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MOVIE FILM (Continued)

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EAST BURWOOD PHENOMENON

A Melbourne man claims he has made a number of UFO observations over past months in the East Burwood area. Some UFO researchers tend to dismiss the reports of witnesses who claim to see many UFOs, arguing that because genuine UFOs are very rare, the probability that one individual will have a number of sightings is virtually zero. They argue that such multiple UFO reporters are gullible fanatics, intent on seeing as many UFOs as they possibly can, with little attempt to critically assess what was seen, or to look for a possible natural explanation.

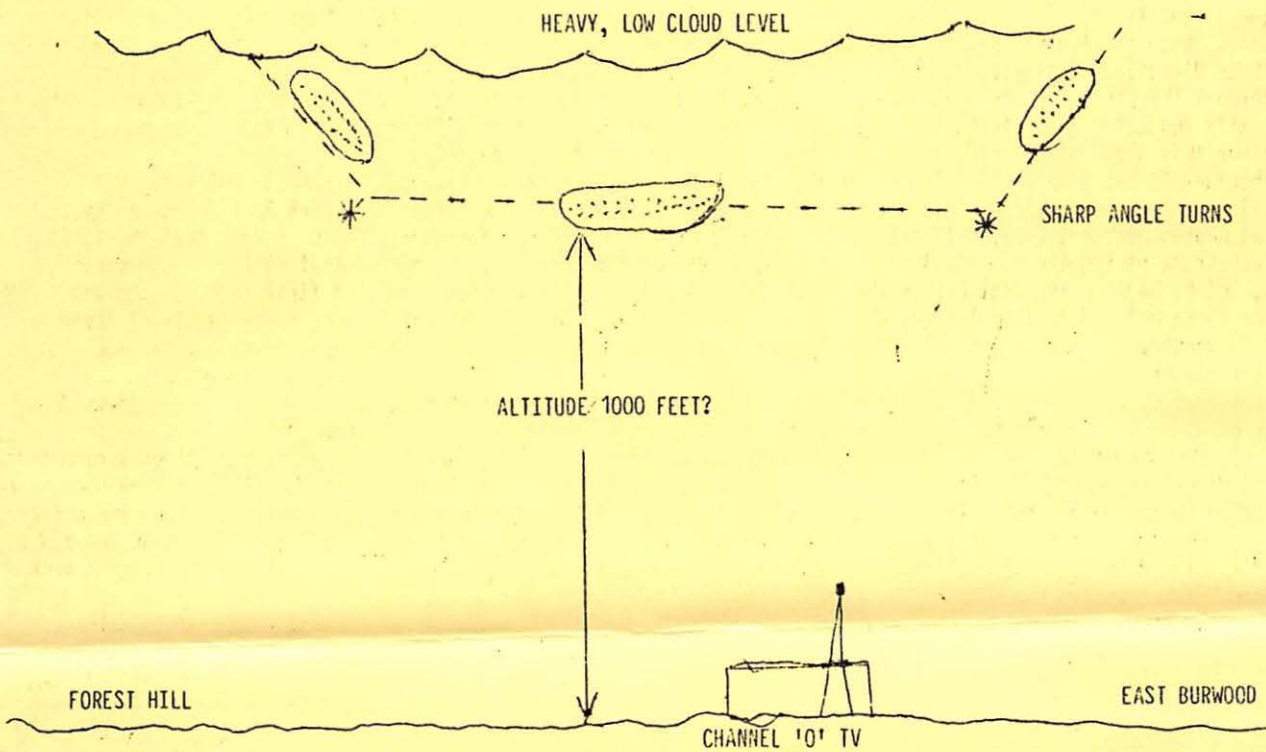
However, the witness concerned is a highly academically qualified man, and he impresses as a rational and competent observer, who does not appear to be gullible or uncritical. The observations described, sometimes seen as well by other members of his family, are mainly of the "lights in the sky" variety, which, on the surface, appear to be those borderline cases possibly explainable as aircraft. The witness is insistent that he is quite familiar with the appearance of aircraft, which he has dismissed as the explanation. He also states that he knows the major stars and planets, and is not confusing the phenomena seen with astronomical objects. He is aware of the sceptical attitude taken by some towards the multiple UFO-sighter, and desires to remain anonymous.

The most interesting of the phenomena witnessed occurred on May 31, at about 6 p.m. The witness was in his car with two of his daughters:

"...about a quarter of a mile from the Channel 'O' TV Station we saw a spectacular UFO demonstration. Immediately in front of us, and directly over the Channel 'O' TV Station, we saw a huge, fully lit phenomenon descend below the cloud level for a few seconds. In that time it performed two extraordinary manoeuvres of sharp angle turns without any arc, then suddenly disappeared. As we saw it there were masses of porthole-like windows, each brilliantly lit with a white light from within. There were too many windows to try counting - we were left only with an impression of its vastness. There were no coloured lights of any description anywhere to be seen. Nor were there any visible wings, undercarriages or other appendages: only a bulk of a craft with dozens of clearly identifiable separate windows, each glowing white.

