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'UFO SPY FORCE TAILING MINERS'

Shock claim by Yorks skywatchers

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YORKSHIRE UFO spotters believe a secret military operation may have taken place to pinpoint trouble spots involving striking miners.

They claim the operation — involving bright flashing lights and helicopters — took place on July 23, when dozens of UFO sightings were reported in the Bradford and Leeds area.

But so far, officials have denied any such activity.

President of the Yorkshire UFO Society, Graham Birdsall, says in his report on the July 23 sightings: "I would not be surprised if the operation to pinpoint power stations and mines in our region had not been repeated up and down the country."

Mr. Birdsall says he carried out lengthy interviews and research, included in his report, to back the claim.

He concludes: "All evidence points to there being some military goings-on at Leeds and Bradford Airport."

Dazzling

He claims the silent helicopters with dazzling bright searchlights may have already been used in police operations elsewhere and says the lights are so bright and powerful they can melt tarmac if used too near to the ground.

This would explain the burned areas of ground often associated with UFO sightings.

He adds: "By charting out the areas most likely at risk, be they mining areas or power stations, that is probably what took place on July 23."

But he says: "To admit as much would be political dynamite, for the Government has said all along that it would not bring in military help."

Copies of his report have been sent to the airport director at Leeds-Bradford Airport, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Press and the Ministry of Defence.