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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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VESSEL VH-DSJ *ACFT.*
(MS/FW/RO/NAVAL)

TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND

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CLASSIFICATION P

Former Papers		Archival Action		Later Papers	
Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date	Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared Initials and Date
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Radio Trans</p> <p>No Survivors</p> <p>No of Lives Lost</p> </div>		

BROADCAST MESSAGES						SEARCHES AND RESULTS	
CRS	Type	DTG	Big/Small Ship	Interval	Cancelled		
VIM	XXY	210948Z	RTG/RTF	1/2 HRLY	AMENDED	AIR SEARCH PLANNED	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
VIM	XXY	211958Z	RTG/RTF	1/2 HRLY	212152Z	AIR SEARCH CARRIED OUT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
VIM	XXX	212152Z	" "	"	AMENDED	AIR SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	<input type="radio"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
VIM	LQ	220434Z	" "	2 HRLY	221904Z	SEA SEARCH PLANNED	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
VIM	XXX	230213.	" "	4 HRLY	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH CARRIED OUT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
VIM	XXX	221904	do	2 HRLY	230213Z	SEA SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	<input type="radio"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
VIM	XXX	231900.	do	4 HRLY	232328	* Delete as required.	
VIM	ca	240645	- " -	2 HRLY	242348		

SAR PHASE				CO-ORDINATION	
Type	AFTN Address	Declared	Cancelled		
DETRESFA	by AMMLYU		250900	FILE RAISED BY	<i>JSD</i>
				INITIAL CO-ORD	<i>Soc MELB.</i>
				MOC ASSUMED CO-ORD	
				CO-ORD PASSED TO	

INCIDENT OPENED 21 / 10 / 1978 INCIDENT CLOSED 25 / 10 / 1978.

INCIDENT TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

POSITION _____ TIME _____

REPORTED BY SOE MELBOURNE. 033392476 THROUGH _____

AUTHORITIES INVOLVED _____

CRS Wim POLICE K1 004-621211, 024 AD(SO) VIC, TAS.

DEFENCE Defnav DEFENCE HOBART, 024, Lakes Entrance.

OTHER CONTACTS Tlx/Ph. No. Tlx/Ph. No.

- 1. GRAHAM OLIVER 004-621368
- 2. HM CURRIE 004-621493
- 3. SMITHSON - TAS Seafoods 004-521496
- 4. NANCY HEATH /VKNH
- 5. BALAMARA /VM 4076
- 6. REE MELBOURNE 03 338 4450
538 4470
- 7. _____
- 8. NANCY HEATH
- 9. AL BELADARA /VM 4076
- 10. BRISBANE TRADE /WAV
- 11. IRON LANTANA /VKB
- 12. GOLIATH /VKGH
- 13. IRON MANSCH /VKH
- 14. NGARUA /ZMST
- 15. SAFOCRAN ALBANY /ZTEN
- 16. 3070000 CHEMIST /GMVF

NORLAND /Vik 2627
PISCESIS /VK 3648
MATT HOLTMAN /GOS

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

NAME _____ REG/SAIL No. _____ RADIO C/S _____

TYPE _____ LENGTH _____ TONNAGE _____ SPEED _____

COLOUR: HULL _____ DECK _____ SUPERSTRUCTURE _____

FUNNEL/SAILS _____ HULL MATERIAL _____

ENGINE TYPE _____ FUEL _____ RANGE _____

REMARKS _____

CAPE STREET
NAUTILUS /VM 4129
HELEN S /VM 4774

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (If 'YES', insert details)

ANCHOR YES/NO _____ LIFEBOUYS YES/NO _____

FLARES YES/NO _____ EPIRB YES/NO _____

DINGHY YES/NO _____ FOOD YES/NO _____

LIFERAFT YES/NO _____ WATER YES/NO _____

LIFEJACKETS YES/NO _____ OTHER YES/NO _____

RADIO YES/NO _____ FREQS _____

PERSONS ON BOARD Age Sex Address Phone No.

- 1. _____
(Skipper)
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

VOYAGE DETAILS

DEPARTED _____ DTG _____ DESTINATION _____ ETA _____

INTERMEDIATE PORTS AND TIMES _____

CONTACTS Address Phone No.

OWNER/AGENT _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

OTHER _____

NARRATIVE:

LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a Distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.
2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AUSREP was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKHH was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.
3. SOC AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. Nancy Heath was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only Nancy Heath was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately but the others were not as they could enter the area later "Nancy Heath" which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham Light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. SOC AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things (perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Otway at 0903Z and requested all work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSC advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC works out the rest. As SOC seemed unsure of procedures ACSC agreed to provide Seacurrent and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOC. The target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC and who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC ALSO requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.
6. A King Island cray fisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
7. The xxx message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
8. SOC AMML amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a Sea Current/Wind Current sector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.
9. This new splash point was close to Victoria so it was suggested that ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.

10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.
11. "Nancy Heath" reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
12. An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splashpoint.
13. Orion reported an oil slick in position 3920Z 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to detain a sample.
14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/W2E remained in the position of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.
15. RCC AMML requested submarine drift. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.
16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour achieved.
17. The "Nomad" collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.
18. The Urgency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued.
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.
20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.
21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would release him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.
23. Incident closed.

76/375
MARSAR 78/1205


31 JAN 1979

A.S. (Finance Branch)
CANBERRA

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft -
Charter of Fishing Vessels.

Three Treasury Vouchers are hereby forwarded for payment. The Vouchers are for the charter of three fishing vessels, the HELEN D, BALAMARA and NAUTILUS 1. The vessels carried out a surface search for the missing aircraft in the Bass Strait area on 22 October 1978.

2. The charter was authorised by the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre and it is requested that appropriate accounting and payment action be taken.


(W.M. Blumenfeld)
for FAS (CSD)

*Not within
scope of
request*



AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

AUSTRALIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM AND SAR ORGANISATION
QUESTIONNAIRE OF SHIPS PARTICULARS

Name _____ Call Sign _____ Year Built _____

If name changed, previous name and call sign _____

GROSS TONNAGE _____ LENGTH _____ SPEED _____

TYPE OF VESSEL _____ TYPE OF ENGINE _____

NUMBER OF CREW _____ NUMBER OF PASSENGERS (IF ANY) _____ DR. CARRIED
Yes/No*

PORT AND NATION OF REGISTRY _____

MAJOR LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIFEBOATS _____ NUMBER OF MOTORISED LIFEBOATS _____

NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF INFLATABLE LIFE RAFTS _____ X _____ MAN, _____ X _____ MAN,
_____ X _____ MAN,

RADIO EQUIPMENT

W/T Main Transmitter Freq. (M/F & H/F) _____

W/T Reserve/Emergency TX Freq. _____

R/T Main Transmitter Freq. _____ VHF Channel 16

R/T Emergency Transmitter Freq. _____ (156.8M₂) Yes/No*

Lifeboat/Life raft Transmitter Freq. _____ EPIRB Yes/No*

Radio Watch Keeping Hours _____

OWNER/CHARTERER _____

MAIN AUSTRALIAN AGENTS _____

DO YOU RECEIVE COPIES OF NAVAUS MESSAGES YES/NO*

DO YOU RECEIVE WEAPONS PRACTICES NOTICES YES/NO*

DO YOU HOLD ON BOARD ANNUAL SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN NOTICES TO

MARINERS YES/NO*

Date _____

Signed Master

* Delete whichever not applicable.



MINUTE

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for FAS (CSD)

P.D. 11
TELEPHONE 36 1101
G.P.O. BOX 308 C
HOBART 7001

HRP:GJB

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
MR. Plummer



TASMANIA POLICE

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Our Reference AV 63/78
Your Reference

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
80 ELIZABETH STREET
HOBART

4th January, 1979.

Mr. David Simmonds,
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre,
Department of Transport,
P.O. Box 367,
CANBERRA. 2601
A.C.T.

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft

Attached for your information and attention are three Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

Statements are also enclosed by the persons who undertook the search following a telephone call from your office at approximately 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st October, 1978.


(D. Finch)
ACTING SECRETARY



C Desc - FWA

A48
P.D. 41
TELEPHONE 38 1101
G.P.O. Box 308 C
HOBART 7001 HCR.LM



TASMANIA POLICE

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
MR. Rainbird

Our Reference ...AV 63/78 ~
Your Reference

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
80 ELIZABETH STREET
HOBART

21st December, 1978

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
HOBART.

Search Carried out for Missing Aircraft

The three attached Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for your information and consideration please in transmitting the file to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration of having the vouchers paid for.

The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on 21st October, 1978. To date, no evidence has been obtained to indicate what happened to the plane or pilot during the flight mentioned.

(H. C. Rainbird)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
(OPERATIONS)



TASMANIA POLICE

My Reference RME:CF
Your Reference

V/26 78

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:
Superintendent's Office,
North West 10,
BURNIE.

18th December, 1978.

Commissioner of Police,
HOBART.

Sir,

Search carried out for missing aircraft

The attached treasury vouchers (3) for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for information and transmission to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration as to payment.

I consider the amounts claimed to be reasonable. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich, which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

J. Nichols
J. Nichols
A/Superintendent

AV-63/78
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A/C(o)

Mr. [Name] [Title] [Address]

Officer in Charge.
Ind. J. [Title]
Division No. 10.
[Address]

T. Davis
(T. DAVIS)
1/3 Constable. 1040.
[Address]

TASMANIA



POLICE

FILE NUMBER

District	Division	Station	Date
North - Western	No. 10.	CURRIE.	5th. Dec. 1978.

SUBJECT: RE: Search Carried Out For Missing Aircraft.

Sir, I respectfully report on search carried out for missing aircraft on King Island on the 22nd of October 1978 by three (3) fishing Boats, The HELEN D, The NAUTILUS 1 and the BALAMARA.

On Monday the 4th of December 1978 the three owners of the above mentioned boats came to the Currie Police Station to make a Declaration in relation to costs incurred by them during the search and to apply for Re-imbusement.

I obtained a statement from each of the three owners in relation to their expenses, I also listed their respective costs on treasury vouchers which are attached. Costs incurred were as follows.

Graham John OLIVER.
HELEN D.

Fuel.	27.00
Wages of Deckhand.	100.00
Personal & running cost.	260.00
Estimated loss of catch.	300.00
Total.	<u>687.00</u>

John Thomas HENDERSON.
BALAMARA.

Fuel.	27.00
Wages of Deckhand.	100.00
Personal & running cost.	292.50
Estimated loss of catch.	150.00
Total.	<u>569.50</u>

Donald Hugh BOWLING.
NAUTILUS 1.

Fuel.	39.45
Wages of Deckhand.	100.00
Personal & running cost.	292.50
Estimated loss of catch.	150.00
Total.	<u>581.95</u>

Total combined cost of the three boats. 1838.45.

Please find attached relevant statements together with Voucher for each of the abovementioned costs.
Forwarded for information and transmission please.



STATEMENT

Name of Witness	OLIVER	Date	4/12/78
Address	Surname (in capitals)	Graham John	
	Christian Names		
Occupation	P.O. BOX 237, Currie, King Island.		
	Fisherman.		
Age			38 (8/12/39.)

States— At about 9 pm on Saturday the 21st of October 1978, I received a phone call from Marine Operations, CANBERRA, I was requested to organize some boats to carry out a sea rescue search North of Cape Wickham, King Island for a missing Light Aircraft. I then organized three of the largest boats on the Island one of which is my own to commence a sea search early on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978. I also received a second phone call on the 21st of October from Melbourne confirming that the boats would be required for the search.

At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in My boat the HELEN D together with Hugh BOWLING on the NAUTULIS 1 and John HENDERSON on the BALAMARA and travelled to the North Western tip of King Island and for the next 13 hours we carried out a search of the surrounding area for the missing plane.

