

Huge, Glimmering UFO Seen Near New York City 'One of Most Valuable Sightings Ever'

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The incredible sighting of a huge, glimmering UFO near New York City has been called "one of the most valuable ever" by top UFO experts.

Their in-depth investigation of the

sighting has revealed these startling facts.

- The strange object — 20 times larger than a helicopter — was seen by three astonished policemen.
- One officer gave chase at speeds up to 95 miles an hour. He lost sight of the UFO several times — but an-

other patrolman, who had remained behind and had a better view, guided him to it by radio.

• Suddenly a smaller UFO rose from a desolate stretch of Long Island marshland and merged with the giant "mother" craft, which then sped away at a speed estimated by the astounded observer at 7,000 to 8,000 miles an hour.

• Later, police flew over the deserted marshland in a helicopter — and found a strange 60-foot circle of flattened reeds in the marshy area from which the smaller UFO had risen.

"I used to be skeptical about UFOs — . . . but not now," declared Freeport, N.Y., Patrolman Gary Steinberg, who chased the craft. "That thing I saw sure wasn't made on earth!"

Patrolman Thomas Brown, who also saw the UFO, agreed: "I spent four years in the Air Force and I know it wasn't a plane. What we saw was



PATROLMAN G. Steinberg

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Policemen See Craft Speed Off at 7-8,000 mph After Smaller UFO Links Up With It

nothing like any conventional aircraft." Jim Lorenzen, international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), said: "From a scientific point of view, this is one of the most valuable sightings we've ever come across."

The UFO was spotted by Steinberg, 37, and Brown, 32, last November 6 as they were sitting in a patrol car in a Freeport parking lot.

"I was looking south when I saw what looked like a giant street light in the sky," Steinberg recalled. "I told Tom, 'Take a look at that!'"

"We knew it couldn't be a helicopter because it was about 20 times too big, and was shaped like a fat football.

"Tom got out and went to his police motorcycle. I chased the object, and finally got to within 400 feet of it. It was 100 to 150 feet across, with eerie lights — blues, pinks and yellows — like natural gas burning in a haze.

"Suddenly it stopped about 150 or 200 feet above the ground and another UFO — just like it but smaller — came up out of the marsh. The smaller one appeared to attach itself to the belly of the mother ship or to enter it.

"Then the big one began dimming out in sections. Finally it got bright again and moved off to the south at 7,000 or 8,000 miles an hour!"

"Another patrolman said he'd seen the UFOs come together, and to our amazement he told us exactly what had happened," said Steinberg.

APRO Investigator Dick Ruhl interviewed all three officers who had sighted the UFO: "The third patrolman did not want his name used because he feared ridicule, but he agreed to tell me what he'd seen," said Ruhl.

All three patrolmen reported the incident to Freeport Police Chief Tony Elar, who told The ENQUIRER: "Other people had reported strange things in the skies around Long Island at that time, and the officers' descriptions tallied with those

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from a different galaxy, they probably need totally different characteristics in order to live in that galaxy.

"Extraterrestrial creatures are at this moment trying to learn about us," he added. "I have never seen a UFO myself nor have I ever seen an extraterrestrial creature, but I certainly believe they exist.

"And I'm sure that the moment they show themselves and come forward with arms outstretched to greet us, we are likely to kill them. That's what human nature is like. And that is why they don't land."

The slightly-built writer, winner of

six Emmy awards and dozens of honors for his work as a writer, sipped his drink and ran a hand through his rumpled dark hair. Beginning in 1959, his "Twilight Zone" — half fantasy and half science fiction — ran for five years, with Serling himself acting as host of the series.

"I don't know whether I believe in spirits and hobgoblins and the like, but I certainly don't disbelieve in them," he confided.

"I'm sure there is life after death, so it's quite possible there are such things. But I've never seen a spirit and I never want to — I'd be absolutely terrified if I did!"

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