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## Down-to-Earth explanation for UFO

NEWARK - To a police patrolman peering into the southwestern sky early Saturday, a missile fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base near Santa Maria was a strange sight.

The officer didn't know that the phenomenon was actually a missile in flight, glinting in the early morning sunlight, so he reported it as a UFO.

The UFO had a "bright searchlight emanating from it," the unidentified officer said, while the object whirled around in the morning sky for a few seconds after 6 a.m.

An official at the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control Center in Fremont said he knew nothing about the reported incident, but officials at Moffett Field in Mountain View knew what it was — a test missile launched from Vandenberg.