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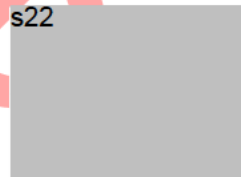
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A.J. AYERS
Secretary

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J.S. BAKER
General
Chief of the Defence Force

LIST B—ISSUE NO ADMIN B/7/96

NEW INSTRUCTION

ADMIN 55-1

Unusual Aerial Sightings Policy

SINGLE SERVICE FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This **Instruction** should be filed as:

1. NAVY ADMIN 65-7
2. ARMY ADMIN 77-1
3. AIR FORCE ADMIN 13-7

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INTRODUCTION

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AIM

2. The aim of this Instruction is to provide general guidelines to members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) when dealing with members of the public who seek to report UAS activity.

POLICY

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Unusual Aerial Sightings of Potential Concern to Authorities

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Annex: A. Known Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisations

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**ANNEX A TO
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**KNOWN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH
ORGANISATIONS**

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PO BOX 783
KOGARAH NSW 2217

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UFO WATCH
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LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834

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LANE COVE NSW 2066

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27 August 1996

Amendments to Defence Instruction (General) ADMIN 55-1 are issued pursuant to section 9A of the *Defence Act 1903*.

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A.J. AYERS
Secretary

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Chief of the Defence Force

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AMENDMENT

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Unusual Aerial Sightings policy

Department of Defence
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13 November 2000

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ALLAN HAWKE
Secretary

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C.A. BARRIE
Admiral, RAN
Chief of the Defence Force

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Chief of Air Force

Sponsor contact:

Director Coordination—Air Force

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INTRODUCTION

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AIM

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POLICY

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Unusual aerial sightings of potential concern to authorities

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