

FAA to reopen probe of Alaska UFO sighting

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Federal Aviation Administration officials today reopen an inquiry into a UFO sighting over Alaska by a Japan Air Lines crew.

The decision followed a second interview Friday with the crew, which reported three objects followed their plane for nearly an hour on Nov. 17. The pilot described one object as the size of two aircraft carriers.

Richard Haines, among the foremost UFO experts, said

Sunday sightings are "an issue of credibility."

"That's why I like pilots. They tend to be rather credible sources," said Haines, who works as a NASA engineer.

Haines, who has compiled more than 3,000 UFO reports from pilots in 20 years, hopes

to interview the pilot in his own separate investigation.

"If a pilot tells me some very strange story, he's putting his reputation on the line. He's generally going to be asking himself lots of penetrating questions to explain it long before he ever calls me up."