There were two persons on my vessel Daniel Scott my deck hand and myself. I would estimate that the vessel used approximately 180 litres of diesel fuel during the course of the search. I would also estimate a loss for a bag of Crays valued at about 300 dollars, other costs incurred were that of my deckhand whom I paid the sum of 100 dollars for the days search. Also I estimated my cost and other running expenses to be about 20 dollars per hour. After completing a thorough search of the areas directed to us by Melbourne radio we all returned to Currie harbour just as darkness was falling it was approximately 6.30 pm.

Graham Oliver

Graham Oliver.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4 pm on Monday the 4th of December 1978.
(I.R.DAVIS.)
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

REFERENCE
by Claimant
ed by Department
arding Cheque)

STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to Graham John OLIVER
(Name in block letters)
P.O. Box 237, Currie, King Island.
(Full postal address in block letters)

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address) —

Claimant's Special
Instruction regarding
Payment if desired.

FINANCIAL YEAR,
19 78 / 79

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.
Minister's General
Authority Dated
Stores Order No.
Reference No. or Ledger A/c.
Goods Received
Recorded on Plant or
Equipment Inventory
Services Rendered
Calculations, Additions
Authorized by
Available
ed Dept'l Ledgers
of Supply, or
of Service,

DEPARTMENT
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.
HEAD OF SERVICE.

Signature

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	
	\$	c
180 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre.	27	00
Wages of Deckhand	100	00
Personal and Sundry running costs \$20 per hour.	260	00
Estimated loss of Catch. 1 Bag. of Crayfish	300	00.
Total	687	00

to
ed & Eighty seven dollars

Graham Oliver

cents. \$ 687 00
(Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.
(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid



STATEMENT

Date... 4/12/78

Name of Witness	HENDERSON	
	Surname (in capitals)	John Thomas
Address	Post Office, Currie, King Island.	
		Christian Names
Occupation	Fisherman.	
		Age... 35 (3/6/43)

States— At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the BALAMARA to assist in a search for a missing aircraft North West of King Island. There were two other boats with me the NAUTILUS 1 and the HELEN D. CRANE and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 180 litres of fuel during the day as I was able to work a few pots on a bag of crays during the day search. I also incurred a cost of 100 dollars in wages for my deckhand. I would estimate my personal and sundry running costs for the days search at about \$22.50 per hour for the 13 hour search.

After completing the search I returned to Currie Harbour at darkness.

John T. Henderson
John T. HENDERSON.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station on Monday the 4th. of December 1978. at 5pm.
(I.R.DAVIS.)
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

REFERENCE
 used by Claimant
 by Department
 forwarding Cheque)

STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER NO.

Dr. to John Thomas HENDERSON.
 (Name in block letters)
Post Office, Currie, KING Island.
 (Full postal address in block letters)

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FINANCIAL YEAR,
 1978 / 79

Signature

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.
 Minister's General
 Authority Dated
 Order No.
 Reference No. or Ledger A/c.
 Goods Received
 Recorded on Plant or
 Equipment Inventory
 Services Rendered
 Expenses, Calculations, Additions
 Authorized by
 Funds Available
 Audited Dept'l Ledgers

DEPARTMENT
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.
 HEAD OF SERVICE.

of Supply, or
 of Service,

1978

PARTICULARS

Total

\$

AMOUNT
 \$

c

180
 263 litres of deisel fuel at 15c per litre
 Wages of Deckhand

Personal and Sundry running costs \$22.50 per hour.
 Estimated loss of Catch. 1/2 Bag of Crayfish.

27	00
100	00
292	50
150	00

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 dred and Sixty Nine dollars

Fifty

John T. Henderson

cents. \$

569 50

(Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

TREASURY.

TASMANIA



POLICE

STATEMENT

Date 4/12/78

Name of Witness	BOWLING:	Hugh (Donald)
	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names
Address	Box 130, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman	Age 39 (20/6/39.)

States— At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the NAUTLLES1 to assist in a sea rescue search North West of King Island for a missing aircraft. There were two other boats with me in the search they were Graham Olivers HELEN D and John Hendersons BALAMARA.

There were only two persons on my vessel Raymond BOWLING my deckhand and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 263 litres of deiseil fuel during the 13 hour search. I would also estimate a loss of 2 bag of Grays during the day as I was able to work a few of my pots on the return trip from the search area. I also incurred a cost for my deckhand of 100 dollars for the days search and also personal and sundry expenses of about \$22.50 per hour.

After completing a complete search of the directed areas I in company with the other two boats return to Currie harbour at approximately 6,30pm. I did not follow the other two boats all the way to the harbour but stopped to pick up some pots north of Currie.

D.H. Bowling D.H. BOWLING.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4.35 pm on
 Monday 4/12/78/
 (I.R.DAVIS.)
 1/C Constable. No. 1049.

REFERENCE
 of Claimant
 Department
 (indicating Cheque)

STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to Donald Hugh BOWLING.

(Name in block letters)

P.O. BOX 130 Currie, King Island.

(Full postal address in block letters)

Claimant's Special
 Instruction regarding
 Payment if desired.

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Signature

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 Period of Service,
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 Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.

HEAD OF SERVICE.

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10/78

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amounting to

Five Hundred and Eighty One dollars Ninety Five.

cents.

\$

581

95

(Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

RECEIVED:

DIRECTOR, TREASURY.



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 3 35

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

SOC Melbourne

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

78/1205

TAPE REF.

18/2 921 - 938

CO-ORDINATOR

JBS

TEXT:

What height was acft reporting sightings
acft under water

below 5000. Saw it once orbited
but could not sight again due rough
seas.

SOC has doubts but has briefed
aircraft to keep lookout.



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 2 49

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~TO~~ SOC MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. 78/205

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

16/2 899 - 908

TEXT:

Report for aft Cowes - King I

Saw underwater object like aircraft-

39.18.5 S 144.36 E

check. Depths & underwater rocks etc pls?

Nil marked in chart. Depth 30 fathoms
approx.

OK Ths

*Judy,
Put on Masar File 78/1205
pls*

INWARDS

25 OCT 1978

OP
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30276

25/10/78

MINISTER
SECRETARY

COPY FOR
DEP SEC (AIR)
FAS(AO)
FAS(GF)
FAS(FW)
FAS(CS)
SAS(AW)
AS(OS)
AS(GA)
AS(SI) AIR LIQUIDE
AS(ES)
DIRECTOR P.R.
DAM
ADPR MELBOURNE
DIRECTOR VIC/TAS

COPY TO
FAS(AO)

FROM
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 2 25 OCT 1978 1000

- MISSING CESSNA 182 VH-DSJ KING ISLAND AREA.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 24 OCT
 - 7 CIVIL AIRCRAFT SEARCHED AN AREA OF 5000 SQ. NM
 - DEBRIS SIGHTED CLOSE TO VICTORIAN COASTLINE AND DETAILS PASSED TO ACSC FOR INVESTIGATION BY MARINE CRAFT.
- TOTAL SEARCH HOURS TO DATE 62 HOURS 35 MINS.
- ANALYSIS OF OIL SAMPLE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 25 OCT
 - 1 CIVIL AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT DETAILED SEARCH WITHIN 24 NM OF DATUM
 - APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS OF FLYING REQUIRED
 - INTENDED THAT ACTIVE SEARCH OPERATIONS CEASE 1900 HOURS (EST) 25 OCT
 - AIRCRAFT AND SHIPPING TRANSITTING THE AREA WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN LOOKOUT FOR POSSIBLE WRECKAGE
 - DEPARTMENTAL AERO COMMANDER WILL CARRY OUT RANDOM BEACH SEARCHES LATER IN THE WEEK.

SENT: 251157 A E S T #
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30276



*Miss J
e Desc. for Manson LL*

INWARDS

24 OCT 1978

V#
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30499

24/10/78

MINISTER
SECRETARY

COPY FOR
DEP SEC(AIR)

FAS(AO)
FAS(GF)
FAS(FW)
FAS(CS)
SAS(AW)
AS(OS)
AS(GA)
AS(SI) AIR LIQUIDE
AS(ES)

DIRECTOR P.R.
DAM
ADPR MELBOURNE
DIRECTOR W.A.

COPY TO
FAS(AO)

FROM
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 1 24 OCT 1000

- FURTHER TO INITIAL NOTIFICATION BY AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION BRANCH RE MISSING CESSNA 150 VH-DSJ.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY ON NIGHT OF 21 OCT CONSISTED OF
 - 3 SORTIES ALONG VH-DSJ INTENDED TRACK
 - 1 SHIP TRACKED THROUGH AREA
 - KING ISLAND POLICE CHECKED FOR UNUSUAL SIGHTING OR HEARING REPORTS
 - NIL SIGHTING OR HEARING.

SEARCH 22 OCT

- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND
- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT COASTAL SEARCH
- 1 RAAF ORION CARRIED OUT DETAILED SEARCH OF PROBABLE MARITIME AREA
- 3 VESSELS SEARCHED WEST COAST AND ISLANDS OFF KING ISLAND
- OIL SLICK SIGHTED IN SEARCH AREA

SEARCH 23 OCT

- 2 CIVIL AIRCRAFT INCLUDING G.A.F. NOMAD AND ONE RAAF ORION CONTINUED SEARCHING
 - VESSEL "NOMAD" INVESTIGATED OIL SLICKS AND DEBRIS SIGHTED BY SEARCH AIRCRAFT
 - CONFIRMED DEBRIS NOT FROM AIRCRAFT
 - SAMPLE OF OIL SLICKS COLLECTED FOR ANALYSIS.
- SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

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SENT:- 241233 A E S T #
TRANS AA31004
TRANS AA30499

NARRATIVE:

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Meecrabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.
2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and bearing reports. AVSSES was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNH was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.
3. SOE AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. 'Nancy Heath' was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the 'XXX' message but only 'Nancy Heath' was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately ~~but~~ ^{but} the others were not as they would enter the area later. 'Nancy Heath' which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. SOE AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things ^(perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Olney at 0903Z and requested we work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSE advised that normally only the sea current given as SOE works out the rest. As SOE seemed unsure of procedures ACSE agreed to provide sea current and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOE. The

NARRATIVE:

- target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC also requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.
6. A King Island crayfisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
 7. The *** message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
 8. SOC AMML amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a Sea Current/Wind Current vector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.
 9. This new splash point was close to Victorian so it was suggested by ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.
 10. The urgency message was reinstated at first sheds.
 11. 'Nancy Heath' reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
 12. On Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splash point.
 13. The Orion reported an oil slick in position 3900S 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/KTF seeking vessels able to obtain a sample.

NARRATIVE:

14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/WZE remained in the portion of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.
15. Rec Amm requested submarine drift. This information was provided from Navy sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.
16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st. was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour advised.
17. The 'Nomad' collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.
18. The Agency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued.
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.
20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.
21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Baker Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would return him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.
23. Incident closed. *W. Daly*

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Ops Melbourne AUTHORITY VICPOL
 TEL. NO. 03-6620911. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.
 TAPE REF. 0733-0762. CO-ORDINATOR PdD.
 16/1

TEXT: No reply to our P 260742 Z
 What was outcome?

Sorry for not replying, his fault,
 oversight etc.

Wreckage turned out to be the
 kids from some crayfish boxes.

Do we want telex on that?
 No, OK, as long as we know.
 TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. -

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0601-0604.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

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TEXT: Wreckage picked up by
Police, not yet identified.

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ACSC AA62349

P 260742Z OCT 78
FM ACSC CANBERRA
TO POLICE OPS MELBOURNE
INFO POLICE LAKES ENTRANCE (D24 PLSE ON PASS)

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UNCLAS

MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ MISSING BASS STRAIT

A. ACSC P 232328Z OCT 78.

1. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SOC MELBOURNE (TULLEMARINE)
THAT AIRCRAFT VH-FYR HAS SIGHTED WRECKAGE 400 METRES OFF
90 MILES BEACHES NEAR LAKES ENTRANCE IN A SOUTH EASTERLY
DIRECTION FROM RAYMOND ISLAND AT 260705Z OCT 78.

