

The last of my stories concerns a newspaper report of a UFO seen in the middle of the afternoon by a man who had drawn the attention of a police officer to it before ringing the press. The officer had carried on observing the unusual-looking object and it finally became clear that it was a large aircraft landing at the nearby airport. The officer contacted the newspaper to correct their report and was threatened with disciplinary action by his chief superintendent.

Returning to *Above Top Secret*, it is suggested that observers of UFOs are officially warned not to disclose the information. WPC Maureen Hall, who reported seeing a hexagonal-shaped object over Chingford, Essex, on September 20, 1978 is alleged to have been visited by a man from the Ministry of Defence and told to drop an investigation she was carrying out for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association (BUFORA).

The book also relates the following stories involving the police:

On November 6, 1967, Karl Farlow was driving a truck between Avon and Sopley, in Hampshire, when he saw 'a glowing 15-foot wide egg-shaped UFO which moved slowly across the road from the right, moved slowly to the left, then accelerated and disappeared. The object made a sound like a refrigerator and gave off a smell like a drill boring through wood.' A veterinary surgeon driving in

the opposite direction also saw this object and the lights on both vehicles failed.

Both drivers were taken to Bourne-mouth Police Station for interrogation and then to Christchurch Police Station for interview by a Ministry of Defence official. The following day Farlow was driven back to the scene by the police and saw a group of people investigating the area with instruments, a bulldozer levelling the ground and a man re-painting a telephone booth.

Glowing object

A report was sent to the MoD on December 27 1980 stating that two USAF security police patrolmen had seen unusual lights at RAF Woodbridge, near Ipswich, Suffolk. They found a glowing triangular metallic-looking object in the nearby forest. It was approximately two to three metres across and two metres high, and had a pulsating red light on top, a bank of blue lights underneath, and a white light on the front.

The object was either hovering or on legs and manoeuvred through the trees as they approached. This was apparently confirmed by DS8 branch of the MoD in a letter which was left with Thames Television, witnessed by Det Insp Norman Collinson. The television company later insisted that they did not have the letter and all copies have vanished.

Other reports claim that the object had

crashed in Rendlesham Forest, that there 'were two bobbies there', and that before it took off again contact had been made with its crew. The Woodbridge police were notified and are said to have a logbook which shows that this incident occurred on the night of December 25/26. It is suggested that 'the police may have entered an incorrect day in their log-book'.

On November 29 1980, shortly after 5am in Todmorden, Yorkshire, a number of police officers independently reported a UFO in the area. PC Alan Godfrey claims that he came across what he at first thought was a bus which had slid across the road sideways. Then he realised the object was a UFO.

'It was about 20 feet wide and 14 feet high and was a diamond shaped. It had a bank of windows and the bottom half was rotating. It was hovering off the ground about five feet, and it was very frightening — very frightening'. His radio stopped working and he decided to sketch the object on his clipboard. The next minute he found himself a hundred yards down the road and there was no sign of the UFO. During hypnotic regression sessions, he told a story of having been taken on board the craft.

As Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton says, police officers are trained observers and possibly the mystery of UFOs could be explained by reliable reports of such sightings. ○