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Chief Superintendent

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Forwarded herewith for your information, are two reports of an unidentified object sighted at Woomera on the 5 May 54.

2. The persons reporting were separated by a distance of approximately three hundred yards and give corroborative accounts of what each observed.

3. It has been noted that a similar object was observed on about the 3 May 54, by two ladies at Henley Beach, South Australia, and reported in "The Advertiser" of 4 May 54.



*A.G. Pither*

(A.G. PITHER)  
Group Captain  
Superintendent LRWE Range

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WOOMERA

7th May, 1964

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REPORT ON A FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED ON 5th MAY, 1964

I was at Range R1 (Post R1), the Radar Post, standing by the Security Officer's Hut, and looking towards the Radar Post at approximately 1645 hours, observing one of our trials through binoculars.

This object appeared to be travelling towards me or directly across a path of the approaching Canberra. When it got to the path of the Canberra it turned to my right and was going in the direction from which the Canberra had just come.

When it got directly over the Canberra it slowed down. During this time I found it very hard to believe what I was seeing, so I shut my eyes and then looked again through the binoculars and the object was still stationary over the flight path of the Canberra.

Since it appeared to be the same relative size as the Canberra through the binoculars, I thought it would be possible to see it with the naked eye. However, when I looked over the top of the binoculars the object had either gone or I could not see it with the naked eye, and when I looked again through the binoculars I could not pick it up.

The object appeared to be travelling about three times as fast as the Canberra, but of course it is impossible to estimate, since I did not know what height it was. It was perfectly circular all the time and a dark grey colour, and gave the appearance of being translucent. It did not glisten at all when it turned or was it shiny.

(Signed) Sydney BAKER

Vickers-Armstrong



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Post "R"

6th May, 1954

TOAR (A)

RE UNIDENTIFIED TARGET OBSERVED ON RADAR 5TH MAY, 1954

Sir,

At about 1800 on 5th May, an unidentified Target was observed on Radar AA Number 4 Mk. 6.

The target appeared on High Beam at a range of about 60,000 yards Brg 355° approaching "R", described a Hyperbola over "R" and went out at a bearing of approx. 90°. On its way out it passed behind Spotting Tower, "S2". I timed it over 15,000 yards 10 seconds which would make its speed approximately 3600 M.P.H. Cfn. KEANE observed this occurrence with me. Since the target was followed to 70,000 yards on High Beam the height would be greater than 60,000 feet. See Diagram on next page.

(SGD) George A. TROTTER S/Sgt

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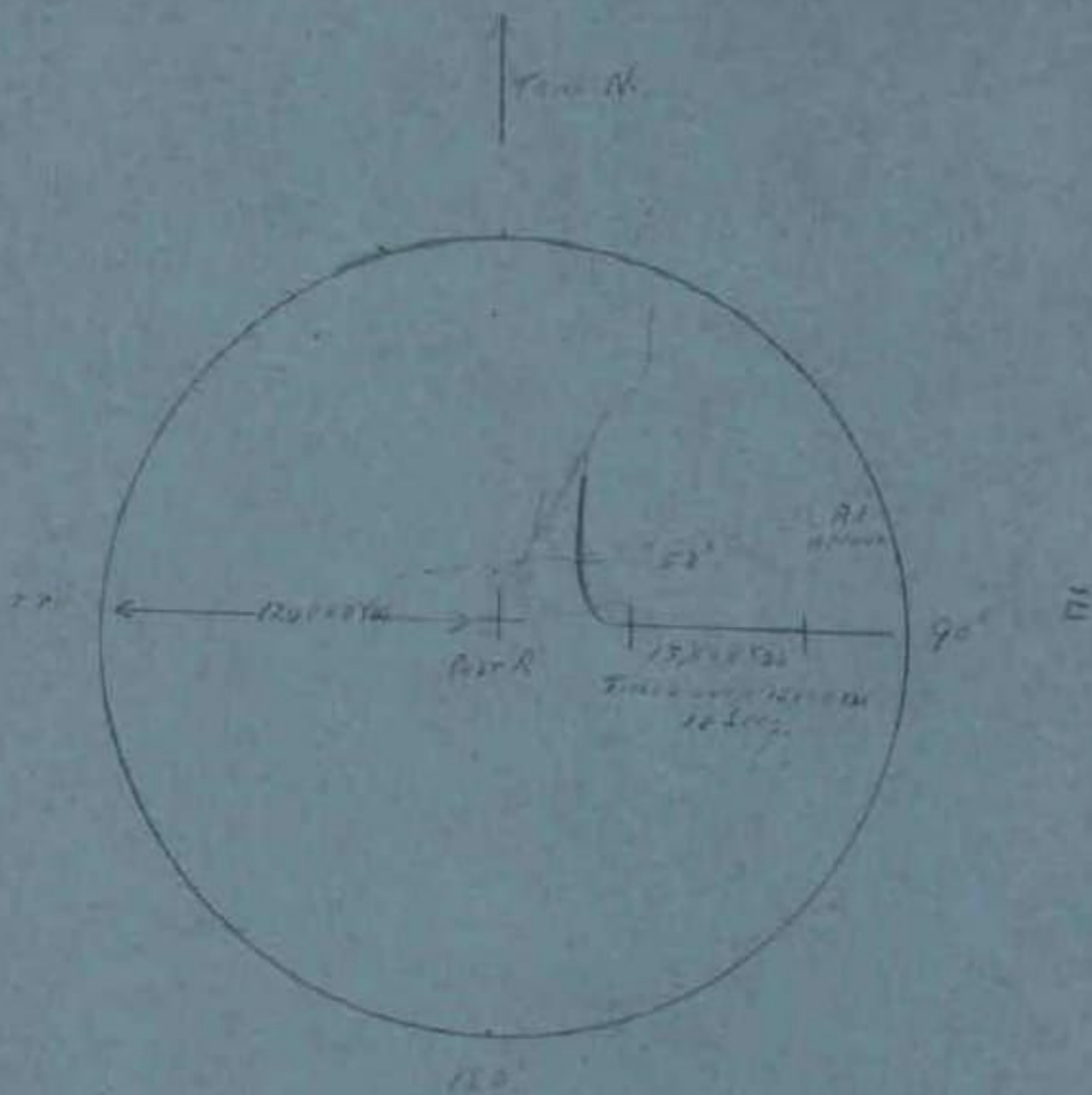
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George A. TROTTER, S/Sgt.



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