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UFO ' WAS ONLY

# BEAM OF A LIGHTHOUSE '

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The mysterious "flying saucer" which recently baffled American officers at an R A F base in Suffolk was yesterday claimed to have been the rotating beam of a nearby lighthouse.

Mr Vincent Thurkettle, a forester with the Forestry Commission, said: "The theory fits exactly. The Orford Ness lighthouse is exactly the right distance from the air force base at Woodbridge."

A report that a strange light had illumined the surrounding woods one night in December 1980 was made to the Ministry of Defence by Col Charles I. Halt of the US Air Force. But Mr Thurkettle, having examined both a map and the site itself, is convinced that the culprit could only have been the Orford Ness lighthouse, about five miles away.