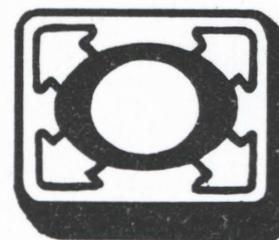


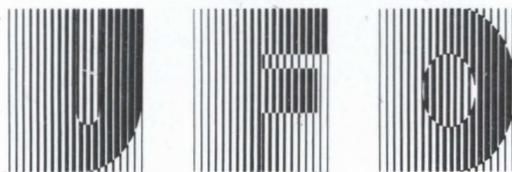
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HESSDALEN AGAIN.

OBJECT WITH SEVERAL COLOURS OBSERVED UNDER THE SKY COVER.

Being somewhat different, compared to the other observations, we bring this from Hessdalen:

The sighting took place on February 11 1982, at 19,36 in the afternoon. The object moved towards the north-west under a low cloud cover with a speed like that of a helicopter.

Among the witnesses was journalist Arne Wisth from Oslo. He tells that the object twinkled yellow, green, blue and red. Another witness thought that lights were rotating on the object itself. The observation time was about 30-40 seconds.

During the observation one also caught sight of another, stationary object, moving westward after a short while. We have been informed that such a stationary object also has been seen on previous occasions in connection with the usual observations.

APPROACHING AND DISAPPEARING.

In one case one of the shining objects emerged and drew near to the photographers. Suddenly it stopped over the top of the mountain, as if it became aware of the photographers. At nearly the same moment it was gone. No one can say whether the shining object went out, was switched off or accelerated that fast. "It seemed as if a blind was pulled down", one of the witnesses says.

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One of the journalists visiting Hessdalen, writes:

"A star grew. It came towards us and neared to the top of Røhovde with a tremendous speed. The star was no longer a star, but an intense growing light source. Above the mountain top it suddenly stopped. Then it

sunk slowly down along the top. I fetched my camera with a 600 mm. teleobjective to take a picture. The sight in the viewfinder was impressive. "It" was great. "It" was oval. "It" came just moving. Then it stopped short again. I had a strange feeling: IT HAS CAUGHT SIGHT OF US ! I pushed the releaser. Suddenly the object was gone. It was like someone pulling down a curtain."

"HJEMMET", no 21, May 25.82

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SCEPTICAL FIRST -----

Hans Almås from Ålen was sceptical to all stories. When he at last experienced the phenomenon himself, he scarcely could believe his own eyes.

One evening when the whole family was together, that strange object turned up, he told.

"Soundless it hovered over the roof of our house. We distinctly could see the object having a light in the front and behind. It manoeuvred in different directions, and, passing the roof of the house, it seemed as if the object slipped out a smoke tuft before it disappeared again. After that we have seen the object innumerable times.

Even the vassal, Martin Holden, has been out hunting for the flying object. He only ascertains that it can be no airplane or any other thing made by men.

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METALLIC SILVER COLOUR. -----

"On Mars 8 this year I saw the UFO for the last time. This time I had on my skies and set out along the valley where we over and over again had seen the phenomenon. After 20 minutes the object was there. It was moonlight. The outlines of the UFO looked like a pistol bullet, but was pointed both in the front and behind.

It was blowing hard in the mountains.

The object must have been heavy. In spite of the drifting snow and the gust of wind, the object stood immovable. Short afterwards it sunk down towards the mountain side and into a small valley.

The same evening Torbjørn Dragmyrhaug together with his wife, Marit, and his daughter Hallgerd, went for a drive. The time was 22,50 in the evening when they discovered "the light", moving up and down on the sky. Suddenly they caught sight of a new light only a few meters away. The family went out of the car and gazed unbelievably towards the object. "The moon reflected in the object, having a metallic silver colour", Dragmyrhaug tells. The object was the size of a private car, pointed in the front, but was some more blunt behind! Without a sound, like a ghost plane, the object passed the paralyzed family.

Torbjørn Dragmyrhaug is firmly convinced: "That object came from another world !"

Since then nobody has seen the UFO.

"HJEMMET"  
No. 21, May 25 1982.

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#### PHOTOS FOR INVESTIGATION.

During NIVFO's visit in Hessdalen an object also was observed on the sky. At first it was believed to be a star, but soon it began to "move" and all people being present thought they distinctly could see the object approached in a kind of a zigzag movement. Pictures were taken with different exposure time. The film showed a jagged and faint rising movement.