2. DESCRIPTION: 3 PIECES MEASURING 3FT \square 6 4 FT, WHITE
IN COLOUR. ONE PIECE MEASURING 2 FT BY 20 INCHES. ALL
PIECES SEEM TIED TOGETHER OR FLOATING TOGETHER.

3. LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE NOTIFIED ON BEHALF OF SOC MELBOURNE
WITH REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE.

LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE HAS INDICATED IMMEDIATE ACTION.
4. OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION TO BE REPORTED IN FIRST INSTANCE
TO SOC MELBOURNE WITH COPY THIS CENTRE.

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CORRECTION - LINE 2 SHLD READ MEASURING 3FT BY 4FT TKS
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VKC AA30717
ACSC AA62349



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	Lakes Entrance Pol.	AUTHORITY	Vic POL.
TEL. NO.	051-551206.	MARSAR NO.	78/1205.
TAPE REF.	0568-0595	CO-ORDINATOR	PdD.

TEXT:

Gave details of wreckage sighting + Soc's phone No.

Can he see if it can be recovered?

Yes, will do.

TVM.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc AMML.

AUTHORITY DoT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAPE REF. 0545 - 0568.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD

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TEXT:

Fish spotter VM FYR
Wreckage. at 07085.400 metres off 90 metre mile beach
SE of Raymond Island.
Lakes Entrance.3 pieces of 3' x 4' white.
1 piece — 2 x 20"
Tied together.

must have been low!!!

Can we send a boat out?
Will contact local police.

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SITREP 5 VH-DSJ.....DAY 5 WED 25OCT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WITH 20KTS N WIND SEA STATE SLIGHT SWELL.

SEARCH DETAILS.

ETV B58 FROM MOORABBIN IN 2 SORTIES COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF THE SEA AREAS WITHIN 3904S 14350E 3904S 14453E 3950S 14453E 3950S 14350E. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS SIGHTED. THE COVERAGE FACTOR ACHIEVED TODAY WAS 1.0 AND POD 78PER CENT. AVERAGE COVERAGE FACTOR OF TO DATE 1.05 CUMULATIVE POD 97 PER CENT. THE LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND ON PREVIOUS DAYS RESULTED IN A COVERAGE FACTOR OF 0.5 AND CUMULATIVE POD 74PER CENT. FOR INFORMATION THE KING ISLAND COASTLINE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SEARCHED TWICE AND THE NORTHERN HALF 4 TIMES. THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE WAS SEARCHED 6 TIMES FROM TORQUAY TO WARRNAMBOOL PLUS 3 TIMES CAPE OTWAY TO TORQUAY. SEARCH HOURS 25 OCT ETV 0920. PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 71.55.

DISTRESS PHASE CANCELLED AND SEARCH ACTION TERMINATED AT 250900.
INTENTIONS: A DOT ACFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH PURPOSES FOR USE BY THE RCC/SOC ON SAT 28 OCT.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
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1. MELBOURNE RCC ADVISE SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ TERMINATED. NIL FOUND.
2. THANKS FOR ALL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING SEARCH.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205-

TAPE REF. 0332 - 0344

CO-ORDINATOR PAD

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TEXT:

Search terminated!

Yes we got that and acknowledged.

Said that oil sample not yet known.

Search "suspended" as he calls it

Will probably be called: "inconclusive."

He also dwelled shortly on the
depth of Bass Strait and a few
other irrelevancies.

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CNL DETRESFA FOR VH-DSJ. SEARCH TERMINATED.

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ASSXYW ATTN SARO.

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ASSXYW ATTN SARO.

ML RCC COLSED DOWN. SEARCH ACTION FOR VH-DSJ TERMINATED.

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CORRECTED COPY

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM JOINT SLOWLY OBS

AUTHORITY VIKING FOLD

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

41, 601-624

RB

TEXT:

LE INFO OF SEARCH.

THEY DISCOVERED IT THIS MORN + ONE OF HIS
SEARCH AGENTS. SAID BLOKE HAD OBS 18/10/78
ENQUIRING INTO EXPECTED PROX FOR METEORITE
ACTIVITY. SPOKE " AMERICAN ENGLISH AS THO' FOREIGN
LANGUAGE "

SAID IF BLOKE PLANNING TO DISSEMINATE +
WANT INFO - GOOD WAY OF DOING IT!

THANKS HIM FOR REPORT.

CONSIDER NFA RB.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

A. ACSC 240445Z OCT - CQ BCAST

1. CANCEL CQ BCAST IN REF - AIR SEARCH CONTINUES

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *see MEL*

AUTHORITY

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MARSAR NO.

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TEXT:

helped 25000

*Experiments 4/5 same in MRLB. APPROX. AT
25000. HELD COPY NOT BEING SENT.*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Acc Mel

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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~~W/D~~ ab.TEXT: SIMP 25 Oct.1 etc to MR K.I. 24 x 48.

REQUEST SUPPL 25000.

DRAFT. - WIND GETTING UP FR NORTH. - SE SAND

? HV FROM ABUO BAY - NO

VESSEL FR K.I. ARE TWO POLICE

OIL SLICK ANALYSIS - POOL ON FIGHT ANALYSIS.

UNLIKELY OIL TRACE.

INTENTIONS PROBABLY WHAT UP TODAY

BUT REASON NOT WRAPPED UP POLICE

WAS CASE SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH

OIL SLICK INVESTIGATION



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO *RCC mels*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TYPE REF *D233. 0244*

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1~~*0244*~~*VJD*

TEXT: *Told them CQ on wreckage
not heard due lateness at night
Recommended relocation of wreckage
this a.m. before diverting ships
to look for it.*

*Rgr good idea will check
with SMC when he comes in.*

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ARE WE TO CONT BCAST OF YR CQ 240445Z RE MARSAR 78/1205
2 HRLY ?

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GM OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205CQ
PLS HOLD BCAST FIR TIME BEING AS WE ARE GETTING UPDATED
POSITION OF WRECKAGE BEFORE CONTINUING

OK FINE NOT MANY LSN YET ANIWAY X OUR SS SKED
AT 0748

OK OM MY TKS CULTR

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SITREP 4 VH-DSJ

DAY 4 TUESDAY 24 OCT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WIND MODERATE NORTHERLY BECOMING LIGHT VARIABLE. CLOUD SCATTERED WITH SOME SHOWERS LATE AFTERNOON.

SEARCH DETAILS.

DNS C172 CONTINUED SEARCH OF COASTAL AREAS OF NORTH KING ISLAND.

A NOMAD AIRCRAFT FROM AVALON AND FIVE LIGHT TWINS FROM MOORABBIN

COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF AN AREA ENCOMPASSED BY TORQUAY - 3902S 14450E

-4000S 14450E - 4000S 14410E - LAVINIA POINT - 3940S 14340E -

3915S 14340E - 3915S 14455E - CAPE FRANKLIN.

MUCH DEBRIS WAS SIGHTED BY THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING CLOSE TO THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE. MUCH COULD BE DISCOUNTED BUT POSITIONS OF

POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT WRECKAGE WERE PASSED AMSC CANBERRA FOR

TRANSMISSION TO SHIPPING IN THE ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE LOCAL VESSELS.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE OIL SAMPLE PICKED UP ON 23 OCT HAS YET TO BE

RECEIVED. SEARCH HRS 24OCT GAF 1/5 0600 DNS 0149 ETV 0210 BOC 0313

RTO 0410 MBT 0406 MBQ 0342

TOTAL SEARCH HRS 24OCT 25.10 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 62.35.

SEARCH DETAILS FOR 25OCT.

ETV IS TO MAKE A SEARCH OF AN AREA 24NM RADIUS OF COMPUTED DATUM

3928S 14421E, REQUIRING 8 SEARCH HRS.

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FOLLOWING DEBRIS SIGHTED

(A) TWO RECTANGULAR OBJECTS ONE WHITE AND ONE BLUE TWO FEET BY TWO FEET . POSITION 143 DEG 58E 38 DEG 57S AT 0515Z 24 OCT

(B) YELLOW OBJECT ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT POSITION 144 DEG 03E 38 DEG 43S AT 0650Z 24 OCT

NIL RECOVERY DUE LACK OF SURFACE CRAFT. REQUEST ADVISE SHIPPING IN AREA.

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VIM DE ACSC
GE OM PLS SUSPEND CQ BCAST FOR THE NITE.
WE ARE NOT YET AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TOMORROW BUT WILL LET
YOU KNOW ASAP OK?

OK W ILL DO

THANKS AND CUL OM
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SURPIC AS REQUESTED FOR 240700

NAME	CALLSIGN	POS	CSE	SPD	DESTINATION
MARYHOLYMAN	GOSS	4043S 14535E	315	12.5	AAAD
JEPARIT	VLGV	3754S 14007E	144	13.0	AMML
IRON SIRIUS	GVWE	3900S 14323E	096	14.0	ASSY
CAPE HAWKE	GOXV	3925S 14711E	270	14.0	AMML
LADY GAY	VLLG	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	
LADY RACHEL	VMRL	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	

REMARKS:

VLLG AND VMRL BOTH TUGS TOWING VK2436 TO BASS STRAIT OIL PLATFORM AREA.

FOLLOWING FROM SIBOEN/JWXD:

POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG (T) 12 MILES OFF SHORE
NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN STOP MASTER

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MARINE OPERATIONS
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SIBOEN JWXD POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG 12 MILES
OFF STOP NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN

MASTER

(1600 138 12)

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec MRL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/ 1477 - 1507

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TEXT:

? ADGE SHIPPING.

SEARCH UPWARD C OF NY TORQUAY
40-50 miles off coast.

Abou Bay NE ADGE.

AND ONLY COAST TRAFFIC

POLICE NO GOOD. -

AC IN AREA 6.

REQUEST SURVEIL ROUTE OK.

SEARCHING AGAIN TOMORROW.

SAID IF BODY SIGHTED ADGE US

+ WE WILL ADGE SHIPPING.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

1. VIM PLS BCST FOLLOWING CQ ON RECEIPT RTF/RTG AND
2 HRLY UFM2. CQ DE VIM AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE APPROACHES
AIRSEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 2 OBJECTS APPROX
4FT SQUARE IN APPROX POSITION 3847S 14400E AT 240430.
VESSELS TRANSITTING AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP LOOKOUT
REPORT FURTHER SIGHTINGS AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLEACSC 240445Z OCT 78
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ARMY DE ACSC REQUEST RELAY OSCAR TO NAVY UNABLE TO GET DIRECT

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	RCC Melb.	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	1438 - 1458	CO-ORDINATOR	GM

TEXT:

acft has sighted 2 objects in
water off Wya river

1 blue one white

both about 4 ft square

They are trying to get in touch with
Apollo Bay Fish Coop - can we
alert any shipping in area altho
acft did not see any

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CANBERRA, 92WG. STOP
PART TWO OF TWO

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SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD
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AREA SEACHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9 14352E5.

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WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021

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SMALL OIL SLICKS WERE SIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT
230005Z STARTED EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT
WITH 2NM TRACK SPACING.

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YOUR MESSAGE 232253Z SIBOEN AT PRESENT STEERING 277 FOR
CAPE OTWAY STOP IF QOUREEEEE U REQUIRE SHIP CAN STEER 270 AND ARRIVE
REQUIRED AREA 1600 ROCAL TIME TODAY
MASTER

RGR PSE PASS OUR THANKS BUT NO DIVERSION REQUIRED PSE
KEEP LOOKOUT FOR WRECKAGE OIL SLICKS ETC ACSC 232337Z

ALSO UIN VIEW OUR NEXT SKEDS AROUND 5 AND 7 PM THIS EVENING
COULD WE BROADCAST CANCELLATION NOW PLS ?

