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**File Number:** AIR 1080 / 6 / 897 Volume 1

**File Title:** Investigations of Unidentified & Radar Sightings  
East Coast South Island – December 1978

**File Timespan:** Opened: 1978 - Closed 1981

**File Declassified:** December 2010

**Location of Original File:** Held at Headquarters NZDF

**Access to Original File:** Restricted until 2051

**File Contains:** Interviews with people involved in the 1978 Kaikoura sightings conducted by the RNZAF preparatory to the preparation of a formal report into these sightings. File also contains technical reports from DSIR and other scientific experts and an independent report of the Kaikoura sightings by the NZ UFO Studies Centre.