The film was investigated by NIVFO, and we, of course, will come back to the definite results.

#### THE DEFENSE.

As mentioned in News Letter no. 2/82, NIVFO was the first instance being notified about

the Hessdalen incidents. Already than it was quite clear that one had not to do with misinterpretations of conventional phenomena, and the question of sending airplanes to the area taken up. But in such a case the planes had to be equipped with special instruments, which demanded a certain administration. The Supreme Command decided to consider the case.

In the meantime reports about shining, low flying objects came streaming in from Hessdalen and Ålen, and once again we got in touch with the Supreme Command, and some days later a written report from NIVFO was sent.

The whole time we had contact with the air defense station on Gråkallen, but there they had not reported any unusual radar observation from the area. This may be due to the fact that the objects have moved low, and therefore have not given any radar echo. Besides, the station on Gråkallen is not in the position to give radar information to civil instances.

From the Supreme Command we still have not received any account.

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#### MEDIA COVERING.

On January 18 1982, "Adresseavisen" played the case up and gave, in consultation with NIVFO, a correct and serious description of what was going on. After that we got into touch with "Verdens Gang" (VG) and their reports of the incidents covered a whole page on January 1. 82. And, in addition to "Dagbladet" for March 19, the local newspaper in Røros, "Arbeidets Rett", has given reports about the case, and the covering has been made in an excellent way. And last, but not least, as mentioned before, a TV-programme on the case is expected.

NIVFO Bulletin,  
no 1/82.

## MORE UFOs.

The UFO or the meteorite being observed several places in Mandal and on the southwest part of the country at 18.00 Wednesday, was yesterday evening also seen over Mandal.

Alf Helge Olsen and Marit Langøy saw the shining object on Wednesday, and also yesterday evening at the same moment and nearly at the same place.

The shining object moved rather slow, the two tell.

So they continued to Vestnes, and in the crossroads between Bryggegate-Fr. Nansensvei, they observed the shining object once more. It seemed to go down somewhere in Furulunden, just like a rocket.

Yesterday evening they, at the same point of time, drove the same way, and they once again observed the light.

Olsen had a binoculars in his car and he studied the object. He tells that the object emerged a steady light, but the power of it changed a bit. Behind the object there were something like a tail. They crossed the bridge over to Sonum, and here they saw the object standing over Hisåsen for a long time until it disappeared.

Also in Audnedal there was observed a shining object Thursday night. The time was 23.00. The object is described like a white, shining ball with a red tail behind. It came in from the west and moved straight to the south. The speed of the object was fast. It moved very low, and was seen only for a few seconds.

Specialists have described the shining object as a meteor, and in that case the new informations must have been quite sensational. We never have heard about meteors operating at the same hour two days running.

"Lindesnes", Jan. 8.82.

## UFO SEEN OVER AND AROUND MANDAL YESTERDAY EVENING.

"A shining ball" also observed over Haugesund.

An UFO was yesterday evening observed two times by two different persons. On the initiative of their own, they both called the police and the vassal. Also the main rescue co-ordination centre on Sola was informed. Here they told that an UFO was observed on several places along the coast of Vestlandet.

In Mandal the UFO was first observed by a man from Malmø. He caught sight of a shining object of about 20 cm. in diameter, rushing along the dark winter sky. It stopped above Hisåsen/Skjekestad, where it was standing still for several minutes. Then the strong light moved towards Båtservice.

In all, the man observed the shining object for 10 minutes. It came in over the town from the east and disappeared towards the west.

Some minutes later - the time was about 06.00 in the afternoon, a strong shining object was observed by a trustworthy person who saw it on the sky over Lundevik. Now again the shining object came from the east and passed, in westerly direction, straight above the roofs of the houses. The sharp "light" was, however, standing still over Kølfjordnesset, or perhaps a bit longer to the west. Suddenly the object disappeared without leaving any trace.

On applying to "Haugesunds Avis", we were informed that a bright and strong shining object, described as a shining ball, is observed on several places on Vestlandet yesterday evening. Reports about the UFO have come in both from Bømlo, Karmøy, Askøy, and so on. What is it ? Meteor ?

"Lindesnes", Jan. 7. 1982.

