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UFO ? NO, MAYBE THE GPO!

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THE UFO seen by five police officers and other witnesses near Dumfries at the weekend may have been the lights of a GPO building.

What was believed to be an airship shaped object with a number of white lights was spotted hovering at about 500ft above Terreglis village.

The sighting was in the same general direction as the transmitter mast on Riddings Hill.

A police spokesman in Dumfries said last night: "This may be the simple explanation."

It has been established that GPO engineers were working at the transmitter station from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m.—and the UFO was seen for almost an hour after 1 a.m.

Police also say that cloud level at the time was below the oblong-shaped building and the lights in the station were on.

Earlier, Sergeant Bill McDavid and Constable Jim Smith and WPC Pamela Brown, who saw the UFO,

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had gone back to the area and were adamant that the sighting was not in line with the hills.

But there was no trace of any object on the radar screens at Prestwick Airport and an aircraft sent to check found nothing.

Sergeant McDavid said: "I've never seen a UFO before. I'm still sceptical. But I know what my eyes saw and I just can't explain it."

Police logged the sighting in their books along with reports of other UFOs reported in the area during the past two or three years.

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People at the Lochside estate turned out of their homes to watch the object in the air about a mile away.

An investigator from the British UFO Research Association had planned to visit Dumfries this week following the sighting of the UFO.

Mr. Ralph Hall, from Penrith, intended to get statements from witnesses, examine the local topography and report back to his London headquarters.

A theory put forward yesterday by Mr. Stuart Campbell, the BUFORA's East Coast investigator, was that it could have been a meteorological phenomenon in some way related to ball lightning.

He said: "I should imagine it would be something much greater than ball lightning and with much higher electrical potential."