

UFO illusion

● EXPERTS now believe that a UFO sighting by passengers on a British jet was the Northern Lights.

Witnesses saw a huge multi-coloured, cloud-like object close by at 31,000ft.

Moments later the British Island Airways plane dipped sharply as it passed over Sardinia.

But yesterday a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence, which investigates UFO sightings, said: "As far as we are concerned it was the Northern Lights."

The lights are caused by unusual atmospheric conditions.