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VICTORIA, 3122, AUSTRALIA.

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The Officer Responsible,
The UFO. Desk,
Royal Air Force Section,
The Ministry of Defence,
London, England, UK,

NO RESPONSE
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Dear Sir,

Sighting of same UFO type on two continents.

I want to impress you first with my qualifications for knowing what I saw and secondly for being able to identify that what I saw was not a normal aerial object.

For some twenty five years I was in the Army of Great Britain and Australia as a National Serviceman and then as a Territorial Army and Citizens' Military Force volunteer. My final rank was Captain. In the British Army, my number was Section 40 and my main occupation was Forward Observer in Field Artillery but I also served in a Light Anti-aircraft Regiment of the Royal Artillery where you served by identification of enemy aircraft in time to take proper action. For more than twenty-five years I studied aircraft recognition as a civilian amateur and as a military professional.

From the foregoing I hope that you may realise that I have been trained, have experience and am able to identify objects, their shape and dimensions at a distance. It may be considered that if I say that I saw something and describe it in detail I did see it and that it did exist at two separate times in separate places on two continents.

Early in 2007, I cannot give you the exact date because that did not become important until my second sighting, one morning I was in my front garden in Hawthorn, an inner suburb of Melbourne, Australia. I heard a large jet aeroplane approaching from the east at low level and recognised the sound of a Boeing 747. I got hold of my binoculars, which I keep handy for such occasions, captured the image and followed the plane as it passed slowly from east to west across my front. It was to my north about 1,000 metres from me at as low a level as such planes are permitted to fly across the inner areas of Melbourne, on a line of sight about fifteen degrees of elevation from me, in its sweeping approach to Tullamarine airport some fifteen kilometres away. The sky was a clear cloudless blue.

As I scanned back along the fuselage to the white kangaroo on the red tail of the Qantas jumbo I saw behind and beyond the tail by at least 500 metres an object in the sky. I recall thinking I'll follow the 747 until it goes behind the nearby houses and then come back to the object. It was an unusual shape

The other day I heard a news broadcast which mentioned the UFO desk at MOD in London and as a result I have directed my report to you.

If you require any other information, please let me know, otherwise I do not expect you to expend your valuable time on a reply.

Yours faithfully,

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for an aerial object so I decided to look at it in more detail when the jet was out of sight, but when I did that and swung back to the object it was not there, neither was it anywhere else as I scanned the whole northern sky, left to right and up and down. Whatever it was it had either moved off at great speed, as I had only moved my binoculars off it for four seconds, or it had just disappeared. When I thought about it disappearing I wondered if the jet exhaust of the 747 had disturbed the air or atmosphere in some way that made the object appear from a previously invisible condition and that it was still there or nearby but I could not now see it.

Now let me describe the object, which I do not consider to be a UFO as I did not see it move but rather an Unidentified Stationary Aerial Object. It appeared to be a dull metal box in the sky. I could not tell whether it was a house-sized object relatively near or a much larger object far away. As seen it was slightly smaller than the tailfin of the airliner. If it was near and yet beyond the jet it had the bulk of a three bedroom house. It seemed to me rectangular, a box with all edges and corners rounded, of a dull yet shiny, silver material with what appeared to be a dark stripe across the side facing me. I got the impression that the black stripe was a type of window and that the object was looking not at me but to the east (right) of me into an area within a few hundred metres of me. No matter how hard I try to describe it I always come back to a silver metal box with rounded edges and no protrusions just sitting there looking at something, not attached to anything, not near anything and undefinable as to true size and distance.

Another interesting point is its posture. An aircraft in flight has a certain posture related to the intentions of its crew as to what the aircraft is about to do. A ground attack has a nose-down attitude and is travelling at speed. An aircraft about to land has a nose-up attitude and is travelling relatively slowly. A high flying heavy bomber settles early into a stable approach to its target. Paratroop dropping aircraft travel in groups by day on a steady course towards the dropping zone. In the case of this object it was static, comfortable in its posture and seemed to consider itself unseen and safe. It was not a balloon as we do have hot air balloons about, but only in the very early morning, and I know the shape, size and colour of Melbourne's balloons. It was definitely there and it did not seem to move away at any definable speed; it just disappeared within four seconds.

Now here is the strange confirmation of what I saw in Australia. Some nine months later I was watching a TV program made in America about UFOs when it showed a segment from Canada where a couple had been at their holiday cottage on the banks of a lake in Ontario. The husband had taken a cine film of the view from the verandah of the cottage and did not notice anything unusual until viewing his finished film which the program showed. There, above the water, in the sky in the distance was exactly the object I had seen, the same rounded silver box shape with the vague black band across the front but in a more horizontal posture. So I have seen a UFO in Australia which I have also seen on a film from Canada.