

FLYING EXPERT FINDS SAUCER

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BBRITAIN'S flying saucer enthusiasts are opening investigations today into the latest "sighting"—claimed to be the most authentic on record. Aviation historian Charles Gibbs-Smith, who published a photograph of the "saucer" at the weekend, said: "I'm taking it very slowly. I'm waiting for scientific opinion."

The photograph was taken by Mr. Gibbs-Smith's assistant, Miss Jacqueline Wingfield, last Boxing Day while on holiday in Ireland.

It shows what looks like a comet, or like a big star with a long, wide "tail" behind it, streaking horizontally across the skyline.

No fake

The "professional" flying saucer-men of the Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association are doubtful about the picture. But Mr. Gibbs-Smith, a 57-year-old expert on the early days of the aeroplane, declared:

"I know of no natural phenomenon which would be shooting horizontally across the sky in mid-afternoon. The picture is not a fake.

"The film was taken from Miss Wingfield's camera, was sealed, and then developed in a sealed box, by a completely reliable photographer."