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Mystery Vapor Trails

The Melbourne, Australia Herald of 15 January 1965 carried an article about seven unexplained vapor trails observed 250 miles off the New Zealand Coast over the Tasman Sea at 6:45 p.m. on the 13th (Wednesday) of January. "The RAAF has failed to identify flying objects reported over the Tasman Sea on Wednesday night", the lead sentence read.

Captain D. Shannon and the crew of his Electra which was at 20,000 ft. altitude reported seeing the trails at 35,000 feet, going west to east. The trails "seemed to split", into seven directions, indicating a flight formation, Shannon reported.

An RAAF spokesman in Canberra said no aircraft cleared officially from Australia was in the area at the time. Inquiry had shown that no aircraft authorized to operate over or out of Australia could have been in the area at the time. The The Australian radar station at Brookvale had turned in no reports of unidentified objects.

The initial story was sadly lacking in detail but it is indeed strange that an experienced pilot would turn in a report on such a mundane item as contrails when one would expect a pilot to expect to see contraits.

Regardless, on the same day the Syd ney Sun carried an explanation, to wit: "The RAAF now believes that vapor tralis seen by Qantas pilots (apparently others besides Shannon observed them—Ed.) in the sky over Tasman were a natural phenomenon... a Qantas official said that "the Electra crew sighted what appeared to be contrails from high-flying planes."

Additional information reaching this office indicates a radar confirmation of the sighting but the location of the radar was not made explicit—it could have been radar contact by Shannon's plane. The clippings which divulged this information did not specify.

News sources also said the report had .
been officially explained as "ice crystals"
although two top-ranking RAAF officers
said the evidence indicated a formation
of military aircraft capable of high
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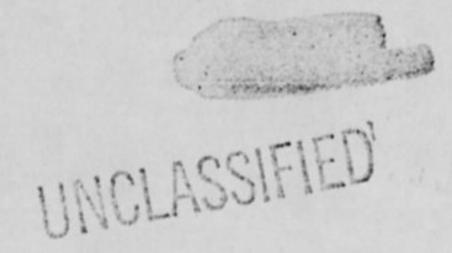
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