

SKY RIDDLE OF A UFO 'SQUADRON'

From ROY RUTTER, Paris, Tuesday

LUMINOUS discs flashed across France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland last night. And today scientists are asking: Were they flying saucers?

More than 1,000 people in France alone reported seeing the UFOs (unidentified flying objects).

Some witnesses spoke of a "squadron" of five or six discs, glowing orange or yellow.

The "squadron" hurtled across France from the Alps to Brittany.

Stockbroker M. Jacques Jeager, of Paris, said:

"The sky was clear. I

Thousands see orange discs over Europe

saw five or six round objects, quite low flying fast and in good formation.

"They were glowing orange, seemed set on a definite course, and flashed over me in about half-a-second."

The control tower at Orly Airport, Paris, received more than 300 telephone

calls during the night.

The reports were passed to the Ministry of Science.

A spokesman there said that the Ministry was disturbed by the number of reports and their similarity.

But he added: "We think the phenomenon was due to shooting stars or meteorites."

IN ITALY the objects were seen in Verona, Turin, Milan and Florence.

'Footballs'

On the Swiss-Italian border at Courmayeur, people described the objects as "incandescent footballs."

IN GERMANY, the United States Air Force reported sightings of unidentified flying objects at Ramstein, Wiesbaden and Sembach air bases shortly after midnight.

A puzzle to add to the riddle: None of the objects was picked up by radar.