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REFERENCE.....No.

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REPORT.

DATE .....	<u>23 NOVEMBER 1971</u>
TIME.....	<u>1200</u>
LOCATION.....	<u>YEAH (VIC.)</u>
TYPE of REPORT.....	<u>D.D.</u>
NUMBER of WITNESSES.....	<u>3</u>
EFFECTS.....	<u>nil</u>
DATE-RECEIVED BY A.C.O.S.....	<u>26/6/72</u>
INVESTIGATED BY.....	<u>C. GRIEB. (A.S.O.)</u>

LARGE CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED AT YEA, VICTORIA, ON 22/11/71. (Daylight)

ABSTRACT: A man and his two young daughters were preparing to consume a light snack during a break in their journey from Gundagai, N.S.W. to Victoria, when the Father heard a strange noise like a jet engine directly overhead.

He looked up and at about 1/2 a mile away he could see a bright cigar shaped object hovering above a hilltop. He drew his daughter's attention to it and all three stood and watched in amazement as the silvery coloured cylinder remained motionless and silent in the early morning sky.

After standing for a few minutes, the Father momentarily looked away to fetch a sandwich from a lunchbox in the car's boot and as he did so the sound which was heard previously suddenly ceased. Turning his attention quickly to where the object was hovering he was amazed to see nothing, the strange craft had departed within the few seconds it took to open the boot.

His daughters had inadvertently glanced away as their Father unlocked the boot and could not describe the manner in which the object departed.

They all stayed watching for another 20 minutes but as nothing further eventuated, they decided to continue their journey.

THE SIGHTING: At approximately 2:00am on Monday morning, 22/11/71, Mr. \* R.E. Haughton of 41 Torr St, Gundagai was leaving home to visit his dying father in Wonthaggi, Victoria. He was accompanied by his two eldest daughters and all three were feeling a little saddened at the news they had received and very little was said as they drove along. By about 3.30am the father decided he could make better time by leaving the Hume Highway and cutting across country through Yea and Healsville, hoping to arrive in Seymour by 6am. This he did and although the sad news was still on his mind he felt a little better knowing that they would arrive with the minimal amount of delay.

After travelling for a few more hours his daughters expressed a desire to stop for a short break before continuing on the last leg of the journey.