NEG TKS OM PSE KEEP ON HAND FOR THE MOM WILL HAVE A CANCELLATION
FOR U LATER

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE CANCELLATION BUT IT SAYS TO BE
BROADCAST ON NEXT SKEDS IE AT 5 AND 7 PM APPROX
THIS EVENING IN MEANTIME NO BROADCASTS OF XXX ???

SRI JUST SEEN CANCELLATION OK OM PSE BCASST CANCELLATION NOW
AS PER OFFICIAL CANCELLATION TKS

THE OFFICIAL ONE SAYS NEXT BIG SMALL SHIPS SKED OUR NEXT
SMALL SHIPS SKED IN EEE IS AT 0333Z AND OUR NEXT SKED
IE WEATHER ETC IS AT 0948 MGMT

RGR UNDERSTAND PSE BCASST CANCELLATION NOW AND AGAIN FOR SMALL SKED K
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MARSAR 78/1205 AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

SEA CURRENT DATA.

BEST AVBL INFO FROM PUBLICATIONS AND VESSEL REPORTS
CONFIRM THAT CURRENT TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF
KING ISLAND IS EASTERLY DECIMAL 5 KNOTS (12MPD).

SW DRIFT FROM AIRCRAFT DATUM BUOYS CONSIDERED TO BE
A RESULT OF GREATER WIND DRIVEN SURFACE CURRENT
(WINDS GENERALLY NE OVER LATER STAGES)

EASTERLY SEA CURRENT MAY BE INCREASED BY PERIOD OF
WESTERLY WINDS.

TIDAL EFFECTS IN APPROX OIL SLICK POSITION SHOW A NORTH/
SOUTH FLOW/EBB OF APPROX DECIMAL 75 KTS

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Rec MRL*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 389 - 435

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TEXT: _____

Cape Otway Cape Wickham area S. Current.

Discomed. areas Bay of Biscay S.W.

Navy West E

Belman E.

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SIBOEN JWXD SHIPS POSITION 3851SOUTH 14550 EAST PLEASE
INDICATE IF XXX 78/1205 IS STILL IN FORCE STOP
THIS VESSEL MIGHT PASS INDICATED POSITION
IN THE AFTERNOON IF YOU REQUIRE US TO DO SO
.....MASTER

RGR PSE PASS FOLLOWING

SIBOEN/JWXD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITION REPORT. AIR SEARCH STILL IN PROGRESS
EEE IN PROGRESS. NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR DIVERSION OR YOUR ASSI
SRI ASSISTANCE. REQUEST YOU ADVIISE YOUR ETA AREA. REGARDS ACSC
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OK WILL PASS IT ON

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM <i>76 Jara</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>141</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>ES</i>
<i>525 - 302</i>	

TEXT:

Daily Service

Base at Jara

Harbour Service.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND

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DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND
MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.

FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO
MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.

SEARCH DETAILS : DMU C150 COMPLETED LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND.
GAF 1 (NOMAD) COMPLETED COASTAL SEARCH TORQUAY TO CAPE OTWAY
TO WARRNAMBOOL AND RETURN. RESCUE 252 P3 COMPLETED A SEARCH OF
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SEARCH HOURS 23 OCT. GAF 1 0305 DMU 0617 RESCUE 252 0813

TOTAL FOR DAY 17.35 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 37.25

SEARCH DETAILS FOR TUESDAY 24 OCT. : AS NO MILITARY OR SUITABLE
CIVIL ACFT AVAILABLE THE SEARCH HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED UPON AREA OF
OIL SLICKS AND KNOWN MOVEMENT OF THE SEA SURFACE SINCE DAY ONE TO
THE AREA NORTH OF KING ISLAND. DMU C150 COASTAL SEARCH OF KING
ISLAND. GAF 1 TO COVER AREA 39.15S 143.40E 39.15S 144.21E 39.40S
144.21E 39.40S 143.40E

CORRECTED COPY (NOTE INCLUSION OF FURTHER CO-ORD 39.40S 144.21E)

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SBC AMML
TEL. NO. 03-3392476.
TAPE REF. 1407-1414,
13/2

AUTHORITY DOT
MARSAR NO. 70/1205.
CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: RCC still open?

No.

Seems one coordinate missing
on Sitrep No. 3, last line, or
else is search area triangular?

Will ring you back in morning, OK?

No, want it now, as we have to
prepare broadcast to shipping.

OK, will call back.

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ARMY AA62053

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MISSION/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE
LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT
FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 252

PAGE 2 RAYAFG 499 UNCLAS
TASK/AAED/222217Z6/222319Z9/230800Z3/230840Z7/AMES
AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2
AREA/3948S4/14450E4
CREW//PC- FLTLT DAVIDSON/TC- FLTLT TARRY
WEA/4/080/ST/090/10/H/AL005/340T/035K/NON/020T/07K
WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021
EXPEN/MK25 SMOKE/32/0//SSQ41/8/0//MK58 SMOKE/4/0
EQMAL/RETRO GUN/222217Z6
NARR/AT ON TASK TIME LOCATED SAR DATUM BUOY DROPPED BY RESCUE 251,
IT HAS DRIFTED OVERNIGHT TO POSITION 3925S9 14351E4. TWO SMALL OIL
SLICKS WERE SIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT 230005Z STARTED
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT WITH 2NM
TRACK SPACING. AT 230132Z1 IN COMMS WITH NOMAD AND PASSED HIM
POSITION OF OIL SLICKS. CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND FOUND
SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 3917S0 14406E5 AT 2301501. PASSED
THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE OIL SLICKS
HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITED THE DEBRIS UNTIL NOMAD REACHED
THE AREA AT 230432Z4. NOMAD ADVISED US THAT THE DEBRIS WAS BOXES
MOST PROBABLY FROM A SHIP. RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US
TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

PAGE 3 RAYAFG 499 UNCLAS
PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC. POSITION
3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER
OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION 3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED
BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE. TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL
OFF TASK AT 230800Z3. AREA SEARCHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9
14352E5.
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SITREP 3 VH-DSJ.

DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND
MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.

FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO
MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.

SEARCH DETAILS : DMU C150 COMPLETED LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND.

GAF 1 (NOMAD) COMPLETED COASTAL SEARCH TORQUAY TO CAPE OTWAY
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 1404 - 1447.
13/2

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Nil RAFF A/C available to-morrow.

NOMAD A/c to go out to-morrow,
plus "lighties."

Area: 20 x 35 miles North King Island.

"NOMAD" picked up sample of oilblake.
Will be examined.OK, can ACSC be included in
sitrep pls?

Thinks they have gone to ACSC.

Checking no you not on them.
Will fix.Re broadcast does he want any
further to-morrow?

No, Wants shipping reports.

Explained re broadcast.

Oh, well at least till midday
to-morrow. OK. will arrange~~Signature~~

P.T.O.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~TO~~ SOC ML.
TEL. NO. —
TAPE REF. 1404 - 1447.

AUTHORITY DOT
MARSAR NO. 78/1205.
CO-ORDINATOR PDD

TEXT: SOC ML has assessed drift in SW direction, based on:

a. Position of re-located marker buoy dropped by RAAF. Direction 230° / 0.5 knot(?)

b. NE winds. Wind has picked up in area.

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VIM DE ACSC

GE OM JUST HAD RATHER DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH GENT (WHO HAD A FEW UNDER HIS BELT) THRU POLICE STATION AU E E AT GEORGETOWN TASMANIA; THIS GENT PICKED UP ON 4525KHZ AT 0442 THIS AVO : 'MAYDAY 3 TO E E TIMES' AND NOTHING A E E ELSE CAN YOU MONITOR THAT FREQ FOR A WHILE AT ALL?

OK WILL DO NOW TKS

FOR INFO THIS GENT COULD NOT REPLY AS HE COULD NOT TRANSMIT AND THEY HAVE JUST COME ASHORE IN GEORGETOWN HE SAID IT WAS VERY FAINT AND MY EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW HIM OVER FONE NOR E E NOT VERY GOOD. POLICE WILL TRY TO GET A STATEMENT FROM HIM AND IF ANY FUT E E FURTHER INFO COMES TO LIGHT FROM THAT WE WIL LET YOU KNOW OK??

OK TKS THINK CHANCES WE WILL HEAR ANITHING VERY SMALL STEEEING WAS OVER 4 HOURS AGO BUT WILL MONITOR ANIWAY TKS CUL

YES I REALIZE TIME FACTOR IS NO HELP BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE EFFORT Z E E SINCE NIL ELSE AT MOM

OK UNDERSTAND BI NOW

TVM OM AND BEFORE I GO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS (RADIO WISE)

NO DONT THINK SO THAT FREQ 4525 IS A FISHINGFREQ OR A FREQ FOR LIMITED COASTSTNS AND RECKON SOME OTHER F/V SHOULD HAVE HRD SOMETHING IF IT HAD BEEN ANI ACTIVITY ON FREQ K

YES AGREE AND THANKS OM WIL LET YOU KNOW AND IF YOU COULD MONITOR FOR SAY ABOUT HALF HOUR OR SO (OTHER DUTIES PERMITING)

OK WILL DO BY THE WAY SHALL WE CONTINUE BCAST OF YR MARSAR OVERNIGHT OR SUSPEND BCASTS AFTER DARK K

YES WILL BE SUSPENDED WIL SENT YOU OFFICIAL DITTIE ON THAT WHEN IS YOU R NEXT BC DUE?

WILL BCAST TO BIG SHIPS ON MY WHRSKED 1948LT AND SENT LAST TO SMALL SHIPS ON MY SKED AT 1733LT K

OK MAKE THE BIG SHIP 1948 THE LAST ONE FOR THE NITE OK?

OK TKS OM CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

A. ACSC 222345Z OCT 78

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO <i>Jops</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>14/ 263-273</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>MS</i>

TEXT: _____

In Normal Cells

Sub surface current

3 miles diam in wind 24 kts NO NET

Flow through base of

INIS

LANE + Director NAVAL MET. + OCEANOGRAPHY



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Jops*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*n/a**15*

TEXT: _____

*WIKKA WINS BASE ST RA SUBSARAR EVARNT.
GIVEN.*

SMERP HAWIARA GIVEN - Search continues.

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CENTRAL OFFICE

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VHDSJ SEARCH

SIGHTING REPORT

MR ANDREW BATES (TEL 037929395) REPORTS EXPLOSION IN SKY
APPROX 0915 SAT NIGHT. SIGHTING MADE FROM VESSEL IN APPROX
POSN 3800S 14454E DIRECTION OF PORT ARLINGTON QUOTE IN SKY
CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM GROUND UNQUOTE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *LCC MC*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *05-338 4450*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT: _____

BATES SIGHTING PASSED



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~TO~~ MR Andrew GATTE

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 792 9395

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT: _____

TAKING PART IN 100 YACHT RACE PORT PHILIP BAY
SIGHTED EXPLOSION IN SKY DET PORT ALLINGTON
IN SKY COULD BEET FROM GROUND.
HIS OTH APP. SPOIL GROUND LT BUOY



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	Acc MRL.	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF.	155	CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT: _____

GUIDANCE CONTROL SHEET FOR WARRAWAL.

RE Sub SURFACE CUREN - EXPLAINED NIN

INNO HALL + RD TO NAVY IN.

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GA DE ACSC RE THE XXX ON THE OVERDUE AIRCRAFT PLS DROP DOWN TO
FOUR HRLY FROM NOW ON TKS

RGR OK WILL ODO

FINE TKS VM CU

~~GA~~
MELBSAR AA31591
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *302 Soc Rec MC*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 116 - 152

CS.

TEXT: _____

Give details of peak maintenance activity

Obion MAY HAVE SIGHTED SENSITIVE.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Sydney obs.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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MS.

TEXT: _____

21 st Peak of Meteorite Stream.

Area N.E. of Snow Max.

