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St Kilda police station received an estimated 50 telephone calls about an unusual object in the sky over Port Phillip Bay. Descriptions given were very similar, that of a cigar shape, orange in colour, with two balls of fire, one on either end, dark in the middle. It was stationary, or according to one witness, moving very slowly. Although press reports suggested it was only some 250 metres up and 500 metres off the coast, the fact that reports also came from Geelong and Frankston makes these estimates suspect. Geelong lies on the western side of the Bay and Frankston on the eastern side, and they are some 50km apart.

Also reported on that morning was the finding of a ground marking at Point Ormond on Elwood Beach. The patch was located on a steep slope. When inspected by Ken Hayes the next morning, after rain, the mark was very hard to discern and not definite in shape, i.e. there were no clear edges at all. There was no evidence of burnt ash, sticks, wood etc. Ken's comment was: "We cannot make the assumption that the burnt patch is necessarily linked with the Port Phillip Bay sightings." Police themselves said they had doubts about the authenticity of the mark.

Ken is currently awaiting receipt of details from persons who saw the object itself over the two and a quarter hours time span, and also from a person who saw the marking on the morning of the 13th. If details can be obtained from witnesses in Geelong and Frankston, particularly the direction of sighting, it may then be possible to triangulate the position of the object. (Ken Hayes-Melbourne. "The Herald" 13/10/89. "The Age" 14/10/89. "The Sun" 14/10/89. "Sunday Sun" 15/10/89.)