

'There IS some thing up there'

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The Royal Observatory has investigated a report of an unidentified flying object sighted by a reliable, regular observer at Hastings.

And today a spokesman said: "This is the report that really interests us. There is obviously some good evidence now that there is something flying around up there."

The statement was relayed to the Defence Ministry in London, where officials immediately asked for further details regarding time and movements of the sighting, which was made yesterday morning.

It followed a number of other sightings by police-car crews and a senior RAF officer.

The observer made his report to Hurstmonceaux and was instructed by scientists to watch again early today. They also gave him up-to-date information on the exact position of the planet Venus.

Today the observer again telephoned the observatory and said that he had seen Venus plainly and the object he saw yesterday was definitely NOT the planet.

The observatory spokesman said: "He is quite sure about this, and it is now obvious that there was something visible below the cloud cover. This is an advance. But because it was below cloud cover and therefore not astronomical, it no longer concerns us."

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The information has been passed to the three Services, the Meteorological Office and air traffic authorities, as well as the Defence Ministry.

The possibility that the UFO might be British and "military" was quashed by the Ministry of Defence.

The Hastings sighting was made not many miles from the "bright light" sighting reported by two police patrols, which was later explained by the East Sussex Chief Constable, Mr. George Terry, as "nothing sinister" and "probably Venus."

Another sighting of an UFO was reported today by Mrs. Winifred Hindell, of Goats Lane, Enfield, Middlesex.

"It was already dawn when I first noticed it. It looked like a bright light, a b'g star which appeared in the west and gradually grew bigger. I called my husband and son and we watched it.

A second sighting came from Radlett, Herts., 10 miles away from Enfield.

The "cross" seen in the sky by two policemen near Okehampton, Devon, on Monday was seen again by police in the same area today.

Mysterious lights were spotted at dawn today over Gloucester.

Another sighting was reported at Walton-on-Thames by a decorator, Mr. James Clark, of Cornwall Way, Staines.