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# Mysterious Light In Sky Reported

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)— Residents of western New York reported seeing a mysterious light in the night sky, and officials today could not say whether it was an aircraft, a rocket, a meteor shower or something else.

"I glanced up into the sky at about 10:15 p.m., and I saw this white object spiraling. At first, I thought it was an airplane or something," said Edward J. Uiszkowski of Vestal. "It looked like a bunch of fireworks followed by a white cloud."

There were similar reports in other parts of the East. Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the

National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said he received more than 100 calls from a region bounded by Michigan, Maine, South Carolina and Louisiana.

Gribble said the light must have been at least 100 miles high to be seen over so large an area.

Workers at Cape Kennedy, Fla., the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the NASA facility at Wallups Island, Va., all said there were no launches Tuesday.

"It would probably be associ-

ated with the meteor showers," said a NORAD worker who refused to give his name.

But an astronomer said the sightings as described could not have been related to the Perseid meteor shower, an annual event at this time of year that makes shooting stars visible with greater frequency in the night sky.

"The only explanation that I can give is that it was some kind of government testing of a rocket or something," said Paul T. Ackerman, co-president of the Broome County Astronomy Society.