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Occurrence Number: 199702998 Occurrence Type: Incident

Location: 120km SSE Melbourne, Aerodrome

State: VIC Inv Category: 4

Date: Monday 15 September 1997

Time: 1115 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Airbus

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: A320-211

Aircraft Registration: VH-HYA Serial 022

Number:

Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger

Scheduled

Damage to Aircraft: Nil

Departure Point: Melbourne Vic.

Departure Time:

Destination: Launceston Tas.

Approved for Release: Friday, September 19, 1997

circumstances

The crew reported that they recieved a cockpit warning during climb passing through FL 310. In accordance with company proceedures the flight was returned for an uneventful landing at the departure runway.

Post flight examination found the number 3 Air Data reference Unit had failed. The unit was replaced and all systems tested normal. The aircraft then returned to service without further incident.