

FLYING SAUCERS YOU HAVE SEEN

THE SUN recently published a letter from Mr. Stewart Miller, secretary of the Cambridge University Group for the Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects, asking for details of any "flying saucers" seen by readers. He has received more than 30 replies.

The letters were from all sorts of people: a company secretary, an amateur astronomer, a telecommunications engineer, and housewives.

Mr. Miller says: "People are often shy of saying they have seen a 'flying saucer' because they were alone at the time and have no one to back them up. But a person who writes to us may get his or her sighting confirmed by someone else writing from a different place."

Here are some of the letters sent to Mr. Miller, followed by his comments:

From a telecommunications engineer, Lanarkshire:

Last September at midnight a friend and I observed two spheres of light rising vertically from a hilltop about three miles away.

They rose slowly for a few minutes and then their velocity increased so rapidly that they could not be observed owing to their extreme speed and height.

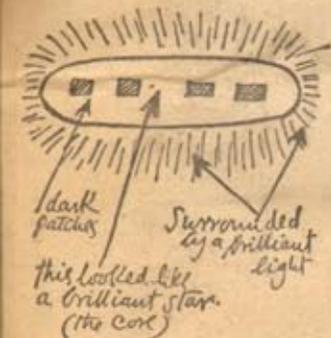
A few weeks later when I was pottering about with my telescopes I again spotted the spheres.

The spheres were made up of what appeared to be two balls emerging into one another. Their radiance was of a blue white nature as one sees from a diamond.

MILLER: These appear to have been remote-controlled discs of some sort.

From a housewife, Margate, Kent:

On December 14, 1963, at about 11.35 pm., I was lying in bed watching the sky—it was a clear night and the stars were bright—when I saw an object as bright as the stars but much larger—about an inch and a



half long. It was stationary, and light was streaming from it. There were dark patches, like windows.

I was most excited. I got out of bed and stood at the window trying to fathom what it could be. I went back to bed, and watched the object for at least 15 minutes. Then I closed

my eyes and looked again, but it had vanished. I enclose a sketch to indicate the shape.

Miller: The only possible explanation is that this was an atmospheric inversion ("mirage"), but I discount this because the description of the object is too detailed. It is similar in shape to objects reported as having been seen from aircraft, and I am inclined to believe that it was an inter-planetary spacecraft.

From Honiton, Devon:

I have always taken a keen interest in astronomical phenomena and in man-made satellites.

At about eight o'clock one night in October I was searching the night sky for the Echo I satellite, when I observed a bright object approaching from the northern horizon, at a fantastic speed. It passed overhead, and disappeared over the southern horizon. It was in sight for 25 to 30 seconds. It appeared to be about the size of a star or a satellite.

MILLER: The object moved too fast to be an aircraft. It could not have been a meteorite because it would have burned

out, and Mr. Lewis is too experienced an observer to have confused it with a satellite.

From a housewife, Bolton-in-Deerne, Yorks:

At about half-past six one morning I saw what I at first thought was the moon, but I had never seen it so bright or so low in the sky. Yet it could not have been the moon as there was a new moon at the time.

MILLER: Had it been a balloon it would not have remained static.

From an ex-RAF man, Selston, Notts:

One morning a few years ago I saw in the sky a glowing disc, the colour of polished copper. I judge that it was ten miles away, and at a height of three or four thousand feet. When I looked again it had gone. A local policeman told me he, too, had seen it, and we joked about a possible "invasion from Mars."

Whatever it was, it was not a balloon, aircraft or cloud effect. I was five years in the



RAF, and I am not easily deceived.

Miller: I am impressed by this description. There is no rational explanation of this.

From Peterlee, Co. Durham:

About a month ago I was just about to come home from work when I saw eight men looking up to the sky. They were looking at a flat object glowing a pinkish sort of colour.

Miller: The number of witnesses of this make it difficult to discount this as a mirage.

From Colne, Lancs:

Late at night, about nine years ago, I saw a lovely green globe of light in the fields on to which my house looks. It slowly rose into the sky and disappeared. This globe was seen by two policemen in a nearby village.

Miller: Similar green globes of light were seen in Mexico in 1948. The U.S. Air Force investigated them, but found no satisfactory answer.

From Kidlington, Oxford:

On December 16 last year at 7.25 pm. I saw an object in the sky five times larger

than any star, egg-shaped with a tail larger than the forepart, pale green, and very bright—it lit up the interior of my car. The object travelled due north at a speed greater than that of any aeroplane, dropped in an arc and died out when well above the horizon.

The incident was reported in the Oxford Mail by two correspondents.

Miller: I have three other witnesses of this occurrence. Lights such as this can appear during disturbed atmospheric conditions, but on this night the weather was fine.

Ronald Bedford, Sun Science Editor, writes:

It is arrogant to believe that the Earth alone in the universe is capable of sustaining what we call "intelligent" life. Even the most conservative astronomers now accept that many of the billions of planets known to exist may support a form of life, and that it is possible for there to be civilisations capable of visiting us as we plan to visit the moon.

But the evidence amassed so far to support the view that the Earth is now under surveillance by beings from "other worlds" is not very convincing.

Obviously more attention should be given to investigating sightings such as these.

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THE MUSICAL FLYING SAUCER

ON Monday night Miss Janet Cox of West Wickham, near Cambridge, saw what could have been a flying saucer. Just after midnight she heard a continuous hum, and a bright light lit up the neighbouring house and flooded through the window.

When she went to the window she saw a red flashing light receding westwards away from her. She said it sounded low and close and was moving slowly. The hum was a single pure note.

Miss Cox, who has had a musical training, described the sound to me as "entirely different from that of an aircraft's engines."

I should be grateful if anyone who noticed anything similar in the area would let me know.

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Unidentified Flying Objects.