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## STRANGE LIGHT-PHENOMENON.

"At first I thought it was an airplane, but the whole object shone with an intense greenish light. The light divided into two parts and disappeared."

This is what Martha Lunde tells to "Rogalands Avis". She observed the light from Kristianlyst in Stavanger. It seemed to her that the object moved right over the horizon in the direction of Sørmarka.

"In the newscast at 22.20 pm it was maintained that the object moved northward from Karmøy towards Askøy. I saw a shining object moving in southerly direction. The time was 18.01 pm when the object was observed in Karmøy, and 10 minutes later it shall have been seen as it goes down at Askøy, some farther to the north. The time <sup>was</sup> between 6.00 and 6.15 when I saw the object, that is a bit later than it was observed over Karmøy."

It is Rolf Schreiner telling this to "Rogalands Avis" late yesterday evening. He was on his way from Høle to Sandnes when the snow-covered landscape was lit up.

"The object looked like a green fireball with a yellow light behind. It moved rather horizontally, and therefore we soon realized it could not be New Year fireworks. One hesitates to tell about seeing UFOs, but, after all, this was no distress signal rocket or similiar things", Rolf Schreiner says.

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#### LITTLE FINGER NAIL.

"To me the object looked like a shining little finger nail. Slowly the light became red and then white." That is what Dorten Valen tells to "Rogaland Avis". She saw the incident from Sola where she joined a party. "The light moved towards the west", she says.

The object was supposed being a meteorite, falling down in Jibbeheia, between Hegdal and Rybland in Soknedal. An eye-witness watched the shining object through his binoculars and says he heard an explosion immediately after the object,

coming above the sky from the west, had disappeared behind a mountain.

"Rogalands Avis", Jan. 7. 1982.

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#### STRANGE EXPERIENCE IN THE FINISH WILDERNESS.

##### WHAT DID EINAR BETTEN SEE ?

By Bjarne Langseth.

"An object, with a strong, twinkling and yellow-brown light, hovered low above the ground in front of the car. The object moved at different speeds, stopped, and could be observed near at hand. It was about 4 meters in diameter, and the foremost part was round, like that of an airplane". This was what Einar Betten from Nesseby saw with his own trustworthy eyes an early Sunday morning on a waste stretch in North Finland.

Einar Betten is a man about 60 years old, and he is social security chief in Nesseby municipality. Sunday morning, on January 24, at 04.30 in the afternoon, he was driving in his car together with his family. They were 8 Norwegian miles from Utsjoki on their way home from Oslo. The weather was fine, with some wind only. In the light from the car the visibility was good. Then he catches sight of two strong, twinkling, yellow-brown lights in front of him. First he thought it was a snow plough truck, but coming nearer, he saw that the lights were outside the road, to the left, and they were flying low above the ground. As the terrain was broken, the lights seemed to move over the road to and fro, from the right to the left several times. Betten increased the speed of the car to catch up with the objects, which also increased the speed to about 95 km/h. Then Betten switched on the emergency flash lights to signal to the objects. Then they stopped and was standing immovable over the ground, about 100 meters from the road. Betten drove up to them and stopped to watch the strange objects.

From behind they were quite round, and all over the fuselage, they were

glistening as being made of glass. Short bars were sticking out like horns.

"When I came up to the objects and studied them from one side, I could see they made a bow, like the nose cone on a flight. They seemed to have a copper-like colour. The size I estimated to about 4 meters in diameter, and the shape of the objects was quite similiar to that of an old car lamp glass from the thirties. The whole time the objects twinkled with a yellow-brown colour. I could hear no sound".

To the newspaper "Sågat", published in Vadsø, Botten says that he categorically refuses that this could have a natural explanation. The objects moved over the landscape in different heights, corresponding to the broken terrain. He also maintains that in the year 1963 an object, identically with that he observed in Finland, was seen in Mexico.

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On January 29. 1982, Einar Betten was interviewed by Bjarne Langseth, "Finmarken", Vadsø:

"But you had been driving for a long time and was tired. Don't you think this might be a hallucination because you was weary", Langseth asks. "Or what about helicopters, airplanes at a great distance, planets or ball lightnings?"

"No", Betten says. "It could not be any known phenomenon. I saw it quite distinctly, and I was not tired or indisposed. In all I observed the object for 40 minutes, and the whole time I wondered on what it might be".

