

response to the father's motion

PRINCE PHILIP WAS PILOT IN NEAR-MISS

Prince Philip was at the controls of an Andover of the Queen's Flight involved in a near-miss with a Jumbo jet carrying 200 passengers to Miami, Buckingham Palace confirmed last night.

The incident happened after a British Airways Boeing 747 had taken off from Heathrow on Friday and was climbing at 300 mph. The pilot took evasive action after seeing an "unidentified" object blast across his field of vision.

An inquiry will be held into why the near-miss happened. The Prince, 60, is an experienced pilot, and was no doubt confident that he would be accorded the "purple corridor," which means that no aircraft can take off or land within 20 minutes of a royal plane.

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Reported also on ITN on previous night. But BBC Radio 4 had nothing about the UFO in its news this morning. 1/12/81

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