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IT'S A UFO-SKI

SIGHTINGS of a mysterious silver "flying cigar" have resulted in an official UFO probe in Russia.

The strange,

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wingless, object was spotted by air traffic controllers over Gorky — about 250 miles east of Moscow.

It failed to respond to

radio contact, circled the airfield, then moved off and vanished from radar screens.

In the past, reports of "flying saucers" have been shot down by the Kremlin as pie-in-the-sky.

The unexplained, airliner-sized space invader seen last year, however, has finally convinced the authorities that UFOs exist.

Former Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich will head a Commission for the Investigation of Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena.

Jenny Randles, a director of the British UFO Research Association, welcomed the action and said:

"UFOs have become a major defence problem. They suddenly appear on radar screens, and planes are scrambled to chase them."