"You are not afraid of being mistrusted and ridiculed because you are talking nonsense about UFOs and such things, which ordinary people do not believe in?"

"No, I am not afraid of telling what I saw", he says. "I never have been mistrusted, and there is no reason for that this time

either", social security chief, Einar Betten says to the journalist Bjarne Langseth. And his wife was a witness to what happened.

(See sketch and map on the following pages.)

"Finmarken", Vadsø, 29.01.82.

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#### UFOs ALSO ON RØROS.

Friday morning, on January 29. 1982 there was observed a shining object in easterly direction from "the Mountain City". More persons have watched the phenomenon, which has some points of resemblance with the mystical objects reported recently from Hessdalen. The strong shining object was seen Friday night over Skåkåsen at 07,30 in the afternoon. In the course of about one hour it mounted into the air comparatively slow, and disappeared in south-easterly direction along Hådalén. The eyewitnesses think that it could not turn about neither airplane nor helicopter. To be such a one, the light was too strong, and the object too quiet.

"Adresseavisen", 01.02.82.

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#### "WE OBSERVED AN UFO".

"It happened Thursday evening, 28.01. on the field belonging to Martin Eide", Erland Stokkedal (11) og Atle Korsvoll (10) tell.

"The UFO was red with different kind of lights on the edges. It seemed as if it was rotating, and it moved quite noiseless about 7-800 meters above the ground. We were completely startled. Immediately afterwards came 4 fighter planes pursuing the UFO. At any rate, they had the same direction, towards Haugesund".

"How long lasted the observation?"

"Between one half and one minute. There were three other persons seeing the object. But they did not think it was an UFO", the boys said. Are there anyone else who have seen the UFO?

"Suldalsposten", 10.02.82.

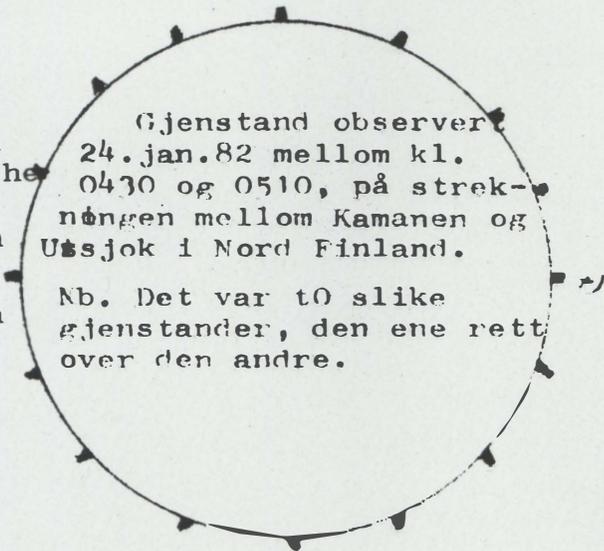
Einar Petten  
Nesseby  
9820 Varangerbotn.

The object observed  
Jan. 24. 82 between  
0430 and 0510, on the  
stretch between Ka-  
manen and Utsjok in  
North Finland.

There were two such  
objects, one right  
above another.

Gjenstand observert  
24. jan. 82 mellom kl.  
0430 og 0510, på strek-  
ningen mellom Kamanen og  
Utsjok i Nord Finland.

Nb. Det var to slike  
gjenstander, den ene rett  
over den andre.



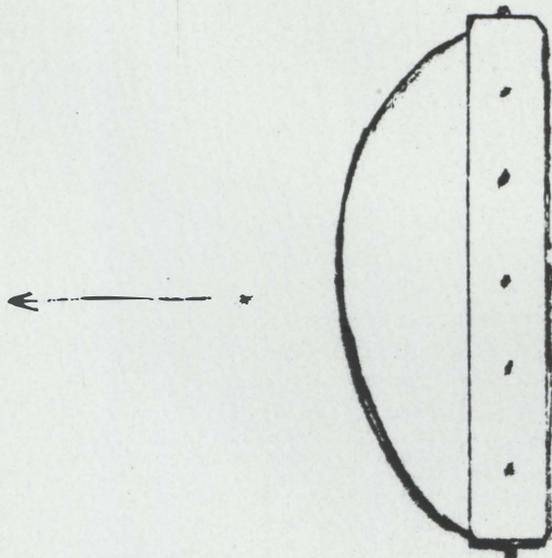
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Seen from behind.

