

**EXCLUSIVE**

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**P**RINCE Charles is at the centre of a bizarre UFO mystery.

The Prince had a close encounter during a flight home from the United States last week.

The pilot of his RAF VC-10 radioed air traffic control to say he had been startled by a "glowing red object" in the sky.

Incredibly, **FOUR** other aircraft reported sighting the "UFO" over the same stretch of the Irish Sea.

## Visit

An immediate investigation was launched—but no trace of the unidentified aircraft has been found.

Other explanations—such as meteors or debris from a satellite—have also been ruled out by experts.

Charles was nearing the end of a 12-hour trans-Atlantic flight after a five-

# CHARLES IN UFO RIDDLE

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## Pilot shocked by close encounter

day visit to the U.S. when the incident happened.

A source at West Drayton air traffic control near London's Heathrow airport said: "The object was reported by five different aircraft, including the Prince's.

"The pilot described seeing a red glowing object. The light from it lit up his cockpit.

"We just don't know what it was. It's a complete mystery."

And an air traffic official

at Ireland's Shannon airport said: "The pilot saw a bright flash in the sky.

"An immediate check was made on all aircraft, but none was missing.

"Whatever the pilot saw, it certainly was not another aeroplane."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman confirmed: "Prince Charles's pilot did report seeing a bright flash, but we are satisfied there was no danger to the Prince's aircraft."

**Philip's a  
'saucer'  
watcher**

■ **PRINCE PHILIP** has been a keen UFO follower for the past 30 years.

## Creature

UFO expert Tim Good, an author and lecturer, said last week: "It may not be pure coincidence.

"It is likely that any creature from outer space that is more advanced than us would be aware of the significance of a Royal flight."

And former diplomat Gordon Creighton, the editor of Flying Saucer Review magazine, said:

"I've no idea what this object could have been, but it would be wrong to dismiss it. There are beings in space watching us very closely."



*Philip—follower*

■ He is a keen reader of the magazine, *Flying Saucer Review*.

■ And he once invited a man who claimed to have seen a UFO landing to come to Buckingham Palace to tell his story to a Royal aide so the official could report to Philip, who was on tour in Australia.