a fascinating social, psychological — and possibly also a PARA-psychological enigma. And surely an enigma of some urgency, for if the growing numbers of people all over our planet who claim these experiences are indeed hallucinated, or, as we are confidently told, suffering from the stresses and strains of the Nuclear Age, then it is as plain as a pikestaff that they are in grave need of psychological study and medical attention. If a new brand of psychosis is loose amongst us, then, instead of wasting so much time on why we hate our fathers and love our mothers, our mental experts and psychologists ought to have been there right from the start, studying and combating this new plague since its outbreak nearly twenty years ago! Valuable time has been lost. By now, they might have come to important conclusions, or even licked the malady!"

(See page 84 of *The Humanoids*, Futura paperback edition, 1974 and 1977).

<sup>3</sup>Note that this comment by an analyst of the American National Security Agency (NSA) was made in 1968 — just two years after the first publication of my remarks cited above under Note.<sup>1</sup>

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letter as an addendum to the article if printing schedules permit. Please copyright this to me, at this stage:

### Addendum to "the UFO connection"

I purposefully used quotation marks on my reference to having seen the *totality* of the files, since that indicates, or I thought it would indicate, to readers that I am not convinced that all Government files have been uncovered.

As far as the RAAF files were concerned, it would appear that I have been able to examine the totality of that particular file series, namely their "public"

### *Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) Reports File Series.*

(By "public" I mean the files the RAAF always stated that they maintained which include reports from civilians and also from military witnesses. These files had always been withheld from the public until 1982. Previously to that, there had only been limited release of individual sighting reports with all witness particulars deleted from the copies).

In my initial visit, I was only given less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of this holding, with the indication that this was all that they could retrieve from archives at that time. I persisted, and with some detective work to determine the file numbers, etc., I was eventually able, over the next few visits, to examine a continuity of these UAS files for the period from 1955 through to 1982. I was able to largely reconcile these files with the public summaries made available from 1960 to 1980.

Since then, I have examined the files for 1982-1984. These file series are made up of multiple parts. Each part contains numerous sighting reports. Altogether, thousands of reports were involved.

The existence of two other types of files was also determined, in addition to these "UAS Sighting files" — namely "Enquiries by the Public, etc", and "Policy". Now, I was able to examine a continuity of parts of these "Enquiry" files, which led me to believe I had seen all the parts. With the "Policy" files, of which there were then (1982-1983) only three parts, I was initially denied access. Subsequently I was able to read the first two parts, but not the current (third) part. There was some interesting material in the "Policy" file, not the least of which was a "scientific appreciation" study of Air Force Intelligence sighting files and associated tabular summaries of reports from 1950 to 1954. This study was undertaken by a nuclear physicist. He recommended that a permanent scientific panel be formed to evaluate the RAAF data, and that more radar cases be sought. *He also concluded that some of the material was suggestive of "extra-terrestrial" sources. Unfortunately, he had used a lot of Donald Keyhoe's data to support his 1954/55 conclusions. RAAF officials sought confirmation from the U.S. Air Force authorities as to the legitimacy of Keyhoe's data, and were advised that he was not to be relied upon! In fact they indicated that they regarded him as having questionable integrity! Unfortunately, while Keyhoe may have slightly "beat up" his USAF data, it was authentic. However, the RAAF authorities chose to accept the USAF's assurances, and therefore, in turn, rejected the Australian scientist's findings . . .!*

I make detailed mention of this Australian scientist's report because it summarizes files of reports for the period 1950-1954. The original files were allegedly "destroyed" or "lost" in the move of RAAF Headquarters from Melbourne to Canberra! Copies of some of these pre-1954 RAAF reports were however held in Department of Aviation UFO files which I was also able to examine late in 1982.

Of the numbered parts of the "UAS Sighting" files, only three (for around 1973) were missing. These have never turned up, and are "presumed lost" in the archival system. Despite this, I had already, prior to my 1982 file reviews, obtained from various channels copies of the more "interesting" RAAF reports in those self-same "missing" parts. For example, the controversial *North-West Cape Report* of October 1973, which figures prominently in Part I of this present article, was one of them. Within the files examined by me there was also controversial and "self-critical" material which seemed to make the claim of a sinister "cover-up" difficult to sustain.

Well now — *what about other files?* Well, I'm sure other holdings exist. I was told so by the scientist who wrote the 1954/55 report mentioned above.

*In 1982/83 I managed to track this scientist down and contact him. In the late 1960s he had been working in the Australian Defence Department, to be specific, in the Scientific and Technical Intelligence (DSTI, Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence), which is part of the JOINT INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (JIB<sup>2</sup> — now the JIO organisation). At that time he was also liaison man between JIB and RAAF/DAFI (Directorate of Air Force Intelligence). In this capacity, he had access to RAAF/DAFI UFO files and Defence files.*

In 1968 and 1969, this scientist worked with other Defence scientists in organizing a proposal for a "rapid intervention team" to investigate "physical evidence" UFO events. Unfortunately, before these plans could be finalized, things got out of control in Western Australia with a rash of reports. The local RAAF/DAFI officer could not cope with the "flap", and a plea was made for the Defence "team" to intervene. As the "team" had not yet been finalized, the scientist himself was sent to Western Australia to assist. One of the cases involved an impressive radar-visual event. Upon subsequently writing up his report on the affair, the scientist, perhaps inappropriately, criticized the RAAF/DAFI system for handling UFO reports. These criticisms of his came at a time when the RAAF/DAFI "empire" was under threat. The scientist's access to RAAF/DAFI UFO files was terminated, and, moreover, the plan for the "rapid intervention team" was cancelled — all due to "politics", so it seems!