*Starkt blinkende lys*

*utstrålte fra sidene.*

Strong twinkling light was  
radiating from the sides  
of the object.



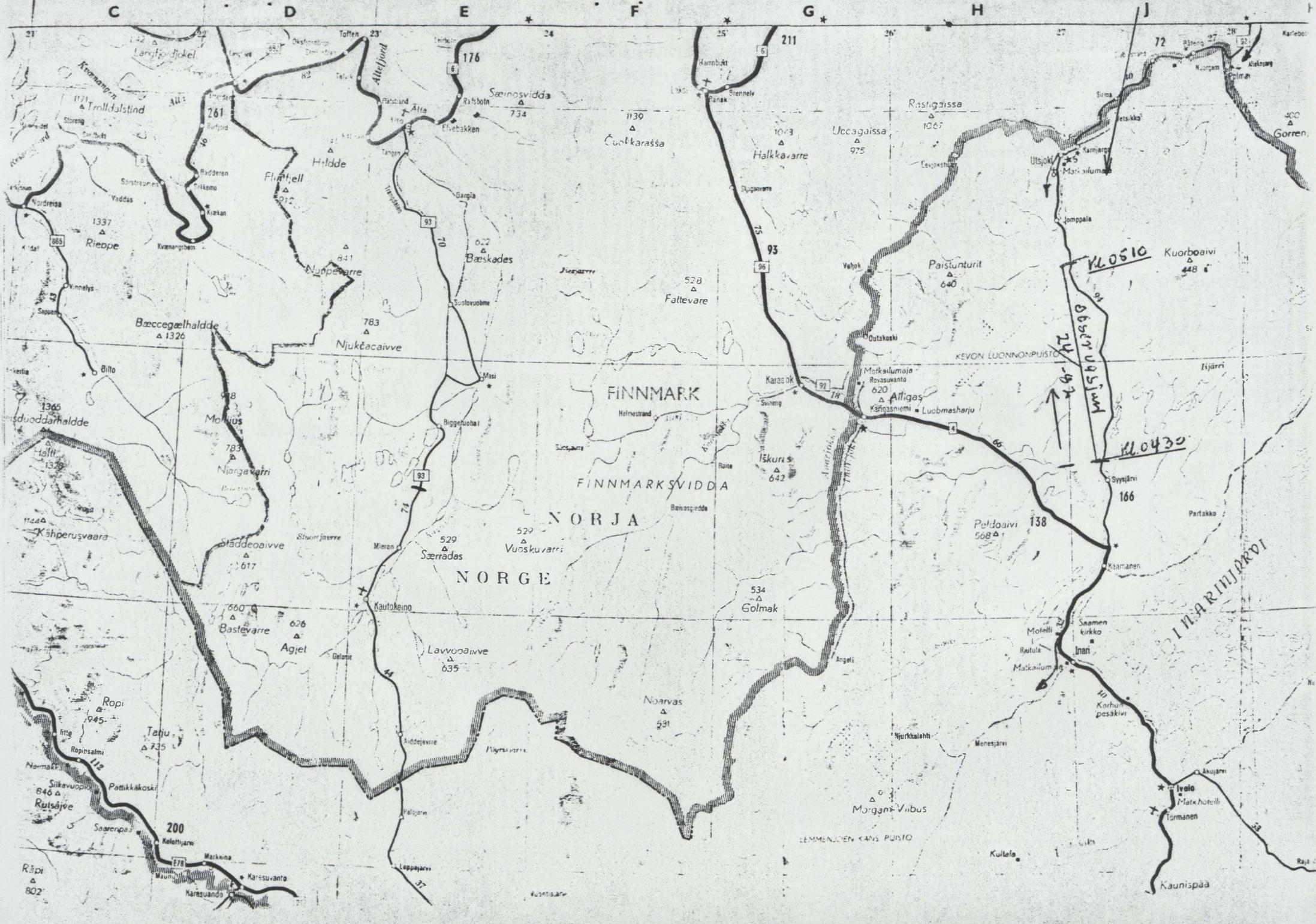
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(dvs. gjenstanden sett fra  
dens venstre side.)

Seen from the left side.

