

# IT'S A UFO

**S**IGHTINGS 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

*During search*  
radio contact, circled the aircraft, 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."

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