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UFOs . . . made of tin foil

MOSCOW: A Soviet cosmonaut has admitted he played a practical joke during a space flight in 1978 which misled people around the world into believing that flying saucers really exist.

Georgy Grechnko, now 50, reported the 'sightings' while performing gym-

nastic exercises on the space station Salyut Six. And his UFO report was quoted in lectures all over the world.

But now Grechnko has admitted in the Government newspaper Izvestia that the 'objects' were flakes of metallic foil which had been shaken off the space station during his exercises.

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