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# UFO 'probably a meteorite'

**A MYSTERY** Christmas night unidentified flying object, spotted by hundreds of people all over England, was almost certainly a meteorite breaking up, officers at the Royal Air Force Observer Base at West Drayton, Middlesex, said yesterday.

A flood of calls to the centre and to Heathrow Airport caused an immediate search for any aircraft in the area. The observer centre reported yesterday: "All the reports indicate a large meteorite breaking up or a satellite. The reports were all the same — a large bright light followed by a mass of smaller ones."

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