

Pilot makes second UFO sighting

A JAPAN Air Lines pilot who said his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge unidentified flying object over Alaska in November has reported another sighting.

JAL said today it was studying the report, and refused further comment.

Captain Kenjyu Terauchi and his co-pilot reported the sighting of lights on Sunday morning on a flight from London.

"His statement to the controller was 'irregular lights, looks like a spaceship'," said Federal

Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke. But Mr. Steucke said there might be an easy explanation for Sunday's sighting — light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Capt. Terauchi, a veteran pilot, told the F.A.A. he saw the lights twice on Sunday, once for about 20 minutes and again for about ten minutes as his plane flew at 37,000 feet.

The plane's co-pilot reported seeing the lights too, but the flight engineer, who sits farther back in the cockpit, "indicated he was uncertain whether he saw any lights".

Both the November sighting and the Sunday sighting were near Fort Yukon, but there were few other similarities, Mr. Steucke said.

On November 17, Captain Terauchi reported that two bright lights and an object as wide as two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end followed his JAL Boeing 747 cargo plane for more than 300 miles as it flew to Anchorage from Iceland. The lights stayed with the plane even when they changed altitude and took other evasive action, he said.