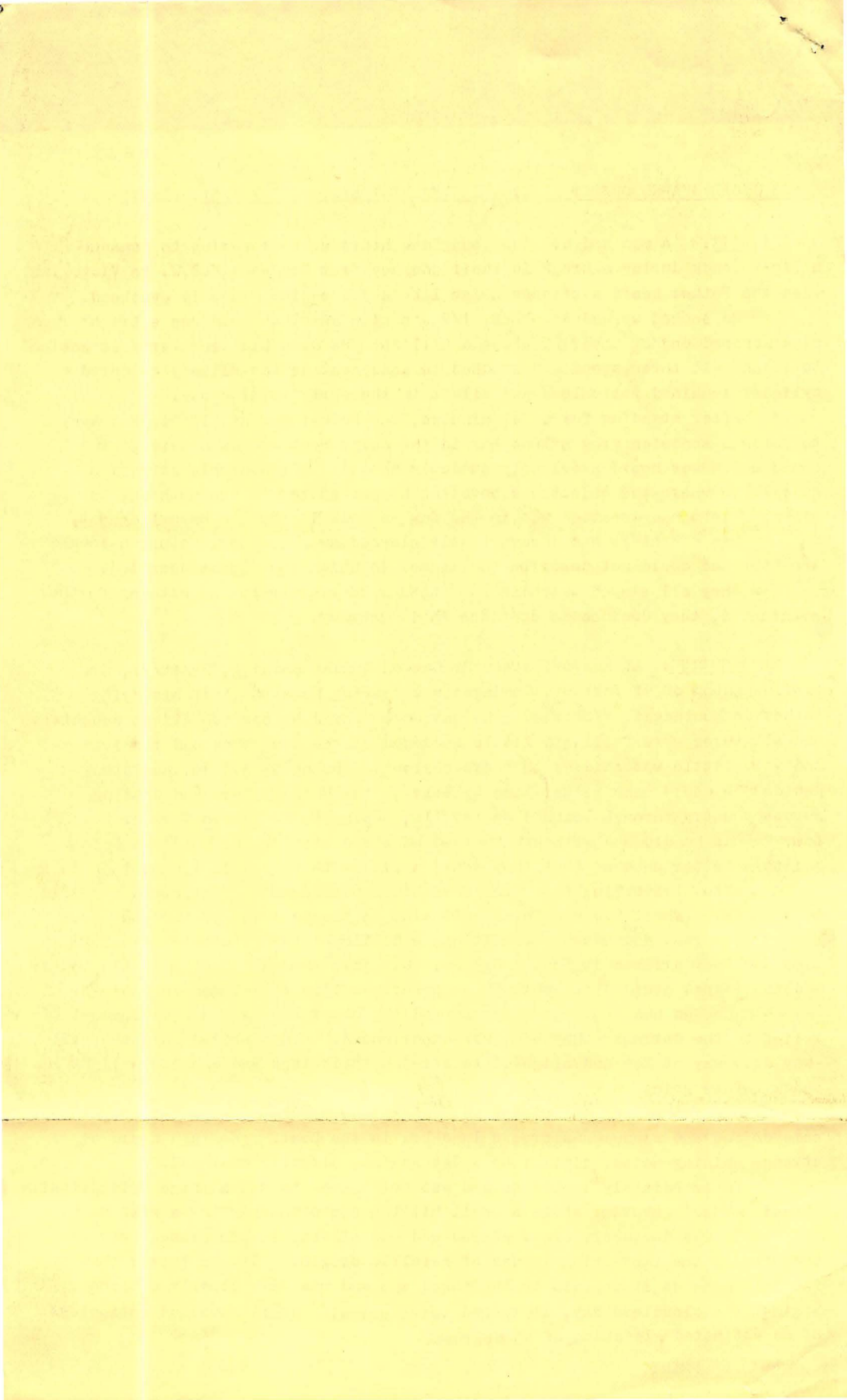
The road and weather conditions had allowed the father to make good time and they arrived in Yea at 5:40am, this made them all feel a little better and the father decided it would be an opportune time to refresh themselves.

The Sun had just risen by now and the clear blue sky was a pleasant relief to the darkness they had just experienced. They pulled into the Rail-way driveway at Yea and alighted to stretch their legs and consume a light snack before going on.

The father got out of the car and walked around to the rear to get some coffee and sandwiches from a lunchbox in the boot. He then heard a strange whining noise, similar to a Jet engine, directly overhead.

He immediately looked up and was astonished to see a large cylindrically shaped object hovering above a small hilltop approximately 1/2 a mile away.

It was decidedly cigar shaped and was silvery in appearance, giving the witness the impression it was of metallic origin. It was larger than the full moon as it appears to the naked eye and was very clearly outlined against the cloudless sky, it looked quite unreal as it remained motionless at an estimated elevation of 45 degrees.



No discernable features were noted by Mr. Haughton, he could only make out the size and shape. This he maintains is because the object was completely streamlined, it was smooth and looked completely out of place for this quiet country township.

After watching for about 2 minutes the father decided to fetch the refreshments, he handed them to his daughters, who by this time had also been watching the anomalous craft. He bent down momentarily to reach the coffee pot and as he did so the strange noise suddenly ceased, both his young daughters attention had been distracted at the same time and when they all quickly looked up again the mysterious object had vanished. The craft had departed in the few short seconds it took to unlock the boot of the car.

None of the witnesses could describe the manner in which the object left the scene, it was as if it had waited for the right moment to depart and unfortunately, due to their attention being redirected elsewhere, the three witnesses failed to obtain a very important aspect of the sighting.

All agree that the noise associated with the object had stopped when it disappeared, and all three attested to the fact that it was silvery in appearance and was cigar shaped, featureless and semi-luminous.

They stayed and watched the sky for another 20 minutes but no further sighting was made, the object had gone and no environmental effects were noted to corroborate their sighting. The witnesses admitted to being a little frightened by the object's appearance and felt disappointed that they couldn't obtain more information on it's appearance, they talked about it for a while before deciding to continue on. They arrived at their destination and kept the sighting to themselves, as it was neither the time or place to discuss such an incident it was temporarily set aside until they arrived home where it was talked about at length with friends. No after effects were felt by the witnesses and the episode remains a mystery to them to this day.