Yet despite the spectacular nature of the appearance of the vehicle, it was the manoeuvres which convinced me I was looking at a UFO of some description. We actually saw it break cloud, fairly slowly, at an angle of about 60 degrees. Then abruptly it levelled flight briefly horizontal to the ground at about 1000 feet or so - but to do that it made a sharp angle turn of about 120 degrees, without any gradual turn of any sort: just an instantaneous change of direction. About two seconds later the vessel seemed to repeat the procedure to ascend, but I couldn't be sure. It seemed to make the ascent move and disappear all at the one time. We drove around the district searching for another sight of it for some time, but it didn't return on that occasion.

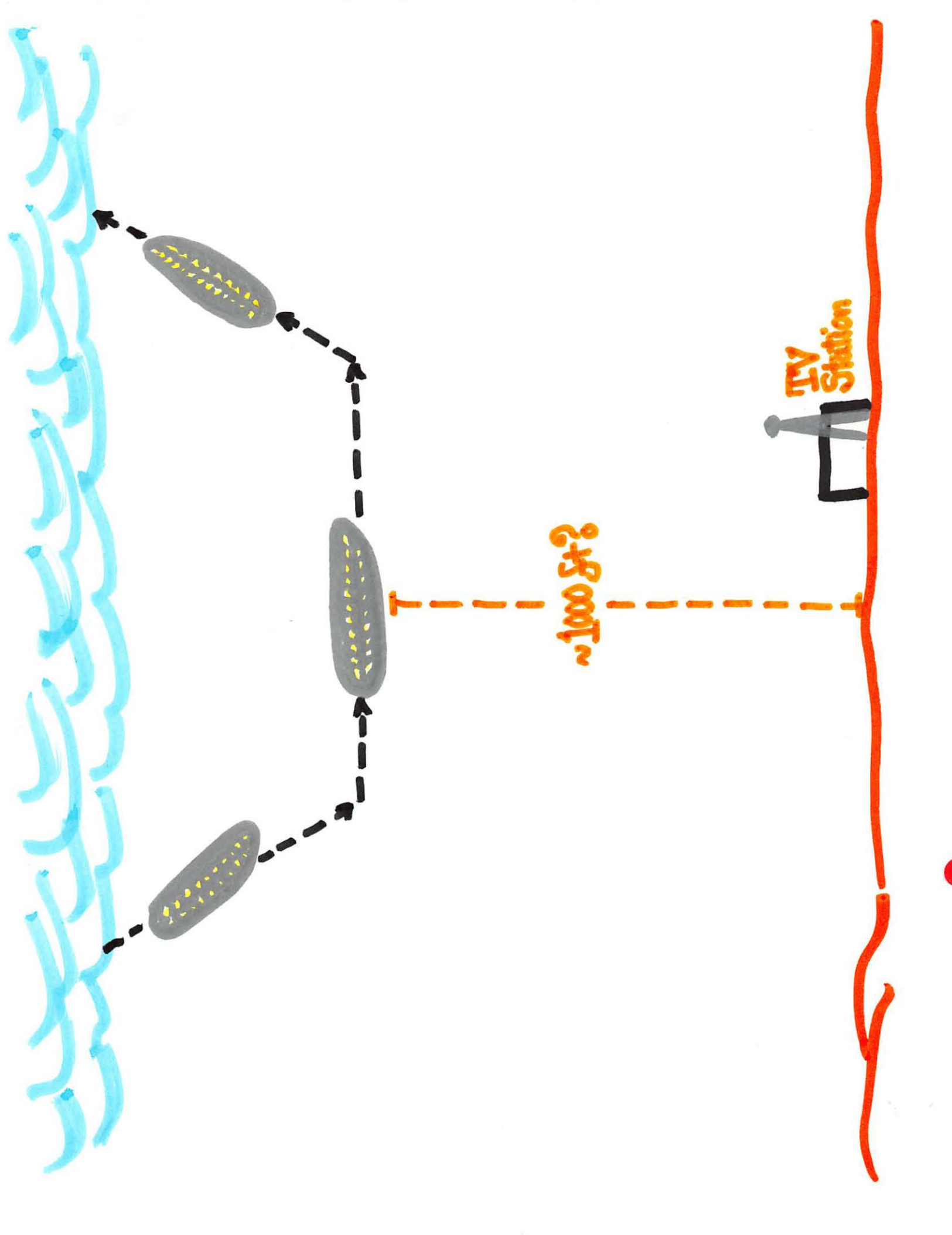
Below is a sketch to represent the movement. I have had to draw a figure to do this, but in fact the outline of the vessel was not as clear as it appears below....My eldest daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, recalls the phenomenon as having a bright light at either end of the vehicle, which I did not notice: I was more struck with the multitude of smaller windows. We agree on the sharp angle manoeuvres of the vehicle".



(Reproduction of witness's sketch)

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