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More than 1,000 people watched in stunned amazement as a giant, glowing UFO drifted lazily across the Portland, Oreg., night sky.

The huge craft — as large as a commercial jetliner — dropped thousands of eerie reddish balls of fire that vanished mysteriously into thin air.

Oregon State Trooper Dick Stein — one of two policemen who saw the fiery craft hover April 3 in a dazzling light display — told *The ENQUIRER*:

"It was about the size of an airliner and was drifting east at about 7,000 feet elevation. There appeared to be fiery debris falling from it and as the debris fell, it looked like it was burning itself out.

"We watched it for 10 minutes and it never lost altitude in all that time. Then it turned to the north and just

## Huge, Glowing UFO Showers Balls of Fire Over City

vanished. I don't know what it was — but it wasn't anything I had ever seen before."

The police switchboard was jammed with calls as the strange craft dropped its streaking balls of fire. Some callers reported that a second UFO — moving faster — blazed through the sky.

"There were more than 1,000 sightings in one area," said police and fire dispatcher Linda O'Neal of the Washington County Communications Center.

"Everyone that called in said the same thing — that the saucers



**WITNESSES:** Experienced pilot Arnold Soloff points to where he and his wife spotted strange craft in the night sky.

dropped these red balls of fire that were tiny, just thousands of them."

Incredibly, the glowing craft could

not be detected by radar at the local airport.

Experienced pilot Arnold Soloff, 37, stared in astonishment as the UFO hovered.

"It seemed to be rotating counterclockwise. I said to my wife and another couple, 'That's no airplane. I don't know what the hell it is.'

"That was the first sighting and we actually had two that night. My friends were outside and they said, 'My God, here comes another one!'

"My wife and I ran outside and we saw another one coming from the same direction with exactly the same color lights as the first.

"We watched it there for about 10 minutes and then it appeared to go through the cloud and disappear."