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SIR, — It seems that the special carol for Hampshire this Christmas must have been "Do you see what I see."

Yes, I actually saw it, and watched it sail slowly past my window between 9.07 p.m. and 9.10 p.m. on Christmas evening. I had only had a sherry with lunch, I was cold stone sober, quite calm and refused to move till it was gone. I have given the details of my "third encounter" to Radio Solent who put me on to a scientist who was most interested in what I said. This is what I saw.

It came from the right of my vision and seemed to be like a fair sized airship in shape, though I could see through the "cover" which was just a kind of stardust.

When it was level there were seven bright steady lights along the side spaced equally apart. There was a bright bar of light all along the bottom also at the same distance below each light. It was at about the height of an ordinary plane. It went in a perfectly straight course. Nothing was thrown off, nothing tumbled or flared at all. It went in a North Easterly direction. Now for what "they say." A fireball? Aren't these usually influenced by the weather and would it not move very rapidly? A re-entry of a satellite? From all the splash-downs we have seen on T.V. re-entry is a very rapid happening. The latest is that it was a Russian rocket used a year ago to boost a satellite! Surely the rocket would not have gone into orbit, and its fuel would have hardly lasted a year!

Well, there it is. A slow, perfectly straight course, seven bright, steady "windows." We have heard nothing of anything hitting Barton or Lymington which would have received it a minute or two after I lost it, at the low height it was going.

WAS it a third encounter? SO RIGHT for Christmas, and perhaps a good omen for 1981. I like to think so.