LATE LITE SIGHTING

max Stream 3 am on

10-15 sightings per hour



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO <i>Mr Seomio obs.</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. <i>981053</i>	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>14/1 25-</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>MS</i>

TEXT: _____

No Reply 230055.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO MILBOURN OBSERVAT.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 21 -

15.

TEXT: OBSERVATORY CUM WARE.

SMITH MUSEUM

663 4811

NO WATCHES OBSERVATORY - DIALS ONLY.

MT STREAMS ~~CUM~~ NEARLY ONLY.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: SMETHURST

AUTHORITY Fleet Ops Manager

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO. ANL

TAPE REF. CMOC FOWC.

CO-ORDINATOR GM

TEXT:

Report from Empress of Australia
may be relevant to Plure search in Strait
3RD Mate and lookout both reported
what they describe as a brilliant
white light moving very fast no indication
of height moving from E to W ahead of them
(221445Z)
posn 3952S 14534E 1245 pm last night
Course of ship 334/17.0.

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DEFENCE FOR JOPS
DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF
FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SOC DARWIN
QUOTE..

2. AIRCRAFT REPORT UFO
VH-DRB C421 ENROUTE TENNANT CK-DARWIN FL180 REPORTED BRILLIANT
WHITE LIGHT AT LEVEL 30 MILES NORTH OF HIM, IN TINDAL AREA FOR
3-4 SECS TRACKING N-SW ON DESCENT THEN DISAPPEARING.
VH-CKU C402 FROM MATARANKA ON SAME TRACK AND LOWER SAW SAME THING
AT 0946Z. BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT FALLING FAST AND IRRIDESCENT,
NOTHING IN AREA, NOTHING ON RADAR, CANNOT EXPLAIN IT.

...UNQUOTE
SIMILAR INCIDENT REPORTED THIS AREA 010225Z AUG 78.
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WX REPORT FROM R252 IN SEARCH AREA

0030 WIND 030/15 MAJOR SWELL 8FT DIRECTION 210 DEG TRUE

VIS 10NM + HAZE.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Rec Mcc*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR *LS*

TEXT: _____

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DE ACSC PLS RELAY TO ALL ADDEES TKS

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TO DEFENCE CANBERRA
DEFNAV CANBERRA
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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

1. C182 AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ OVERDUE OF FLT MOORABBIN/KING ISLAND
21OCT78 - AIR/SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS
2. OIL SLICK SIGHTED DURING SEARCH IN POSITION 3919S 14401E
MAY BE RELEVANT
3. RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE HAS REQUESTED ANY V
AVAILABLE SUB SURFACE CURRENT DETAILS THIS AREA FOR SALVAGE/
INVESTIGATION PURPOSES

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C EA ANY AVAILABLE

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VH-DSJ OVERDUE KING ISLAND

AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING VESSELS REPORTED IN BASS STRAIT AREA
IN RESPONSE TO URGENCY BROADCAST 210948GMT ON NOTIFICATION
OF DISTRESS PHASE.

0950	NANCY HEATH/VKNH	3902S	14416E	C0277	SPD12
1000	BRISBANE TRADER/VJMV	4008S	14602E	C0328	SPD16
1000	IRON WHYALLA/VMBD	3909S	14542E	C0102	SPD10.5
1000	GOLIATH/VKGH	4014S	14643E	C0023	SPD13.8
1000	IRON MONARCH/VLKG	3751S	14002E	C0144	SPD16
1000	SAFOCEAN ALBANY/ZTEN	3912S	14620E	C0277	SPD17
1000	NGAPARA/ZMJT	4103S	14737E	C0293	SPD11
1230	BOTANY CHEMIST/6MY	3849S	14507E	C0285	SPD13

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ACSC DE VIM 2238Z 22ND

REF BOTANYCHEMIST 6MYX POSN GIVEN AT 211230GMT POSITIO N 3849S
1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE

RGR TKS OM THAT THE SAME AS BEFORE ALL OK JUST NOT SURE OF LONG WILL
ASSUME 14507E.TKS AGAIN AND CU

OK 1457E AS SENT FM HIM

~~T~~B CULTR

RGR AS MATTER OF INTEREST ASSUME THAT WAS RTF?
RTG

OK #
MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553

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MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553

GM VIM DE ACSC

AT 211237Z U HAD QSO WITH BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYX FOR A POSITION
IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING AIRCRAFT POSN GARBLED ON YOUR TLX
REQUEST CHECK AND ADVZ POSITION AGAIN PSE OM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

OK WILL DO AND CALL BACK SHORTLY

TKS#
MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *see MRU*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2

1486 - 1490

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TEXT: _____

*ABOLLO Bay Area WZG UNABLE
IN AREA 0200Z.
NEXT SEND 2341*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Melb Rec.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2. 1425-1483.**el*TEXT: *Requested.*

① change in drift if any when known or assessed.

② drift of airt/wreckage assuming it submarined along bottom - said mariners more interested on surface movement - realised info hard to get at but require it more for enquiry later.

③ name of ship which was NE of KID at 1100z on night plane went down, as reckoned pilot could have been disoriented if he saw vs1 which had a lot of bright lights on & if airt was flying upside down. (vfo) freighter moving W to E.

Nomad has been tasked to collect oil sample - yes Aesc aware from Green - or wrongly



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

addressed but will send new
COX as at 2000Z KJ.

600x10kts. 2/8 li st sea low
swell

left in area 2130Z.

said east current incl
oil sample taken.

confirmed MPP 39135 14338E

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ATTN SARO

ADDITIONAL SAR BRIEFING FOR R251.

FISHING VESSEL NOMAD WILL POSITION OVERNIGHT AT 3919S 14401E TO
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF OIL FOR ANALYSIS. FISHING VESSEL NOMAD
CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY CALLSIGN WZG PAINTED ON WHITE WHEELHOUSE ALSO
CARRYING YELLOW DINGHY ON WHEELHOUSE. FREQS IN USE 4535 KHZ SHIP/
SHORE AND 2112 KHZ SHIP/SHIP. IF UNABLE TO CONTACT F/V NOMAD
RELAY TO AMML RCC VIA AMKI FS 123.9 MHZ

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GM OM - DAWN JUST STARTING TO BREAK HERE NOW, WHEN WILL
YOU WANT THE (PRESUME UPDATED) MARSAR REINSTITUTED??

RGR OM HAVE ONE NOW BEING TYPED UP ALSO INTEND CANCELLING THE
CQ AS ITS NOW INCORPORATED IN THE XXX KKKKK
OK OM I WILL AWAIT YR CALL BACK WHEN READY (MAYBE THE UFO'S DID
GET HIM HA HA)

HA HA BUT NOT FUNNY POOR CHAP KK
YES AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND O DOUBLY BAD FOR HIS FAMILY.
I OK AWAITING YR CALL TKS VM

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RAYQJG/COCSC
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PAGE 2 RAYRMB 673 UNCLAS
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AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2
NARR/CONFIRM OIL SLICK IN POSN 3919S 14401E THEN SQUARE SEARCH
ON DATUM 3916S 14406E, ALT 1000FT, START POSN 3918S 14404E.
SUGGESTED TR SP 2NM - ADJUST FOLLOWING AREA WX ASSESSMENT. DATUM
MARKED BY R251 WITH SAR DATUM BUOY - 11SQN PURPLE 867 REFERS.
F/V NOMAD, C/S WGZ IN AREA ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SAMPLE OF OIL SLICK
LISTENING OUT 4535KHZ. ASSIST VESSEL TO HOME TO OIL SLICK. HOURLY
REPORTS VIA AOCC. MAINTAIN WATCH ON KI FIS 123.9MHZ, PASS REPORTS
AS NECESSARY. EXCLUDE LAND MASSES FROM SEARCH AREA.
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TASK/AAED/211758Z4/211910Z4/220525Z6/220649Z3/AAED
ACFT/P3B/A9-297//3NM
CREW/B/PC-FLTLT FEENEY/TC-FLTLT SIGSTON
WEA/D////20/CLR/AL005/135T/O10K/NON/O90T/O8K/1///3027
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EQMAL/APX-7/211805Z7/RETRO DISPENSER/211758Z4/ASA-16/211800Z2
LAMP/BDHI FUNCTION OF ASA-16 ONLY WAS UNSERVICEABLE
NARR/ON ARRIVAL AT SEARCH AREA, DATUM POSN 3914S7
14346E8, WAS MARKED WITH A SSQ-41 3HR LIFE SONOBUOY.
RADAR CONTACTS WITHIN 20NM OF DATUM WERE CHECKED
VISUALLY BEFORE BEGINNING SECTOR SEARCH BECAUSE
LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE NOT YET GOOD FOR A VISUAL
SECTOR SEARCH. AT 1930Z3 SECTOR SEARCH 10NM RADIUS WITH
20 DEG ANGLE BETWEEN SEARCH LEGS WAS BEGUN.
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH 2NM TRACK SPACING, FIRST
LEGS 8NM FROM DATUM WAS BEGUN AT 2053Z.
THE EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH TO 20 NMS FROM DATUM
WAS COMPLETED AT 0017Z8. FOR INFORMATION, THE
SSQ-41 AT THE DATUM POSN APPEARED TO DRIFT
SOUTH WESTERLY 1000 TO 1300 YDS IN THE 1 HR
42 MINS IT WAS USED. THIS INFORMATION IS BASED
ON RADAR FIXING OFF CAPE WICKHAM. THE CLA
SEARCH AT 3 NM TRACK SPACING WAS COMMENCED
AT 0041Z5. COORDS OF AREA SEARCHED AT 3 NM
TRACK SPACING ARE 3854S0 14351E4, 3844S9 14439E1,

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3923S7 14503E3 AND 3939S4 14358E1. CONDITIONS
WERE GOOD FOR SEARCH AND LARGE NUMBERS OF
BIRDS, FISH AND PIECES OF WOOD WERE SEEN. A
NUMBER OF SLICKS WERE ALSO SEEN AND ONE
WAS MARKED WITH AN SAR DATUM BUOY (24 HR LIFE, 245 MHZ)
AS REQUESTED BY RCC MELBOURNE. POSN
OF DATUM BUOY IS 3919S2 14401E0 AND TIME OF DROP WAS
0522Z9. NO AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS SEEN.

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DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF
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093)Z VESSEL FIFTEEN MILES FROM REPORTED OIL SLICK BASS STRAIT
REGRET UNABLE SEARCH DUE DARKNESS
MASTER

CCN 0930Z RR 0930Z

SENT 1013GMT

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PLS SUSPEND CQ RE OIL SLICK OVERNITE AND RESUME AT DAYBREAK

OK WILL ODO TKS

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DE VIM 0919Z

U STILL WANT US KEEP BROADCASTING MARSAR EVERY HOUR PLS ??

SEC PLS SUSPEND OVERNITE OM

OK WILL DO AND START AT DAYLITE ??

YES PLS WE WILL UPDATE INTERVAL THEN

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DE VIM 0812Z

RE MARSAR 78/1205

SMALL SHIP ISEEEE PISCESIS VK3648 REPORTS IN SEARCH AREA
WILL CONTINUE TILL AFEEE DARK THEN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON
SEARCH NIL SEEN

RGR ANY CHANCE OF IT PICKING UP A SAMPLE OF THE OIL SPILL
HAVE BROADCAST SAME BUT HE DID NOT MENTION IT WILL TRY AND
RAISE IM AGEN AND ASK HIM IF POSS

TKS OM CU CU

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FROM/TO	302 MELB.	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	13/2 1145 - 1150	CO-ORDINATOR	(VJ)

TEXT: VMR says not involved in SAR.
Aren't we assisting with Lt. A/C in Bass St

Assisting yes but coord with KLL Ammel
Isome him tele no.



