

Simple explanation given for UFO — but police unconvinced

THE UFO seen by five police officers and a number of residents in Dumfries at the weekend may simply have been the light of a building at a GPO transmitter mast.

The mystery oblong-shaped object with a cluster of lights, described as being seen about 500ft. in the air near Terregles Village on the outskirts of Dumfries, is roughly in the

same direction as the mast on top of Riddings Hill.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Dumfries admitted 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. on Friday until 3 a.m. on Saturday — and the UFO was sighted for almost an hour shortly after 1 a.m.

The police also say that, at times, cloud level was below

the oblong-shaped building and the lighting in the station was on during this time.

Earlier yesterday Sgt. Bill McDavid and Constable Jim Smith, two of the five officers who saw the UFO, had gone back to the area and were adamant that it was not in line with the hills.

There was no trace of any object on the radar screens at Prestwick Airport and an aircraft sent to check reported negative results.

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MRS IRIS Turner is convinced that Sunderland is being visited by alien beings. And they are travelling in a silver circular flying saucer!

Mrs Turner, of St Margaret's Court, Castletown, Sunderland, saw the "flying saucer" above some houses in Deptford Road, Millfield, Sunderland.

She said: "I couldn't believe my eyes. It was suspended above some houses, not very high up, and wasn't moving at all. It was silver in colour and sort of bomb-shaped."

She added: "After a short while it switched on a large red light and a large green light and moved off like a frisbee, going round and round. It didn't make any noise. I am sure it was not a plane; I have never seen anything like it in all my life."

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THROW LIGHT ON UFO

POLICE think they may have solved a flying saucer mystery.

Reports of a UFO flooded in from around Dumfries.

Five police officers and 20 other people witnessed the oblong-shaped cluster of lights.

But last night the GPO said they could have caused the flap.

By FRANK RYAN

Engineers had been working early on Saturday morning on the brightly-lit microwave radio station at the top of the 750ft Riddingshill.

explanation for what the police saw."

Many eye-witnesses spotted the object hovering above the hill.

A spokesman at Dumfries police HQ said: "This could very well be the explanation."

"The engineers were working at the station with lights on until about 3 a.m. and there was low cloud in the area."

CLOUDS

A post office engineer said: "The hill was about 200ft. in cloud at the time. The bright lights of the station could have been seen intermittently from below.

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