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Strange lights in the sky probe

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U.F.O. research experts were today investigating sightings of strange lights over Stoke-on-Trent during the night.

The first report came from Miss Susan Colton who noticed her darkened bedroom suddenly light up.

"I had just turned the light off and was getting into bed when the whole room lit up. I called the family and we watched this shape for about ten minutes," said Miss Colton, a civil servant, of 119 Heaton-terrace, Porthill.

The light turned slowly to red and green, disappeared and re-appeared three times before finally going out of sight. Miss Colton said it first appeared as a flat bar shape and later looked crescent or triangle-shaped.

Blurred

Milton housewife Mrs. Patricia Moran, of 18 Netherton-grove, also saw a strange light in the sky at about the same time — between 11.30 p.m. and midnight.

"At first it was a long straight line and then it took on a shape like blurred butterfly wings. The light went out and then came back again and then seemed to grow smaller and move away," she said.

Mr. Derek James, a member of the U.F.O. Investigating Network, said today no members of the network had seen the lights or had any reports but the two sightings would be checked out.