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FROM TO SBC ammc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 3384450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 1096-1145

CO-ORDINATOR

VSD

TEXT: Passed drift as experienced by
Mancy Heath of Easterly 2-3 kts.
That would be combination of sea current ^{and wind}
and blind current. Suggested that if
wind change goes thru as forecast
that sea current is Easterly at $\frac{1}{2}$ knot

Rgr. What is crayfisherman's name &
number as oil slick possibly light aviation
spirit in stationary point. Will try
Apollo Bay vessel to take a sample
but if no luck wants K.I. crayfisherman
to take sample first light. Ocean has
marked point.

Rgr gave Graham Owen's name & tele no.



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FROM/TO *Acc Mac*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT: _____

Sat current MPP SPADH

3913 143.38E

AWC SWANIKICANT CHANNEL,

40 mile across DEPT LINK



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FROM/TO SOC AMML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 132/1016-104P

CO-ORDINATOR

IKJ

TEXT:

Required depths in form of
reported oil slick - gave time
average of 50 fms. over also
bottom lights.

He said AAA 9/c laid datum
marker and that source of slick
had not moved -



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FROM TO <i>LCC MLC.</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>13/2 1007 - 1018</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>LS.</i>

TEXT: _____

Datum for tomorrow 230210

request we work out - understand we

have computer - NO OK will work

it themselves.

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FM BELAMARA TWO HOURS STEAMING FROM POSN OF OIL SLICK SO UNABLE
OBTAIN THAT SAMPLE (

RGR OK OM AND PSE TO TK HIM WILL C WHAT ELSE CUMS UP

OK
AM ABT TO SEND THE CQ NW

OK FINE

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BELAMARA REPORTS NOT 10 MILES OF CAPE WICKHAM AND HOLDING SEARCH
PATTERN HEADING FOR CURRIE KING ISLAND

PRESUME THAT NOW 10 MILES ETC?
SRI 10 MILES NORTH OF CAPE WICKHAM

RGR HAVE CQ REF OIL SLICK FOR U SEEMS THAT BELAMARA MAY BE ABLE
TO OBTAIN THE SAMPLE GIVE HIM THE DETAILS PSE POSN IS 16MILES
NE CAPE WICKAM BUT IF HE DOESNT VOLUNTEER NO WORRIES K

OK WILL ASK HIM AND CALL U BACK LTR

OK TKS OMP
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HOURLY UFN
2. CQ DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART 1695B
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~See~~ REC MRL.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 339 4450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 142 1254-1263

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

BELOWGATA EST CURRENT E. LATS.

PARSED CB HEADING REPORT.



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FROM/TO	HAMILL (ML)	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	CARLISVILLE 051 832340	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF.	1230 - 1254	CO-ORDINATOR
		LS

TEXT:

MANH BRANCH CB OPERATOR

CALL FR CB OPERATOR ALC HAKO
 7.30 - 8PM MAYBE 2AM. WARRIVILLE
 (W. S. DOR WILSON FROM)
 CB VAQ644 - RIO PHANT.

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FROM BELAMARA ESTIMATED DRIFT EASTWARDS ABOUTN 2 KNOTS OR LESS

RGR THAT ABOUT WHAT WE THORT OK THANKS VM OM
WE WILL ON PASS TO RCC NOW TKS

OK OUT FOR NOW

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *RCC*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *03 3384470*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*m/z**- 1202**U6*

TEXT:

*BALAMADA**RFA 0345*

*ORION JUST GONE WITH SUCK TOO
BIG FOR LT AIRCRAFT - R CALL
BALAMADA OFF THAT ONE - DON
DESCRIPTION OF BUCKETS GIVEN -
URGENT CURRENT DETAIL FOR BALAMADA.*

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BALAMARA ADVISES HAS ALSO JUST RECOVERED THE RED BUCKET
REPORTED EARLIER

RGR THATS FINE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE
CRASH SEC PLS WE JUST TALKING TO RCC NOW
ANY MARKINGS ON BUCKET AT ALL PLS

SEC

ALSO THE RCC HAVE NOW INFO US THAT THEY DO NOT REQUIRE THE
OIL SLICK INVESTIGATED AS THEY THINK IS TOO BIG TO
BE CONNECTED WITH THE PLANE
OK ON PASSING TO VSL NOW

RGR AS ALOS ALSO CAN U ASK IF HE CAN GIVE US THE WEATHER DETAILS
IN THE AREA AND ALSO IF HE CAN GIVE US ANY IDEA OF THE CURRENT
AS THEY WILL BE BASING THE SEARCH TOMOORROW ON IT TKS

SEC

WIND EASTERLY FIVE KNOTS CURRENT UNKNOWN THE BUCKET IS UNMAKED
BUT HAS BEEN USED TO FOR PAINTING WHITE PAINT IN BOTTOM AS
HAS BEEN IN WATER SOME TIME WEED GROTH INSIDE

RGR THATS FINE TKS VM OBVIOUSLY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
ACFT BUT PLS THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS KK

OK HE AT PREVIOUS MENTIONED POSN AND NOW TUN TURNING SOUTH
AND SEACH SEARCHINT TOWARDS KING SILAND

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM HAVE U HEARD ANYMORE FROM THE NGAPARA
LATELY KK

NIL

OK FINE HOPE HE HAS RESUMED HIS VOYAGE BY NOW
OK PLS ASK THE BALAMARA IF HE CAN GIVE US THE CURRENT DETAILS
AS SOON AS HE CAN TKS

OK WILL DO

NO CONTACT WITH NGAPARA AND SHE HAS NOW SAILED OFF TO THE WEST

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM
OK CUL OM TKS

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MSG ONPASSED BELAMARA - HE SAYS WILL TAKE HIM ABOUT 1/2 HOURS
TO GETEEEEEE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET TO THAT POSITION
AND WILL THE AIRCAREEEEE AIRCRAFT BE IN THE AREA TO PINPOINT
THE SLICK THEN?

RGR WE WILL FIND OUT TKS

OK CALL BACK WHEN READY TKU CUL

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RE THE SEACH IN THE BASS T STRAIT CAN U PLS PASS TO
BELAMARA THAT AN OIL SLICK HAS BEEN SIGHTED BY
THE SEARCH AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 3919S 14402E AND THE
RCC REQUECST THAT HE INVESTIGATE IF POSSIBLE KK

R WILCO

RGR FINE SHOULD S JUST BE ABOUT NEAR HIS POSITION TKS VM

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FROM/TO	ILC MRL	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	m/2 - 1149	CO-ORDINATOR	LS

TEXT: _____

OIL SUCK SIGHTED BY A/C 3919-SS
144.02E.
Any vessel to investigate. Will check
+ Adv.

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ACSC DE VIS 220300Z

RE YR REQUEST FOR INFO ON NOMAD HERE ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO US =

*not within
scope of
request*

- (1) NOMAD/VJ2539 LICENSEE N.L. BRIEDEN PO BOX 4529 GPO SYD
2524/6280/4120
- (2) NOMAD/VJ5997 LICENSEE H.M. COOPER 25 JUDD ST CRONULLA 2230
2182/2112/2284?/2524/4136.3
- (3) NOMAD/VJ6920 LICENSEE W.G. ROBERTS 35 WIGRAM RD GLEBE 2037
2182/2201(RX)
- * (4) NOMAD/VK2627 LICENSEE A.J. HUNTER 50 PASCOE ST APOLLOBAY 3233
2182/2201/4125/2112/4535/4620/6215.5
- (5) NOMAD/VL2555 LICENSEE R.F. BRADFORD 246 KING ST CLONTARF
2182/2201/2100/2524/2284
- (6) NOMAD/VL3139 L.C. HAMILTON PO BOX 49 TOWNSVILLE QLD
2182/2201/6204/2524
- (7) NOMAD/VL4491 E.R. BRIESE PO BOX 124 MOSSMAN/QLD 4873
2182/2524
- (8) NOMAD/VL4781 R.K. TUCKER 75 ESPLANADE MANLY 4179
NO FREQUENCIES GIVEN ON LICENSE
- (9) NOMAD/VL5128 H.D. MARTIN 344 JACKSON RD SUNNYBANKHILLS 4109
2182/2201/4136.3/6204
- (10) NOMAD/VM5219 R.G. WAKEFIELD 74 DAVALLIA RD DUNCRAIGWA 6023
2182/2201/4136.3/2524

*Don't release -
personal info*

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REF SEARCH FOR AURCRAFT IN BASS ST REQUEST ANY AVBL DETAILS
ON VESSEL NOMAD RPT NOMAD WE HAVE ONE LISTING BUT MAYBE U HAVE MORE
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FREQS

RGR WILL CALL BACK

TKS OME

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FROM BELAMARA 220215Z

CAN STAY IN AREA UNTIL AROUND 1.30P LOCAL TIME THEN HAVE TO RETURN
TO PORT BEFORE DARK SAME APPLIES TO TOHER TWO VSL IN AREA

ALSO NGAPARA SAYS VSL CURRENTLY ALONG SIDE (NOMAD RR VSL NOMAD)
AND TRYING TO ESTABLISH QSO AND FREQ AVAILABLE ASKING NOMAD TO RE
RECOVER BUCKET

SEC

ONLY NOMAD WE HAVE IS SLOOP CALLSIGN VL 3139
FREQ 2182 2524 4136.3

WILL C IF WE CAN GET FURTHER K

OK TKS MAY GET IT VIA NGAPARA SHORTLY TKS NIL ELSE FOR NOW

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VH-DSJ DETRESFA

1. VESSELS BALAMARA/VM4076 NAUTILUS/VM4729 HELEN D/VM4774
COMMENCING DRIFT LINE SEARCH FROM 3913S 14338E TRACKING
100 DEG TRUE. WEATHER REPORTED AS LIGHT ENE BREEZE SEA
TEMPERATURE ''COOL BUT NOT COLD'' (NO THERMOMETER AVBL)
VESSELS WILL SEARCH DRIFT LINE TO EAST FOR 11NM THEN SOUTH
FOR 6NM. LEGS 1 TO 1 AND ONE HALF HOURS.
2. NGAPARA/ZMJT SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET 220135 IN 3919S
14355E ENDEAVOURING RECOVERY - VESSEL BOUND PORT LINCOLN

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R WILO ATTEMPTEEEEEE

ACSC DE VIM 220145GMT

FM NGAKARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR 78/1205

R WILCO WILL ATTEMPT RECOVER BUCKET

(SMALL SHIPS IN AREA WARNED BY VIM OF NGAKAREEEEEEE NGAPARA
MANOEUVRING)

RGR TKS OK NIL ELSE

TKS CUL

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220153Z

FROM BALAMARA NOW COMMENCING SEARCH FROM GIVE POSITION TO EASTWARDS
FOR 11 MILES THE SOUTH FOR 6 MILES FOR 1-12WWWWEEE 1-1/2
EACH LEGS

THAT SHOULD BE 1-1/2 HOUR EACH LEG

OK FINE TKS UNDERSTOOD REQUEST U ASK HIM HOW LONG VSLS CAN STAY
ON SEARCH TKS

OK WILL COME BACK ON THAT

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FROM BALAMARA 0140Z

WHR LIGHT BREEZE ENE AND NO THERMOMETER FOR SEA TEMP
BUT FROM HAND FEEL SAYS COOL BUT NOT COLD

RGR TKS VM

OK OUT FOR NOW

HE IS COMMENCING THE SEARCH OF AREA AS OF NOW

OK TKS AND DID HE ACK THE LAST ABOUT PROCEEDING EASTERLY ALONG
DRIFT LINE

YES AND ONPASSING TO THE OTHER TWO VSLs IN HIS AREA

GOOD TKS OM CUL

SAID SIGHT THE ORION ABT HOUR AGON NIL SINCE THAT

OK FINE TKS AND IN CASE ORION SEES ANYTHING WHAT FREQ U HAVE HIM ON
PSE

HAVE TOLD THE BALAMARA THAT ORION WILL POSSIBLE CALL UP ON 2182 IF
WISHES TO GET IN CONTACT

OK FINE THAT ALL TKS AND CU

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VIM DE ACSC REF NGAPARA SIGHTING BUCKET
PSE PASS FOLLOWING

MASTER

NGAPARA/ZMJT

RYC . RCC REQUESTS RECOVERY OF BUCKET IF POSSIBLE
ACSC 220140Z

R WILCO

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *bcu*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 - 1095

