

# FRESH INFORMATION IN VALENTICH DISAPPEARANCE MYSTERY (AUSTRALIA)

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After twelve years since the disappearance of Frederick Valentich\* in his encounter with an unidentified flying object over Bass Strait, information from observers who witnessed strange lights or objects or heard strange sounds that night is still being received, and is helping us to reconstruct the UFO activity which occurred just before, during, and after, the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history.

Only seven months ago, three new witnesses came forward to give perhaps the most significant evidence concerning the fatal incident that has been received since the disappearance of the pilot and his 182L Cessna.

This information was learned during a casual conversation between two men who were discussing the subject of UFOs, when one of the men mentioned that *he and four other people (one of them now deceased) saw both an airplane and a "green light" flying just above it. At that time the witnesses did not of course know the identity of the aircraft and the pilot. However, Frederick Valentich was the only pilot flying in that area at the time.*

Two of the witnesses, from Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, were visiting relatives at Apollo Bay, Victoria. While in Coffs Harbour on August 14, 1990, I interviewed two of these witnesses, ladies, both of whom were receptionists for a firm in that town.

Their observations of the Valentich episode had taken place from a hill 2 kms. west of Apollo Bay, where a party of four, including themselves, were rabbit-shooting.

## "Green Light" seen above an aircraft

One of the ladies noted a green light to the southwest, and called to the others to look. Her uncle looked up, and saw the lights of an aircraft, and thought she was referring to *those* lights. She said: "No - Look *above* the aircraft!" The uncle then saw the green light flying above. He estimated that both the aircraft and the green light were about "10 or 12 miles" distant.

The second niece told the same story.

**On October 23, 1990, I interviewed the uncle, at Apollo Bay. When I asked him why he did not report the sighting, his reply was:-**

**"There was so much ridicule at that time that nobody would have believed me".**

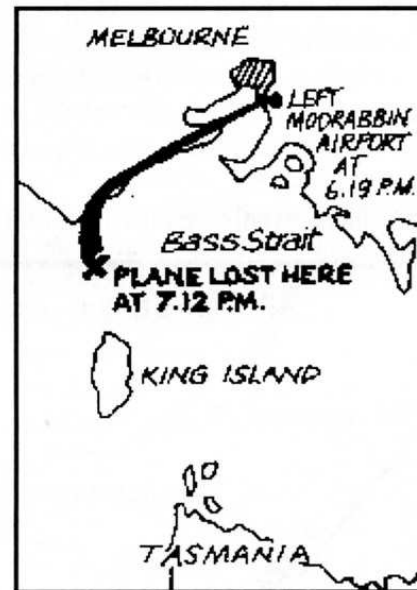
**He first mentioned it to his wife, and she**

**laughed at him. He also told his friends next day at work, after hearing that the aircraft and pilot were missing. They too laughed at him when he said that he had seen the green light.**

**So he discontinued mention of the green light.**

We now know at what stage the aircraft and the green light were observed. The official transcript states:-

1910:07 (7.10 p.m.) "DELTA SIERRA JULIET, MELBOURNE, it seems like it's stationary - what I'm doing right now is orbiting, and the thing is just orbiting on top of me. Also it's got a green light and sort of metallic like. It's all shiny on the outside".



## Further Reports from Fishermen

Previously, we did not know that fishermen camped along the Parker River saw the Cessna making its turn, about 5 kms. east of the Cape Otway Lighthouse, in order to pick up its heading for King Island. That was at 1900 hrs. (7.00 p.m.). Prior to this latest information, we already had reports from 20 eyewitnesses who saw an erratic moving green light at about the same time and in the same direction from where Frederick Valentich was reporting his encounter to Melbourne Flight Service.

These reports came from witnesses located at Portsea, Frankston, Brighton Beach, Geelong, and from four motorists travelling along the Great Ocean

Road near Lorne.

But the report from Apollo Bay had previously been the only one in which witnesses had said they had seen both the aircraft and the green light at the same time. Now the version given by the two ladies confirms it.

I am sure that other people also had sightings on the same day and night, who would have reported them if the ridicule barrier had not been constructed by the sceptics whose motivation is to distract attention away from the problem, apparently because of a subconscious fear of the unknown, or because of other reasons.

\* FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

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(2). W.C. Chalker, BSc. "Vanished?: The Valentich Affair Re-examined", In FSR 30/2, (1984).

(3). Paul Norman: "Countdown To Reality". In FSR 31/2, (1986).

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## MORE REPORTS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

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**City and country of incident:** San Jerónimo, Santa Fe province, Argentina

**Date of incident:** November 8, 1990<LL0>

**Name of paper and date of clip:** *La Capital* - November 12, 1990

**City and country of paper:** Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### UFO TRACKS ONCE AGAIN

**SANTA FE (Télam)** - Mr. Victor Imhoff, who was a mayor of the San Jerónimo del Sauce community and held that post for several terms, said that he found some perfectly linked semicircles in a field he owns near the city. They measured 17 meters by 12 meters in depth and 40 cm wide (55.7 ft. by 39.37 ft. by 15.75 inches), "and were as free of weeds as if they had been made with a shovel".

On the inside of these circles, which were found on a chicory plantation located at a distance of 400 meters (437 yards) from national highway #19 and 300 meters (328 yards) from two houses, "weeds are growing, but not the vegetables which disappeared from the surface but grow normally from the edges outward", said Imhoff.

The marks were discovered last Thursday by Mr. Imhoff, but "he could not say how old they were" because nothing strange was observed in the surroundings in previous days "except for a cow which was in the field with others and now walks with difficulty".

The owner of the field recalled an experience seven years ago which he considered to be "not too pleasant", when he was returning from San Jerónimo Norte where he had attended a Rotary meeting. "An unidentified flying object with a bluish, very bright light, flew low over my car, stopping the engine", he said.

He also added that the driver at that time, Mr.

Armando Meriggi, and other local residents "were witnesses to the UFO's maneuver, which now seems to have returned to the area, considering the strange circles."

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**City and country of incident:** Limara, Chile

**Date of incident:** October 31, 1990

**Name of paper and date of clip:** *El Tribuno* - November 6, 1990

**City and country of paper:** Dolores, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

### GIANT UFO SEEN IN CHILE

**SANTIAGO DE CHILE** - A giant unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen by more than a hundred people, among them two carabinieri (military police), when it landed on top of a hill in the coastal sector of the town of Limari, 400 km (248.5 miles) north of Santiago. The event, which was reported by the newspaper "La Tercera" took place last Wednesday and aside from the policemen, miners, peasants and truckers were also witnesses and confirmed that the UFO became visible at about 1.30 pm that day.

Several of the witnesses who reported the event said that at first they thought it was a satellite dish, but however, when they approached they could see it was a space ship measuring some one hundred meters (328 ft.) in diameter by some 20 meters (65 ft.) in height and emitted strongly colored lights.

Francisco Peña Diaz, who is second corporal in the Carabinieri and his partner Luis Lobos Medina, stated that the UFO had landed in an inaccessible place. Just three months ago, according to the witnesses' descriptions, two other spectacular UFOs were seen in the city of Arica, bordering with Perú, 2,050 km (approx. 1,273 miles) north of Santiago. The skies in