

I saw UFO land — American officer

A SENIOR American Air Force officer reported sighting a UFO landing in Suffolk during Christmas 1980, the Ministry of Defence confirmed last night.

Lieut-Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Wing at RAF Woodbridge, told of seeing a "red, sun-like light" near the air base in the early hours of December 27.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said: "There was a 'sighting' by an officer in the USAF. He was off-duty and off the base. He made a report and submitted it via the RAF commander at

Woodbridge to the Ministry of Defence."

Sir John Nott, who became Minister of Defence within a fortnight of the reported sighting, said last night: "I know nothing about it. Certainly I never saw any report about a UFO landing. I don't believe in UFO's, anyway."

Another former Minister of Defence, Sir Ian Gilmour, said: "I should think this is absolute rubbish."

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