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TEXT: _____

*Panned bucket sighting
Request recovery if possible -R.*

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ACSC DE VIM 220135GMT
FM NGAPARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR

SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET FLOATING IN POSITION 39.19S
143.55E

RGR OM PLS CONFIRM BUCKET

RR CONFIRMED

RGR FINE TKS VM FOR HIS REPORT WE WILL ON PASS TO THE
RCC AT MELBOUMNE TKS

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VIM DE ACSC HERE ANOTHER FOR BALAMARA OR ONE OF THE OTHERS IN COY
PSE

BALAMARA/VM4076

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE REQUESTS THAT ON ARRIVAL
ORIGINAL SEARCH AREA VESSELS TRACK 100DEG TRUE ALONG ESTIMATED
DRIFT LINE. TARGET FOR SEARCH SURVIVOR LIFEJACKET WRECKAGE
OIL SLICK. RAAF ORION AIRCRAFT CALLSIGN RESCUE 251 IN SEARCH AREA.
SEARCH DATUM 3920S 14425E AT 220300GMT. ALSO REQUEST LATEST
WEATHER REPORT IN AREA INCLUDING ESTIMATED CURRENT AND WATER
TEMPERATURE IF POSSIBLE. REGARDS ACSC 220045Z

REQUEST ADVZ WHEN PASSED PSE OM

OK

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Lee*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2 1035-1070**AS.*

TEXT:

*EXPLAINED VSL INVOLVED. BALAMALA**NAUTICAL**OLION AREA 26 MILE EAST**HELEN IS.**? NEW DATUM — 3920S 14425E. MAY E. 0300Z**R2. VSLs pre proceed to E from DITCHING POINT.**OK.*

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FROM BALAMARA/VM4076
TWO VLS IN COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS
X
NAUTILASS VM4729 AND HELEN -D VM4774
STILL ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM THE DITCHED AREA
AND WILL BE SEARCHING THAT AREA ON ARRIVAL OF POSITION

NB... C'SIGNS SUPPLIED FROM HOBARTRADIO AS BALAMARA DID HAVE THE C/S

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VIM DE ACSC RE THE XXX U HAVE RUNNING ON THED DITCHED PLANE

PLASE AMEND THE BROADCAST TO READ

'VESSELS WITHIN 50 NM RADIUS REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT' ETC ETC INSTEAD
OF VESSELS IN AREA ETC ETC TKS

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *X Lindal (?)*

AUTHORITY *AUSTRALIAN*

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *525-*

CO-ORDINATOR *[Signature]*

TEXT:

? A/c Bass Strait

*- Ring DOT (AO) Melbourne
OK after.*

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AMD SEARCH AREA CO-ORDS AS FOLLOWS

3854S 14351E
3844S 14439E
3957S 14525E
4015S 14404E

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TRANSML AA32900



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FROM/TO Soc Rec

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

812 - 229

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

Ref Nancy Hewitt Drift

Do we suggest - move Orion at New datum
will be outside area - said in view of
best able info I would suggest so - OK
will advy new datum for XXX.

He very drift E @ 2k.



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FROM/TO	EE MARIKOVANIS	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.	03 338 4470	MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	12/1 1035 Focus	CO-ORDINATOR	MS.

TEXT: _____

3913 143.38K.

BALONIA about 1 hour from datum.

NAVY HEIGHT ABOUT 500 2-3 km E.

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VIM DE ACSC REF SERCH FOR AIRCRAFT MARSAR 78/1205

YOU HAD QSO WITH BALAMARA/VM4076 EARLIER
AND HE SAID HE AND 3 OTHER VESSES IN SEARCH

RWEE REQUEST U ASK HIM PSE NAMES OF OTHER VSLs INVOLVED
AND POSITION OF ALL OF THEM ALSO AREA BEING SEARCHED TKS

AT 0908LT HE CAME AND SAID WAS ABT 2 HOURS FROM THE AREA
OK TKS IF U GET HIM BACK REQUEST THE OTHER INFO TOO TKS

OK WILL DO

ERE ONE

VKNH NANCYHEATH

ACSC CANBERRA

EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED 2 TO 3 KNOTS

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+RGR TKS COPIED CUL



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FROM/TO Rec M

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 1023
Low - 1025

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TEXT:

CLAY BEACH. How many in area.

Said WR THINK HELEN D+1 + BALMORA + 3.

LAND SEARCH. ON BEACHES. - WANT TO KNOW

~~How~~ Point IF POSSIBLE IN CASE BEACH PARTY

See anything for recovery.

I will endeavour contact w/ & see where they are.

Gave sitrep NANCY NORTH ~~BE~~ SET TO BE

ABAND.

ORION IN SEARCH AREA - NO LIGHTS. AS

MOM.

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ACSO AA31349
METVR AA31434

OCEAN FORECAST FOR WATERS 38/50S BETWEEN 141 AND 160E ISSUED 2245Z
ON 21/10/78.....

PART 1. WARNINGS...
NIL.

PART 2. SYNOPTIC SITUATION....

A HIGH IS CENTRED NEAR 34S 152E, 1027MB, MOVING SLOWLY EASTWARDS.
A FRONT EXTENDS FROM 37S 130E TO 43S 144E TO 50S 152E AND IS
MOVING EAST AT 30KTS.

FORECAST FOR 24 HOURS FROM TIME OF ISSUE...

(1) NORTH OF 42S: VARIABLE WINDS OF LESS THAN 10KTS, TENDING
NORTHWESTERLY IN THE SOUTH AT 10-15KTS. SLIGHT SEAS RISING TO
MODERATE.

(2) SOUTH OF 42S EAST OF THE FRONT: NORTHWEST WINDS, 15-20KTS
IN THE NORTH, STRENGTHENING TO AVERAGE 20-30KTS IN THE SOUTH.
MODERATE SEAS RISING TO ROUGH.

(3) SOUTH OF 42S WEST OF THE FRONT: WESTERLY WINDS, INITIALLY
20-25KTS, GRADUALLY MODERATING. ROUGH SEAS BECOMING TO MODERATE.

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VIM PSE PASS FOLLOWING

MASTER

NANCY HEATH/VKNH

RYC. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SEARCH. FOR FURTHER SEARCH PLANNING
REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATE OF STRONG EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED IN AREA
REGARDS ACSC 212232Z

TKS OMB

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ANCYHEATH/VKNH MELBOURNERADIO 21 22 00GMT

ACSC
CANBERRA VIA VIM

SEARCHED AREA INDICATED IN GOOD VIS AND WEATHER STOP
RESULT NEGATIVE STOP IF FURTHER SEARCHES
CARRIED OUT PLEASE NOTE STRONG EASTERLY SEA EXPERIENCED
AT ABOVE AREA

MASTER

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FROM/TO <i>see msl</i>	AUTHORITY <i>Rec</i>
TEL. NO. <i>03 3384450</i>	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>12/2 950-1000</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>LS.</i>

TEXT: _____

Arrived Heaving rest Cape alt.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

A. MY 211958Z OCT 18

1. VIM PLS AMEND XXX BROADCAST TO READ AS FOLLOWS AND **B**ROADCAST
HOURLY RTG/RTF UFN.

2. X X X DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART BA 1695B. LIGHT AIRCRAFT
1POB ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN ESTIMATED
POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z APPROX. VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED
TO LOOKOUT FOR 1 SURVIVOR IN LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE. AIR AND
SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *L. O'way*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*12/2. 952-980.**ep*

TEXT:

Crave Sitrep.

*lady heard plane pass
over about 6:30 to 7:00 PM
last night but paid no
attention as normal occur-
ence.*

*keeper saw plane fly
towards Melb 9:00 PM last
night.*



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO <i>3XY</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>12/2.1 - 952.</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>ef</i>

TEXT: *Info on acft*
referred to soc netb.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: <i>AAAP MELB.</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>12/2 935-947</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>P</i>

TEXT: *Req. info on aft.*

Crave facts & contact Airways

Ops MELB.

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DE VIM 212100Z
MVSL BALAMARA/VM4076 CONTACTED VIM . HER QTH JUST NNW OF KING
ISLAND AND FEW HOURS FROM ESTIMATED DITCHED POSN OF LIGHT
AIRCRAFT . SHE REPORTS THREE OTHER VESSELS IN AREA ENGAGED
IN SEARCH .
FYI .

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Hobart

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 002-381101

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 888-933

CO-ORDINATOR el

TEXT: Ref airt.

Rgn. Police Hobart aware.
Gave datum for 212000Z
also fact re MR Oliver of KD
unaware of new datum. Pls
to info, also re phoning in
msg for brief.

Pls alert authorities & Fish
Co-ops.

Rgn send telex
will do.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *D24*AUTHORITY *VIC POL*TEL. NO. *03-6671632*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *13/2.0788*

CO-ORDINATOR

*exo*TEXT: *(INSP. HINDS)*

*Sitrep - pls advise local police
and fish - co-ops.*

O.K. Will do!



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc. melb.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 800-888
12/2

CO-ORDINATOR

TEXT:

Ref a/cft.

data given (39145 14346E)
last conversation checked & is
the one - Rgn.

Police Tas in qd but
still unsure of D24 - however
could advise info D24 and
alert FITN co-ops.

Rgn will do.

[A.C. Soc. confirmed also
on other phone]



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc MVB HUGHES AUTHORITY DOT.
TEL. NO. 03-339- MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 12/2. 819-800. CO-ORDINATOR *RF*

TEXT: *Ref a/cft.*

① Has Police Hobart SAR Div been informed

② D24 been informed.

Rgn not aware if Police Hobart been infod but THINKS so and D24 not infod - but why D24 -

Explained now new SP. mid l. O'way - l. Wickham therefore assistance from F.V315 & F. loops thru D24 also told him when KD boat owner (Oliver) rings in msg will have to give him new SP. Datum - 40m from Lennie's Datum Soc has 3914S 14346E Orion to search 20m radius round.

