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Plane Crew Describe UFO Scare.

A Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the sighting of an enormous walnut-shaped ufo reported by a veteran pilot and confirmed by Government radar. It was described as the size of two aircraft carriers.

Captain Kenju Terauchi of Japan Airlines, his co-pilot and flight engineer, told FAA investigators that they saw the lights of an Unidentified object on the evening of Nov 17 on a flight from Iceland to Anchorage, Alaska, and that it followed them for 400 miles.

Mr Terauchi was told to drop 4,000 feet and make turns, but he said the object continued following the Boeing 747 cargo jet. The ground flight controller directing the jet said the object followed the plane for 32 minutes, coming within 5 miles of the jet. The crew said its lights stayed close, once appearing in front of the cockpit. There were 2 other small unidentified objects that did not appear on radar.

Mr Terauchi, a pilot for 29 years, said he could not explain the events, but speculated that he had seen something of extra-terrestrial origin and of a more advanced technology. He was amazed the objects moved so quickly and stopped suddenly, calling them "Two small ships and a mother ship".