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# UFO 'like a bowler hat'

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THERE have been more reported sightings of the UFO which sparked off a red alert in the Thames Valley on Tuesday night.

Sophisticated radar at the massive Upper Heyford US Air Force base in Oxfordshire pinpointed the mystery light in the sky over Berkshire from about 5pm to 9.30pm on Tuesday.

Now anxious callers to local airbases and to the Evening Post have reported that the UFO shaped like a bowler hat was seen again later that night, and also spotted exactly one week earlier.

A Yattendon garage proprietor told today how the sky was suddenly flooded with light as he drove home late on Tuesday night.

"I was on the outskirts of Yattendon, when the light suddenly appeared in the sky," said Mr Patrick Holder, who lives at the Yattendon Garage.

## Balloon

"It was shaped like a bowler hat, with a definite flat base at the bottom, and it was a brilliant light like a magnesium flare. As soon as I saw it I got out of the car, but it disappeared.

"I've never seen anything that I couldn't explain before, and I'm not given to

seeing things.

"I've read the report that it could be a barrage balloon, but that's not what I saw."

That sighting was at nearly midnight on Tuesday and the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceaux, Sussex, has confirmed that there should have been nothing unusual in the eastern sky that night.

"This has got me stumped," said a spokesman. "It certainly wasn't a satellite, and from the descriptions we've had it wasn't Venus, which is visible from earth now."

## Excited

A whole series of reports of the mystery light throughout Berkshire showed the light travelling slowly and silently across the sky, quite low to the ground.

But a nine-year-old Pangbourne girl has revealed that she saw the brilliant, glowing ball exactly a week before.

"We dismissed it when she first said that she'd seen it," said the girl's mother, who asked us not to name her daughter.

"But when we picked up the Evening Post and read the description to her, she said 'That's it'."