

# FAA says pilot saw UFO

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ernment radar had picked up the object.

Terauchi, a pilot for 29 years, said Tuesday that he briefly glimpsed the large unidentified object in silhouette. He made a drawing of the UFO, which looked something like a giant walnut-shaped object with big bulges above and below a wide brim.

The captain, who is stationed in Anchorage with his family, was flying the plane from Iceland to Anchorage on a chartered Europe-to-Japan flight when the crew had the unexplained encounter in clear weather over Alaska. The plane was not carrying any passengers.

"It was unbelievable," Terauchi said, acknowledging that some of his colleagues had doubts about what the crew saw. The co-pilot and flight engineer also told FAA investigators that they saw the three UFOs.

FAA investigators who questioned the crew in Anchorage concluded that they were "normal, professional, rational, (and had) no drug or alcohol involvement," said a report by FAA security manager Jim Derry.

Terauchi said the crew was not frightened but wanted to avoid whatever was all lit up in their flight

path: "We want to escape from this."

That is why they went along with FAA directives to drop 4,000 feet and make turns — including a 360-degree turn, but, Terauchi said, "they were still following us."

FAA flight control reports indicate that the object stayed with JAL Flight 1628 for at least 32 minutes, but Terauchi said he thought it was longer.

The flight controller directing the JAL plane reported the object on his radar as close as five miles to the jet.

Terauchi said he could not explain the mysterious events except to speculate that he witnessed something of extraterrestrial origin of a far more advanced technology.

Speaking in English but occasionally seeking assistance from a translator, Terauchi drew maps, pictures and supplied technical annotation to describe the events.

Asked why he thought UFOs would tail his cargo plane, Terauchi laughed and jokingly replied, "We were carrying Beaujolais, a very famous wine made in France. Maybe they want to drink it."

Asked if he was nervous, Terauchi replied, "No, I am the captain. I cannot be nervous."

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