This scientist to whom I refer obviously has considerable knowledge of the "cut-and-thrust" of Governmental UFO machinations. He has little sympathy for their approach, and he indicated to me that, while the RAAF/DAFI files that I had examined were by far the most substantial holdings, *there were also further Defence holdings.* These, he told me, were generally "sensitive", due to the nature of their reporting or their source, perhaps rather more than due to their actual report content. He indicated that, for these reasons, it was unlikely that I would ever be granted access. *So far he is right.*

*What about other files?* The Australian Security &



Intelligence Organization (ASIO) have long been thought to have had a finger in the UFO pie. To all enquiries about their activities in any areas the ASIO naturally steadfastly refuse to confirm or deny anything. However, we are certain that, at their own request, they did obtain a copy of the *Father Gill Report* (New Guinea, June 1959) from the civilian UFO investigation group in Queensland, allegedly for micro-filming. They were also allegedly involved in the famous Drury film affair of 1953. *Other claims of ASIO involvement relate to alleged attempts by them to destabilize research groups and discourage research activities by individuals.* (All of this sort of stuff is of course almost impossible to confirm; one must either just accept or reject one's own source of information.)

There is also the whole body of "evidence" relevant to claims of a "UFO cover-up" by the RAAF and other Government agencies in Australia. I reviewed this "evidence" in a lecture which I gave at the 1984 Conference of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies. My conclusions were that most claims are either spurious or impossible to confirm. *A few, however, are extraordinarily compelling, and are the subject of ongoing investigations. If these events are confirmed (and at the present stage they are NOT) then we could have powerful evidence that the Government or perhaps some agency or agencies of the Government, know more than they are telling.*

*My own feelings, based on my current perceptions of the files I have examined and all the various people in the Intelligence field whom I have questioned, is that, while there may be data that these Agencies could still be "sitting on", they, and the various Governments as a whole, know little more about the UFO Problem than we informed civilian researchers do. In other words, my current perception (which may of course prove to be incorrect) is that the Cover-Up has its basis in a desire to contain something which is poorly understood. (That is to say that maybe they say to themselves "If we sit on it, it may go away. If it won't go away and if we sit on it, at least we will give the impression that we are doing our job and, yes, folks — there is nothing to worry about! There really is nothing in all this UFO rubbish!")*

But, in reality, when Officialdom have their rare moments of direct confrontation with the substantive side of the UFO mystery (which in itself is also rare), then they also are bogged down in frustration and uncertainty as to what is going on.

Now, one may care to argue that Governments know a lot more, and that this knowledge which they have comes from intimate liaison, on a voluntary or a non-voluntary basis, with "non-human intelligences". For myself, at the moment, on the basis of an objective appraisal of the "evidence" as I see it, I think that this last-mentioned belief in "intimate" knowledge is, at best, premature.

Nevertheless, as the action, which now seems to be unfolding, in various localities and circumstances (e.g.

"*Sky Crash*", "*Clear Intent*", "*Fire In The Road*" (title of the apparently forthcoming book on the "*Cash-Landrum Event*") all seems to show, things are "hotting up". Maybe some sort of resolution is at hand?

Perhaps that is far too optimistic a deduction. However, now is certainly not the time for lethargy. "Progress", in Ufology (if "progress" be the right word) has been quite marked in these last few years. Is it leading us down a one-way street, or are we moving towards a real objective goal?

There is of course still a huge amount of further material on which I could draw should space and time permit!

Yours sincerely,  
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#### COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

1. *Once again I draw the attention of FSR readers to the outrageous fashion in which Major Donald Keyhoe, an honourable man and a true pioneer in UFO research, has been systematically slandered by the American officials, who knew only too well that he was telling the truth, and were therefore determined to destroy both him and his organisation, NICAP (which they indeed succeeded completely in doing.)*
2. *For seven years I was myself a JIB Intelligence Officer. G.C.*

## STOP PRESS FLASH! SWIRLED RINGS IN 1986!

In Lt. Commander Bruce's same wheatfield at Cheesefoot Head near Winchester (see FSR 29/1, page 14) a new ring appeared between 11.00 p.m. and 3.00 a.m. during the night of Saturday July 5/Sunday July 6, 1986, being discovered by Mr. Pat Delgado himself as soon as daylight permitted. Tests and measurements three hours later showed a main single circle, 68 ft. in diameter swirled in a *clockwise* direction, except for an outer band 4 ft. wide which was swirled *anticlockwise*. Then came an outer belt of standing wheat 5 ft. wide, followed finally by an outermost ring 4 ft. wide and also swirled *anticlockwise*.

