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... And this is what the Adel sky-watchers saw

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This is the first startling picture of the Adel UFO that has baffled Leeds residents.



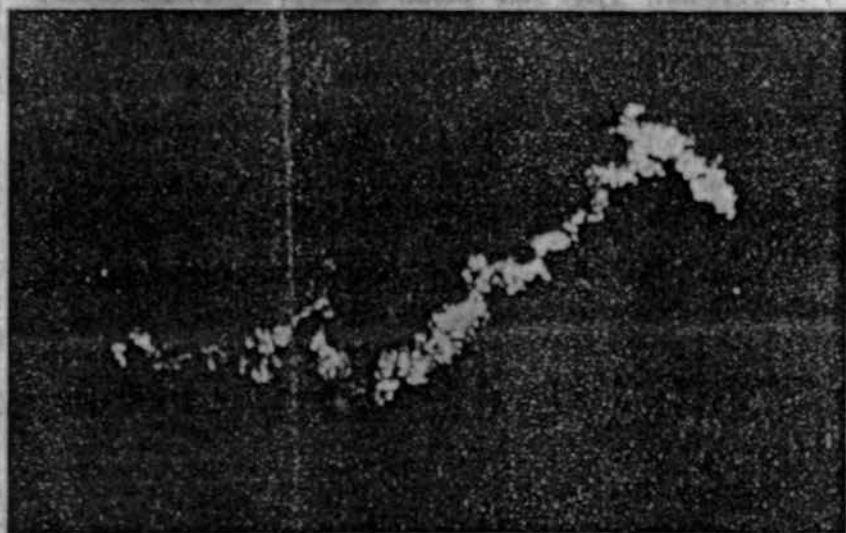
Mr. Michael Tebbs, the man who took the startling picture,

Yet three days after scores of families in the Adel area of Leeds watched the strange flickering lights hovering and banking in the night sky for over an hour there was still no official explanation of the sightings today.

This picture, taken by an Adel resident, shows just what the sky watchers saw.

Armed with a telephoto lens, amateur photographer Michael Tebbs, an insurance broker of The Meadows, Adel, took a series of time exposure photographs of the mystery lights.

Hovered



UFO... this picture taken by Mr. Michael Tebbs shows the strange lights hovering over Adel.

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"A friend rang me from Oakwood and asked if I could see the lights and both my mother and myself looked out of the window of our house.

"We sat and watched the lights for about an hour, turning red, blue, green and white. At first I thought it must be a plane until it disappeared at tremendous speed and then returned hovering and banking in the sky," he said.

"At the same time there were other lights flashing across the sky and then we saw something which looked like a fireball flash across the night sky.

"I am not a UFO nut and can only say what I saw, but of course I have no idea what it was.

Since the Yorkshire Evening Post first received reports of the strange sighting there has been no explanation forthcoming for their presence in the sky despite widespread inquiries by the paper.

A spokesman for the Air Traffic Controllers at Leeds Bradford Airport said: "It was certainly not one of our aircraft."

"We had nothing in the sky at this time. We did receive reports of the lights, but could not trace or see anything from here.

"One thought at the time from our senior air traffic controller was that it might have been an aircraft climbing from Manchester Airport into our area and they do sometimes seem to stand still in the sky.

Mr. Graham Birdsall, chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, said investigators would be interviewing some of the witnesses.

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