

Jet pilot's close encounter of the second kind

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A VETERAN pilot has set aviation experts buzzing with reports of two UFO sightings.

Japan Airlines Captain Kenjyu Terauchi, who reported his first close encounter in November, said he saw strange lights on Sunday morning on a flight from London to Anchorage, Alaska.

The lights approached from the front of his jet and went beneath it, re-appearing at the rear.

In November, Captain Terauchi said two bright lights and an object as wide as two aircraft carriers placed end to end followed his 747 for more than 300 miles, staying with the jet when he took evasive action.

At the time, air traffic controllers saw what they believed was a split image of the aircraft, but thought it was a radar fault.

American experts think Sunday's sightings could have been caused by light reflected from ice crystals below the aircraft.

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