A second and adjacent large ring appeared in *broad daylight* between 6.55 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on the fine, sunny evening of July 6, as is firmly established by statements from reliable investigators who were there, respectively, at five minutes to 7.00 for certain and at 7.45 p.m. for certain. The diameter of this second ring is 31 ft. It has around it a belt of standing wheat two feet wide, and outside that is a further swirled ring 18 inches wide. Both rings on this one are swirled *clockwise*.

The highest and most authoritative opinion in the land no longer holds that these rings are due to student pranks or to rutting hedgehogs (or rutting rustics), but that they are simply due to the effect of *wind*. As all FSR readers will know, Britain is famous for its remarkable whirlwinds, which find no difficulty whatsoever in whizzing round in intricate patterns, clockwise inside and anticlockwise outside, while obligingly leaving intermediate belts of corn still standing.

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## INTRODUCTION

A single witness, Enrique Botta, or Enrico Bossa, or Enrico Carotenuto Botta, claimed that on May 10, 1950, while driving in an isolated region of Argentina, he came across a disk-shaped UFO resting not far from the highway. The witness climbed into the craft, where he found three small dead humanoids. He departed, drove back to his hotel, and the next day he returned with two friends, only to discover that the craft was now a pile of ashes. However, two other UFOs were circling overhead, and somehow Bossa managed to obtain two photographs.<sup>1</sup>

## THE BASIC VERSIONS

As provided by Richard Heiden, numerous references for this case exist, but curiously enough not a single one is from Argentina. In fact, we have here a classical example of "circular references", i.e. all sources are traced back to original letters written by the observer.

Of all the sources, those based on the original letters written by Bossa were selected for this study:

i) The version provided by Coral Lorenzen, dating from the summer of 1955.<sup>2</sup> This version is apparently based on a first account appearing in *EL UNIVERSAL* of Caracas on May 7, 1955.

ii) A straight translation into French of a letter by Enrico Bossa, published in a Swiss magazine.<sup>3</sup> This second version, dated November 1, 1955, is more detailed and embellished than the first.

## DISCUSSION

Each narrative contains internal contradictions, and moreover, there are some interesting discrepancies between them, to wit:

(a) In version (ii), Bossa indicates that at the time he was "living in the City of Bahía Blanca, capital of the province of La Pampa". The City of Bahía Blanca is in the province of Buenos Aires, and of course it is not the capital of La Pampa. It is inconceivable that an educated person alleging to have lived in the area for several months could make such an error.

(b) The lighting inside the craft was dim, and Bossa could not determine the color of the eyes of the crew (version i). Yet, Bossa kept his green tinted glasses on! In version (ii), the glasses are not mentioned.

(c) In version (i), Bossa found the object at a distance of 75 km from "his hotel", while in version (ii) he was either 280 km from Bahía Blanca (province of Buenos Aires), or 200 km from the city of General Acha (province of La Pampa). He also established his geographical coordinates as 68 degrees west and 37 degrees south. All of this information is inconsistent.

(d) No time is given for the encounter, although Bossa is very detailed in providing the time of his departure (apparently from General Acha) with two friends the next day. In version (ii), they started at

dawn; in version (i), rain prevented them from departing until the afternoon.

(e) The names of the friends are not provided. In fact, when one thinks about it, we know of Bossa and his personality only through the letters he wrote and the information provided by Horacio González, a Venezuelan ufologist now deceased. Coral Lorenzen indicates that she talked with Bossa by phone in 1957, and Leo Stringfield may have a third letter from him, obtained through the good services of Horacio González (see Ref. 1 p.84) and "written in wretched English". Bossa's profession is variously described as an architect, an aeronautical engineer or an architectural engineer (whatever that may be) by those receiving his letters.

(f) Coral Lorenzen puts a great deal of emphasis on the fact that Bossa could not have read Scully's book (published in 1950) before his experience. In this book, detailed descriptions of landed UFOs and their occupants are provided<sup>4</sup>. But Bossa could not have read it only if the incident took place in May of 1950 as alleged, and since the two friends remain anonymous, their assertions about date and place are void. *It could very well be that Scully's book in fact inspired Bossa — a real or imaginary character — to pen his letters.*

(g) A minor inconsistency between the two versions is the difficulty experienced by Bossa when trying to start his car on the run. No such problem is listed in version (i). A second minor discrepancy is on the dates. According to version (ii), the incident took place on May 15, 1955, while in other versions, including a letter written to Stringfield (Ref.1, p.82) on October 25, 1955, the date is reported to be May 10, 1955.

(h) Last but not least are the behavioral inconsistencies. If we believe what we are told, Bossa was an educated man and kept his cool while inside the craft, where he remained about 5 minutes. Yet, having the best opportunity to remove some item from what he had recognized as a spaceship, he did nothing of the kind! Also, while first approaching the landed craft (notice, it was NOT demolished), he tells us that when he was at a distance of 50 metres he thought it was a