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# BOFFINS CRACK THE UFO RIDDLE

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UFOs are O.U.T.! And there are no ETs busy shuttling through space to take a peek at us.

That's the verdict of a new report which sets out to prove flying saucers are just pie in the sky.

Scientists Paul Devereux, Paul McCartney and Don Robins spent five years investigating alleged sightings in Britain and abroad.

Now they have come up with a down-to-earth answer.

All those mysterious

lights and flashes are caused by exploding rocks.

Mining research in America has shown that rocks bursting under pressure send out balls of light that spin as they move upwards.

These lightballs, say Devereux, McCartney and Robins in this week's New Scientist, are the "flying saucers" so beloved of filmmakers and Sci-Fi writers.

The three boffins

investigated dozens of sightings, dating back to 1904.

And they found that all the so-called UFOs appeared over faults in the Earth's crust, where rocks are always under immense pressure.

The report does not entirely rule out the possibility that somebody up there is keeping a beady eye on us.

But it claims to "make a lot more sense than all the nonsense about little green men".