



## Close sighting of a disc at Kyeemagh Sunday, 19 April, 1992

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*This exceptional sighting occurred next to the control tower of Sydney airport. When the witnesses telephoned airport staff later, they denied that anything unusual had occurred. Mrs C was finally able to report this event to UFOR(NSW) after we received publicity during the Gosford flap.*

The four members of the C Family were fishing off the rocky embankment on the west side of the mouth of the Cooks River, just below the Endeavour Bridge (on the seaward side) at Kyeemagh. The area is a popular fishing spot and there were several other groups of people fishing close by.

It was 7.30pm (Mrs C checked her watch), and the incoming tide had not yet started to turn. The fish were not biting so Mrs C and her two young daughters were looking at the scenery.

It was a clear evening and some stars and planets were visible in the night sky. Then Mrs C noticed a stationary object in the north-western sky above the street light on the bridge, at about 30 degrees to the horizon (at location 33 57' 15" S, 151 09' 48" E).

The object was noiseless and looked like a metallic upturned Saucer with a dome on top. The flat circular bottom had a ring of red lights inside the rim. Lights within this ring were fluctuating 'like the car lights (strip indicator lights for braking) on the Night Rider TV show. There was a separate bright amber-red light blinking on top of the dome.

The area is directly south of Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney's major Domestic and International airport). The Operations Centre and control tower for the airport are situated on the eastern bank at the river mouth, directly opposite. There was a blue rotating light on the control tower itself, slowly flashing like a police car light (this light is not usually switched on). There appeared to be dim lights on inside the Control Tower itself and several people moving around the observation deck. Mrs C and her two daughters watched the hovering object for about 10 minutes trying to work out what it was.

Mrs C then called to her husband who was standing 5-10 metres west of her, closer in to the bridge. She asked him to "Look at this thing hovering above the bridge". He joined the family group for a better view of the object. At first he thought it was some sort of gimmick, but it did not have the wing lights for a plane or the tail light for a helicopter.

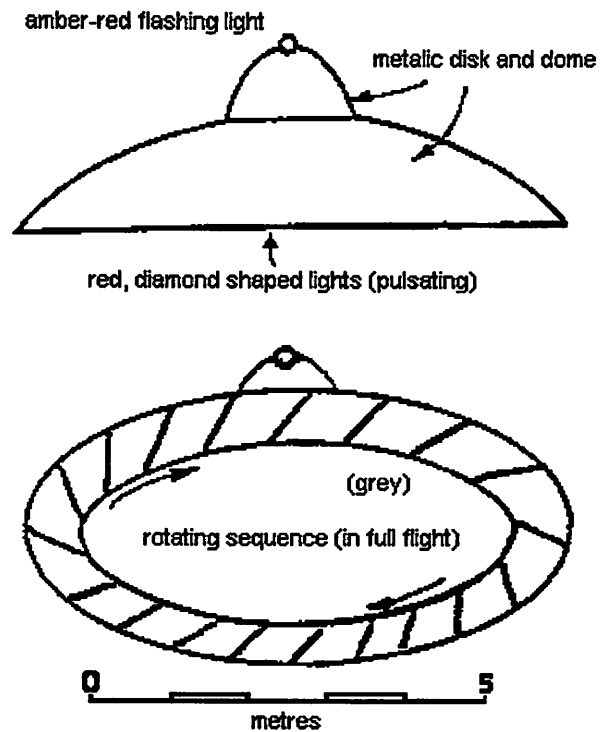
Mr C estimated the motionless object to be 45-50 metres above the level of the river bank, some 35 degrees up and 80 metres away. He described the object as having an oval ring of rotating red lights with one blinking red light above. He estimated it was about two car widths in diameter (approximately 7 metres).

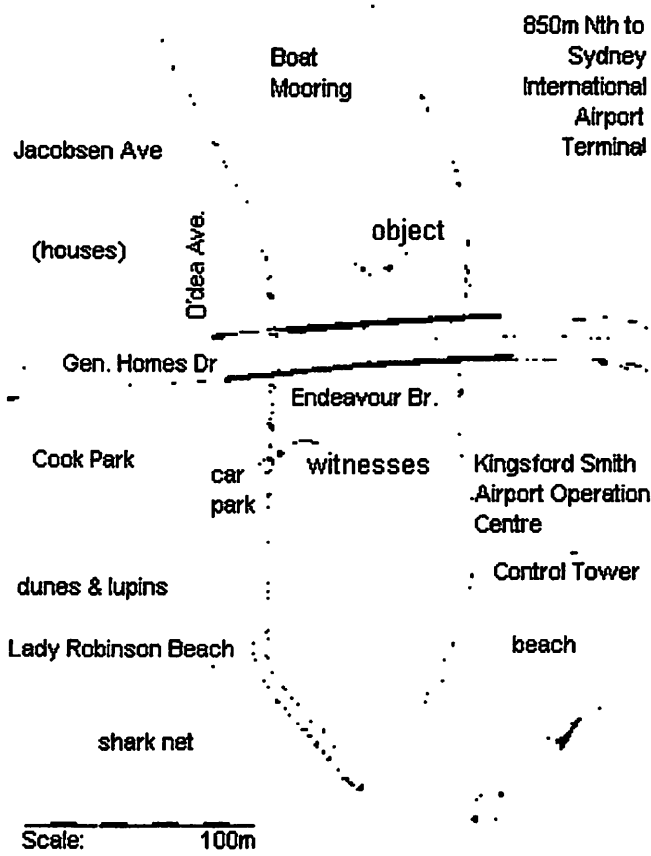
Soon after Mr C joined the group, the object pitched over about 45 degrees away from them, so that they could clearly see its round base. The red lights making up the circle around the bottom edge were diamond shaped, with well defined edges.

As the object flipped, the slowly flashing lights on the control tower sped up and an alarm sounded (a series of very loud beeps).

All of the lights on the object became brighter; the ring of red lights pulsed faster, as did the amber red light on the dome. Mr C thought that this was unusual, for the top light should have not been visible to them from their position once the object pitched over. "The dome must have been higher than I first thought", he said.

The object then started to move off noiselessly and slowly 'at about 40 kph - the speed of a slow helicopter' (Mr C) north-north-eastwards, towards Sydney's Central Business District (CBD). It travelled at an angle of about 40 degrees overall, only slightly above the angle at which it had first been seen. (This path would have taken it directly between the Domestic and International terminals, possibly some 700 metres up and then on beyond, slightly west of the Harbour Bridge.





While still close up, the witnesses noticed that the object's movement was not smooth or continuous. It moved erratically, following a step like path, in a series of little jumps.

Once the object moved away, the alarm on the Control Tower stopped, and the blue light slowed down once more. After 7-10 minutes, the object had levelled off (an effect due to perspective?) but was still just visible as a single red blinking light high above the CBD.

The C family were surprised that although other people around them saw the object, they seemed a bit stunned and did not want to take much interest in what had happened. They also noticed that there were no reports of the incident in Sydney newspapers the following day.

When they tried to phone the Control Tower at Sydney Airport, they were told that nothing unusual had been reported, and that "the Tower was probably on automatic and not manned anyway".

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