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UFO sighting linked to planet's image

NEW YORK — (AP) — A Japan Air Lines pilot who said he had seen an unidentified flying object alongside his airplane in November was actually seeing an unusually bright image of Jupiter and possibly Mars, an investigator said Tuesday.

Phillip Klass said astronomical calculations show that on Nov. 17, when Capt. Kenjyu Terauchi said he saw the UFO, Jupiter was extremely bright and was visible precisely where the pilot reported seeing the UFO.

Mars was just below and to the right of Jupiter, and may explain the pilot's initial report that he saw two lights, Klass said.

Klass is an editor at Aviation Week

and Space Technology and an investigator of reported UFO sightings.

John Leyden, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C., quoted from a summary of conversations between Terauchi and ground controllers in which the pilot reported losing sight of the object after completing his turn. The object reappeared a few moments later, according to the summary.

Terauchi was over Alaska en route from Europe to Tokyo when he said he saw the object.

Paul Steucke, a spokesman for the FAA in Anchorage, Ala., said Terauchi later told FAA officials the object

stayed with him as he turned.

Steucke said the FAA would release the results of its own investigation in mid-February.

Morris Simoncelli, a spokesman for Japan Air Lines in New York, said: "We have no position on this as the airline. The captain said he saw something. He reported it. He followed procedures."

Klass' report was issued by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, in Buffalo, N.Y., a group of scientists that investigates claims of UFO sightings and other alleged paranormal phenomena.

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