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Mystery 81

of the Skye 'rocket'

POLICE and coastguards were today inspecting a mystery object found on an isolated beach on the Isle of Skye.

Fishermen who examined the heavy cylindrical object said that lettering on it seemed to indicate Russia as the origin.

Lobster fisherman Mr David Grant, of Kilmuir, who spotted it said it resembled "a giant firework." Later, two other fishermen examined it but were unable to move it, according to coastguards.

The coastguards said the object, made of steel, was 10ft long and four to five feet in diameter.

The Royal Navy has been told of the find. It is thought unlikely there is any connection between the object and the crash of a Dutch military aircraft 150 miles off the coast three weeks ago.