THE INVESTIGATION: A letter was received early in 1978 by Miss Jane Haughton outlining the sighting and a report form was then sent to Mr. Haughton which arrived back to UFOR. (N.S.W.) in March, 1978.

A follow up investigation was carried out and a written account was compiled on the incident. The reporting witness stated that to the best of his knowledge no known aircraft could account for the object he and his young daughters saw, it was silver and bright and gave off a noise as it hovered.

It was featureless and hovered without movement, the witness described the object "like a plane without wings or tail section!" There was no-one else around at the time so added testimony could not be obtained.

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REPORTING

WITNESSES:

Mr. R.E. Haughton.  
41 Torr St,  
Gundagai. N.S.W. 2722.

OCCUPATION: Ret. Pensioner.

AGE: 51 years.

OTHER WITNESSES:

Miss A. Haughton.  
Miss L. Haughton.  
(of same address.)

INVESTIGATION BY: David Reneke. UFOR. (N.S.W.) 21/4/78.

SIGHTING FORM - A.

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Please read carefully and print clearly, as the information you give on this form is most important.

1. Observers Name..... *F. U. CANDEL* .....
2. Address..... *22 RIVER ROAD, HORSHAM VIC.* .....
3. Date of Sighting..... *14.3.75* .....
4. Place of Sighting..... *HORSHAM* .....
5. Time of Sighting..... *1 am* .....
6. Position in sky when first seen - North; Nth. West; Nth. East.  
South; Sth. West; Sth. East.  
Position in sky when last seen - North; Nth. West; Nth. East.  
South; Sth. West; Sth. East.
7. Elevation (approximate degrees above horizon)..... *10-15* .....
- Any outstanding features..... *NIL* .....
- Shape..... *ROUND OR OVAL* .....
- Sound..... *NO SOUND* .....
- Color..... *GREY TO DARK* .....
8. Apparent size compared with moon..... *70 (seventy) or more*  
or coin held at arms length..... *70 (seventy) or more*
- Flight pattern..... *STEADY AND STRAIGHT IN DIRECTION*
- Estimated speed..... *ABOUT THAT OF A GLIDER OR SLIGHTLY FASTER*
9. Duration of sighting..... Hrs. .... Mins. .... Secs. *5-6* .....
10. Weather conditions..... *GOOD CLEAR SKY* .....
- Fine..... *FINE* .....
- Dull..... *DULL* .....
- Light Cloud..... *NO CLOUD AT SIGHTING* .....
- Heavy Cloud..... *NO CLOUD AT SIGHTING* .....
11. Object viewed through spectacles..... *GOOD EYE SIGHT*  
window of moving vehicle..... *GOOD EYE SIGHT* .....
- telescope..... *GOOD EYE SIGHT* .....
- window pane..... *GOOD EYE SIGHT* .....
- binoculars..... *GOOD EYE SIGHT* .....
12. Rough sketch on reverse side of form showing position of Sun,  
Moon, Stars, in relation to object.
13. Witnesses: Number of..... *NIL* .....
- Names, addresses and signatures on separate sheet, if  
possible.)
14. What was your reaction? Startles..... *NO* .....
- Afraid..... *NO* .....
- Excited..... *NO* .....
- Calm..... *NO* .....
15. Other remarks..... *I had a definite feeling that I would see something unusual like if someone somebody put an iron hand over my heart* .....
16. Did you see any conventional aircraft in the area immediately before during or after the incident? *no* .....
17. What attracted your attention to the object?..... *I was lying down flat on my back wide awake when it appeared* .....
18. Describe briefly, the type of terrain in the area..... *flat* .....
19. Please list any airport, military, governmental, or research installation(s) in the area..... *HORSHAM AIRDROME* .....
- ..... *APPROXIMATELY 3 1/2 miles AWAY* .....
20. May we use your name in connection with this report?..... *yes* .....
21. Date of filling out this report..... *2-4-75* .....
22. Signature..... *F. U. Candel* .....