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**RAAF BASE AMBERLEY  
STANDING INSTRUCTION  
ADMINISTRATION 05-01**

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## UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS

1. In past the RAAF was responsible for handling all queries for Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) at an official level until 1996 when the function ceased to operate. Scientific records suggested there was no compelling reason for the RAAF to continue to devote resources to recording and investigating of UAS.

### **Responsibilities.**

2. The ADF does not accept reports on UAS. If the DM receives a phone call for a sighting, they are to refer the caller to local police authorities. The ADF does not have an affiliation with any existing civil UFO organisations.

3. Some UAS relate to events that have a defence, security or public safety implication which include man-made debris falling from space or burning aircraft. If members of the community have witnessed an occurrence of this type they are to contact the police or the civilian aviation authorities. Any identified aerial activity which appears to have an obvious defence implication, will be investigated.

### **Media Organisations.**

4. There are occasions when media organisations will seek information regarding a sighting or policy issues regarding UAS. The DM is to obtain the media contact numbers and inform the ABXO on <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]. The ABXO may then have the DM contact Defence Public Relations on <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED] and pass on the media contact information or ABXO will advise DM to stand-down on the issue.

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**UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS**

**Introduction:**

1. The ADF no longer accepts reports on Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) and no longer attempts assignment of cause or allocation of reliability.

**Aim:**

2. To outline the procedures on how the Duty Member is to handle reports of UAS.

**Procedures:**

3. The ADF no longer accepts reports on UAS and no longer attempts assignment of cause or allocation of reliability. Members of the community who seek to report a UAS to ADF personnel are to be referred to their local Police authorities in the first instance, or alternatively to seek contact numbers for civil unidentified flying object (UFO) research organisations from the relevant state telephone directory.

4. Some UAS may relate to events that could have a Defence, security, or public safety implication, such as man-made debris falling from space or a burning aircraft. Where members of the community may have witnessed an event of this type, they are encouraged to contact the Police or the Civil Aviation Authorities. An identified aerial activity, which appears to have an obvious Defence implication, will be investigated.

5. There are occasions when the media might seek information regarding the ADF policy on UAS. Inquiries of this nature should be directed to the Defence Public Affairs Operations Centre at Air Force Headquarters on (02) 6265 3343.

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**UNUSUAL AERIAL SIGHTINGS**

1. For many years the RAAF has been formally responsible for handling Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) at the official level. Consideration of the scientific record suggests that not all UAS have a ready explanation; there is no compelling reason for the RAAF to continue to devote resources to recording, investigating and attempting to explain UAS.
2. The RAAF no longer accepts or reports on UAS and no longer attempts assignment of cause or allocation of reliability. Members of the community who seek to report a UAS to RAAF personnel will be referred to a civil UFO research organisation in the first instance. Known organisations are listed below.
3. Some UAS may relate to events that could have a defence, security or public safety implication, such as human-made debris falling from space or a burning aircraft. Where members of the community may have witnessed an event of this type they are encouraged to contact the police or civil aviation authorities.

**UFO RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS**

**UFO report sightings**

1800 772 288

**UFO Experience Support Association (Inc)**  
63 Third Ave,  
Berala, 2141

0412 649 428

**UFO Investigation Centre**  
118 Cardinal Ave,  
West Pennant Hills, 2125

(02) 9484 4680

**UFO Researchers Independent Network**  
Wentworth Falls, 2782

(02) 4757 3848

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3. **Unusual Aerial Sighting.** The ADF does not accept reports on unusual aerial sightings (UAS). The DM is to direct any such calls from the public to their local Police authority. Any UAS that may have a Defence, security or public safety implication, such as man made debris falling from space or burning aircraft, are also to be referred to the local Police or Civil Aviation Authorities. If the DM is contacted by media organisations regarding UAS, they are to redirect them IAW the DM Media Contacts instruction.

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