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# Jet Pilot Reports 3 UFOs Over Arctic

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — A veteran pilot says three unidentified flying objects — two small ones and one twice the size of an aircraft carrier — trailed his Japan Air Lines cargo jet for 400 miles across the Arctic.

"It was unbelievable," said the pilot, Kenju Terauchi, when interviewed Tuesday.

He acknowledged that some of his colleagues doubted what he, his co-pilot and flight engineer say they saw on Nov. 17 as they flew the 400 miles across northeastern Alaska on a trip from Iceland to Anchorage.

The crewmen of the plane — JAL Flight 1628 — reported seeing flashing lights trailing their jet. The Federal Aviation Administration interviewed the three in Anchorage, and the plane later went on to Tokyo.

FAA officials confirmed Monday

that the controller who handled Flight 1628 had seen a mysterious object behind the jet on his radar. Air Force officials at the Alaska Air Command said their radar had picked up something near the JAL plane.

On Tuesday, Terauchi, 47, said that he had seen three UFOs and that at one point, lights from the two smaller ones had appeared directly in front of the Boeing 747's cockpit at close range.

Terauchi referred to the objects as "the two small ships and the mother ship," and expressed amazement that they had disappeared, reappeared, moved quickly and stopped suddenly.

Terauchi repeatedly said the object that appeared on FAA and Air Force radar had been "a very big one — two times bigger than an aircraft carrier."

The smaller UFOs did not appear on his radar, he said. Nor were ad-

ditional objects picked up on radar by the FAA or the Air Force.

The crew was not frightened, Terauchi said. He described their feeling as, "We want to escape from this." With permission and direction from the FAA, the crew dropped in altitude and made many turns, but the objects remained.

"They were still following us," Terauchi said, and FAA radar confirmed that at least one object remained despite the maneuvers.

FAA security manager Jim Derry interviewed the crewmen and said they were "normal, professional, rational, (and had) no drug or alcohol involvement."

FAA flight control reports indicate that the mysterious object stayed with Flight 1628 for at least 32 minutes. The flight controller directing the JAL plane reported the object on his radar as close as 5 miles to the jet.

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