

**EXCLUSIVE** Pilot shocked by close encounter

# CHARLES IN UFO RIDDLE

**Dad is a flying saucer believer**

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

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

PRINCE Charles is at the centre of a bizarre UFO mystery.

The Prince had a close encounter during a flight home from the U.S.A. last week.

The pilot of his RAF VC-10 radioed air traffic control to say

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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.

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 flight from California 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."

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."

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."



Philip—follower

come to Buckingham Palace to tell his story to a Royal aide.

Philip's uncle, the late Lord Mounbatten, was also obsessed with alien spacecraft.

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