Beast to rescue during msg. Soc requested V315 in area

Soc has just come on & vague on Sit.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Soe Amml*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAFE REF

CO-ORDINATOR

*783 - 788**VSD*TEXT: *Amended S.P. 328°T Cape Wickham 27m**20 0915Z**(21)**Will have OK10W to search area 4m.
+ light off coastal.**Will have bay/sherman search 10 miles
around new datum.**Said to use drift (S/E + W/E) of abt 100/6nm
at 212000Z.*

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP
SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 1

OCEANIC DATUM POINT

REPORTED DISTRESS POSITION 39 31 S 143 54 E at time 210920 GMT

PREVIOUSLY COMPUTED DATUM _____ S _____ E at time _____ GMT

DATUM TO BE COMPUTED FOR SEARCH COMMENCING AT 212000 GMT

TIME INTERVAL FOR PLOTTING OF VECTORS 10.6 HRS

SURFACE DRIFT

SEA CURRENT AVERAGE SEA CURRENT SET 100 T/ .5 MPD/KTS

AVERAGE SEA CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 100 T/ 5.3 NM

WIND CURRENT SURFACE WIND 315 T/ 5 KTS for _____ HRS TO SPLASH

FETCH 50 NM for _____ HRS TO DATUM

LOCAL WIND CURRENT SET 115 T/ 1.05 KTS

LOCAL WIND CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 115 T/ 1.53 NM

LEEWAY MINIMUM LEEWAY SET _____ T/ _____ MPD/KTS

MINIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT _____ T/ _____ NM

MAXIMUM LEEWAY SET _____ T/ _____ MPD/KTS

MAXIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT _____ T/ _____ NM

MINIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT D_{min} _____ T/ _____ NM

MAXIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT D_{max} _____ T/ _____ NM

DATUM OR DATUM MINIMAX _____ T/ _____ NM

DISTANCE MIN TO MAX _____ NM

$$DRIFT ERROR (d_e) = \frac{d_e (min) + d_e (max) + dist min to max DATUM}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\quad + \quad}{2}$$

= _____ NM

Computed by [Signature]

Checked by _____

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP
SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 2

SEARCH RADIUS AREA FOR

212000 GMT

DRIFT ERROR

(d_e) _____ NM

DISTRESS CRAFT POSITION ERROR (FIX + DR)

15 + 15% of 45

(X) 21.75 NM

SEARCH CRAFT POSITION ERROR

(Y) 5 NM

TOTAL PROBABLE ERROR OF POSITION (c)

$$\sqrt{d_e^2 + X^2 + Y^2}$$

21.75 NM

SAFETY FACTOR FOR THIS SEARCH

(f_s) 1.1

SEARCH RADIUS (R) = (c) × (f_s)

(R) 23.9 NM

ROUNDED UP

24

NM

AREA COVERAGE

SEARCH OBJECT _____

CLOUD BASE _____ FT

VISIBILITY _____ M/KM

WIND _____ / _____

CLOUD COVERAGE _____ %

SEARCH HEIGHT

_____ FT

SEARCH HEIGHT

_____ FT

UNCORRECTED SWEEP WIDTH

(W_u) _____ NM

(W_u) _____ NM

WHITECAP CORRECTION FACTOR

(f_w) _____

(f_w) _____

CLOUD COVERAGE FACTOR

(f_c) _____

(f_c) _____

SWEEP WIDTH

(W) _____ NM

(W) _____ NM

COVERAGE FACTOR DESIRED

(C) _____

(C) _____

TRACK SPACING DESIRED $\frac{W}{C}$

(S) _____ NM

(S) _____ NM

PROBABILITY OF DETECTION

(P) _____

(P) _____



Computed by

[Signature]

Checked by

3931 S. 14384 E

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
 AIR TRANSPORT GROUP
 SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 4

		2109 20		2120 00			
T/I			10.6 HRS.				
W/N.	315/5		315/5 →		PLOT ↓		
SEA CURRENT	100/.5 KTS		15 KTS. 100/5.333		100/5.33		
WIND CURRENT	20° L		10.5 KTS 115/.53 →		115/.53		
MIN. LEEWAY							
MAX. LEEWAY							



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO See Amml

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 707-753

VSD

TEXT:

Helend + 1 other boat going out at
first light from Levee up West
coast then NW of Cape Whitham 10nm
S. Oliver in charge. will ring ACSC
for assessment of drift so he can
reducer search.

Said forecast was for a SE change
about 1000 local.

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

REF YOUR LAST RE BOTANY CHEMIST VESSEL BIT FAR TO NORTH SO PLS
THANK MASTER BUT RELEASE HIM FROM FURTHER ACTION

WILL CO TKS

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553V

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ACSC AA62553
MELBSAR AA31591

BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYN NR3 MELBOURNERADIO 21 1237GMT

ACSC
CANBERRA

1230GMT POSITION 3849S 1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE
MASTER

+RGR SEC WHILE I CKECK
WILL CHECK WITH SOC AS THIS FELLOW MAY BE ABLE TO HELP AS WELL
IN MEANTIME PLS SUSPEND XXX UNTIL FIRST SKEDS IN AM AND WE WILL
ADVISE YOU OF INTERVAL
OK CUL THEN

RGR#
MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) SOL Ammc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 033392476

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 646 - 707

CO-ORDINATOR

VTD

TEXT: Peculiar transcript. Saw things 5 mins
after dep Cape Otway at 0903Z. Then
came rough engine then nothing.
Request block out some sort of drift halber tip
of King Island. How drift goes
for somebody in life jacket
Station 335 Cape Wickham 10 nm. ^{search time} 2000Z
w/v lt. NW @ 5 knots. 315/35.

seeing things 5-6 mins after Otway
about 0906-0907.

0913 repd ruff engine

shortly after no comms



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO SDC AmML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 0333 92476

MARSAR NO.

TYPE REF. 13/2 559 - 619

CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TEXT: Vis V good base Wickham to base Otway
Another He to run around K.I.

He was orbiting when he saw ^{UFO} object.
Request Nancy Heath go ^{10 05} ~~10~~ min N of base
Wickham. 335°T - ^{100 yds if poss} 10 miles
Meat ~~85~~

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ACSC AA62553

GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

LS PASS FLWG MSG TO MASTER NANCY HEATH

MASTER

NANVYHEATH/VKNH

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THROUGH A POSITION 335 DEGS TRUE
CAPE WICKHAM LIGHT 5 NAUTICAL MILES THE MOST PROBABLE POSITION
OF THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IF IT IS DOWN IN THE SEA AND THE IF
NOTHING SIGHTED PLS RESUME COURSE TO DESTINATION
REGARDS ACSC CANBERRA 211140Z OCT 78

OK OM

OK WILL ONPASS

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ACSC AA62553

GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

PLS THANK FOLLOWING VESSELS AND REQUEST THEY PROCEED

VJMV VMBD VKGH ZMJT

OTHERS MAY STILL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

TKS OM

OK TKS WILL DO

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MELBSAR AA31591

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FROM ^(to) Grassy K.I. Police

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 004 6112113

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 625 - 545VDD

TEXT:

Enginering alert light off.

yes. husband gone to airport as ATC
Melle put them on alert for off due
to land with rough engine. Has been
trying to contact husband by radio
but no joy.

Suggested she contact Firebrigade who
would also have radio.

She said she would ask them
to report status.

Rgr will ring back

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

STILLWANT US TO HANG ON ?

NO THORT U SAID SEC NOT ME

URE PROBLY RITE STI OM CULTR⊕

MELBSAR AA31591

⊕⊕⊕ AA62553

DDVBI WAY VKNH RECKONS HE WILL BE AT LINE 11PM LT

OK OM WILL PSASS TO SOC MELB AND GET LATEST CU⊕

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ACSC AA62553

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MELBSAR AA31591

1102Z

DE VIM

NGAPARA ZMJT PSN 2000LT GOOSE ISLAND LIGHT BEARING
050 DEGS 14 MILES CSE 293 DEGS SPEED 11 KNOTTS STOP
NO SIGHTINGS OR HEARINGS

SAFOCEAN ALBANY POSITION 2000LT TWO MILES NORTH RONDONDO
ISLAND FROM SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE COURSE 277 TRUE SPEED
17 STANDING BY VHF CHANNEL 16

SEC



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FROM ^(TO) G. O'Brien

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 204 621368

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 502 - 525

VJD

TEXT: no boats in area. Usually
Apollo Bay boats or Bankers boats
but last boat left yesterday. That
is Cape Wickham.



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FROM (TO) <i>Tasman Seafoods</i>	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO. <i>Smithton - Matthews</i>	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. <i>004521496</i>	CO-ORDINATOR <i>WJ</i>
<i>13/2 471 - 502</i>	

TEXT: *No Smithton boats in area as all in port.*

Albatross Queen
Call Barry Funnell - 004 621447
(copy) Graham Oliver - 621368
(copy) Geo Newman 621176



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Hm Laurie.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. *004 621 493*

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *13/2 471 -*

CO-ORDINATOR *VJD*

TEXT: *Nothing heard.*

*Hm Grassy
004 621 493*

Nothing heard.

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211028 AMMOYF~~AAAAA~~

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1028Z

FROM NANCYHEATH VKNH

WHEN WAS AIRCRAFT LAST SIGHTED OR LEAVE OTWAY OR ANY OTHER
RELEVANT DETAILS PLS ?

RGR LAST REPORT ESTIMATED TO BE 5-10MILES NORTH WEST OF CAPE
WICKHAM HEADING SOUTH X COMMS WERE LOST SHORTLY AFTER SO SOC
IS NOT SURE WHETHER AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON TO KING ISLABD OR ATTEMPTED
TO RETURN TO CAPE OTWAY X AT MOM SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR SO
NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR VKNH X HOWEVER WE FEEL HE MAY BE ASKED TO DO
ONE SWEEP FOM ABOVE POSIT TO KING IS AHEN HE GETS THERE
BY THE WAY PLS DROPS XXX TO HOURLY NOW

OK WILL DO TKS WILL ON PASS VKNH

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ACSC AA62349

TRANSML AA32900ZCZC TLX133 211028

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211028 AMMLYU~~#####~~'''''

DETRESFA ROUGH RUNNING MOTOR. OVERDUE ON ETA AMKI

NGT VMC. VH DSJ. C182 PVT ATD 0819 AMMB CTY AMKI EET 69 ENDCE 300

BC VR HN. POB ONE VALENTICH SAS LX. LR 0915 AMML FS 125.9

PX CTY 0900 0050 VISUAL. BLUE BODY WHITE STRIPE WHITE TAIL

ETA AMKI 0928

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TRANSML AA329000



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM (TO) SOC MGR B
TEL. NO. 03 33 92476

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR VJD

TAPE REF.
13/2 293-471

TEXT: advised SOC of ships which reported their point.

Rgr. A/C reported UFO above him, then rough running engine as afterthoughts.

SOC's EST Posit 5-10 nm NW of Cape Melkham
at 0915Z

Requested we ask local fishing boats operating in area if anything seen or heard

Rgr

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MELBSAR AA31591

VKNH 3902S 14416.5E CO 277 SPEED 12 KNOTS *Nancy Heath.*

VJMV 40.08S 146.02E CSE 328 16 KTS 1000Z BRYBANETRADER

VMBD 3909S 14542E 102 T 10.5 KTS AT 1000Z *Iron Whysalla*

VKGH 211000Z 40.14S 146.43E CSE 023 T 13.8 KTS *Goat*

VLKG 211000Z 37.51S 140.02E CO 144 SPEED 16 KTS *Iron monarch*
CCN TIME 210930Z

MNY TKS WILL ADVISE SOC MELBOURNE AND DECIDE NEXT ACTION X
UOK OK MANI TKS CUL

VKNH MAY PROCEED TO A POSSIYION ON THE LINE CAPE OTWAY TO KING
ISLAND AND WHEN SHE REACHES THERE IF U WILL ASK HER TO ADVISE US
WE MAY HAVE SUM EMPLOYMENT FOR HER IF SHE IS WILLING

OK WILL TELL EM TO LET US KNOW WHEN I N QTH

TKS OM CULTR
MELBSAR AA31591
ACSC AA62553



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM: 0 Sol Amml

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF:

CO-ORDINATOR

386 Not tapedVJD

^{Manlyhead}
TEXT: One in close to Cape Otway
then south to Cape Wickham.
A/c probably around north tip
of King Island & unlikely to
have turned back.

In that case we might wait a while
before directing Manlyhead.

Yes agreed

Sold him XXX broadcast thru VIM.
Iks.

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GE OM DE ACSC XXX MSG COMING ABOUT LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING
ISLAND BELIEVE NANCYHEATH/VKNH MAY BE IN VIVINITY X CAN U GIVE
HER A CALL AND ASK FOR POSIT AND IF ANYTHING HEARD OF AIRCRAFT
EN ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND

SEC AVE CALLED VKNH OR WILL CALL U BAK ALSO WILL DELAY
MY OCEAN FCAST TILL U U CUM UP

MNY TKS OM

SEC VKNH NOW

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO	ATC Ops Melb	AUTHORITY	
TEL. NO.		MARSAR NO.	
TAPE REF.	13/2 363-386	CO-ORDINATOR	VJD

TEXT: Distress Phase on Lt. Ape Wendue
to King Islands
King Island & Cape Otway

Single Eng C182 VH-DST
.KI via Cape Otway. Rough number
motor due KI 0928 ~~h~~

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