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Aircraft theory link in Hull 'big bang' mystery

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AMERICAN pilots re-fuelling over Hull earlier this month appear to have caused a bang which triggered a number of UFO sightings.

Initially, RAF Binbrook, in Lincolnshire denied any involvement with the bang, which spurred hundreds of worried householders into contacting the emergency services.

But in a reply to a letter

from the British UFO Research Association, they now say nine US planes were involved in an exercise over Hull at the time.

Two USAF KC-135 tanker aircraft with up to seven F111's in tow from Mildenhall were operating on December 1.

BUFORA member Mr Philip Mantle who operates a UFO "hotline" for the north, said: "Around 30 people phoned in with re-

ports of lights in the sky and formation of lights.

"We phoned RAF Binbrook at the time, but they couldn't help us. It could be we just didn't get through to the right person.

The bang sparked a number of theories, with an expert from the Royal Greenwich Observatory saying it could have been caused by a piece of space debris hurtling towards the ground.