*Den ene kjørning.*

The arrow shows traffic direction



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DID MORE PEOPLE SEE THE SHINING  
OBJECT ABOVE THE SYKKYLVEN  
MOUNTAINS ?

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Immediately after 08.00 o'clock Thursday morning, a shining object was observed over the Sykkylven mountains. It was seen both from Vigra broadcasting and from the flight tower on Vigra. People we spoke with had observed the object for 5-10 minutes.

"It has changed a bit. For one moment it looked like a half-moon, but then the shape of it is changing. The object is like a light covering a piece of paper, and the light is quite different from that radiating from a star. We have already been in touch with the tower on Vigra airfield, and they also observe the object without knowing what it may be. At any rate it can be no airplane, according to the tower staff", the people at Vigra broadcasting say to "Sunnmørsposten" yesterday.

"Sunnmørsposten", 10.02.82

Erling Lillevik, the vassal in Sykkylven, had, as late as yesterday, not heard about any lightphenomenon above the mountains, nor had the vassal office received any reports about things which could be connected with the object observed from Vigra.

"Sunnmørsposten", 10.02.82.

RED OBJECT OBSERVED IN THE SKY  
IN SUNNYLVEN.

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People on Frøysa in Sunnylven observed yesterday evening, a bit before 20.00 o'clock, a red shining object on the sky. They were sure that this could be no airplane nor a star. The shining object twinkled and disappeared now and then. It did not move at a straight line, but more uneven in all directions. They observed the shining object over the mountains in the direction towards Stryn or Flovegen.

"Sunnmørsposten", 16.02.

A SHINING OBJECT, BUT NOT A STAR.

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"We have seen the shining object over the Sykkylven mountains for several days", Birger Anda says, having a fine look-out-point from his house in Hatlane.

"We observed the object ourselves and believed it was a star", we said.

"Then"the Sunnmørsposten" has not looked closely enough. Today (Wednesday, at 19,45 p.m., the object stood over Huneidvika after having moved from a position above the mountains. At the same time it had mounted much higher. I have no idea what it was, but it could possibly not be a star".

"Sunnmørsposten", medio Feb.

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UFO ON BERG IN SØMNA.

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(By Magnus Opsahl.)

What did Paul and Arnt Arnøy from Sømna observe on the evening sky ?

Thursday on March 11 1982, at 21.00 o'clock, they were on their way home. Close by the consumer co-operative at Berg they became aware of a red light some above and aside of Torghatten. Their first thoughts were that this must be a flight on its way to Brønnøysund, but immediately afterwards they had caught sight of the light, it was surrounded by a white ring, which grew very fast and disappeared above the heads of the boys. At the same time also the red light became larger. It did not stop growing before it was twice as great as the sun. Such it was hanging immovable over Torghatten, and after about a quarter of an hour, the light slowly became weaker until it at last disappeared after about half an hour. In that time, when the light appeared on the evening sky, more people observed it, but none could find any natural explanation on what it might have been.

At Brønnøysund airport "Brønnøysund Avis" was informed that nobody had observed anything extraordinary that evening. This is, however, not very remarkable, as the airport, in proportion to Torghatten,

is situated at another angle than Berg. Therefore the light might have been visible in Berg and not in Brønnøysund. After all, the UFO observations in Sør-Trøndelag (Hessdalen for instance) are not far away, without anyone claiming that the boys from Berg were witnesses to something like that.

"Brønnøysund Avis", 27.03.82.

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#### VESSEL-LIKE OBJECT OVER SANDANE.

"Green light rotated round the object".

Once again a strange, shining phenomenon is registered over Sørstranda. This time there were no less than five persons seeing the light. May be that more than the five boys we talked with have seen something strange last Thursday evening ?

Such the newspaper "Firda Tidende" in Sandane begins its description of the case. Further the newspaper writes that one of course has to be quite sober in describing such a phenomenon, as there may be found a natural cause. Yet it is said that there are no doubt that the five boys have seen things being rather difficult to explain. The boys themselves do not speak about flying saucers or such things, but they ascertained it could be no plane. Otherwise they have no explanation on what it was.

The time was about 18,10 p.m. when they observed the shining object. It came up over the mountains in the west and moved in westerly direction. The object was oval, about the size of an American football. The angle size was about the half of the sun disc. The light was somewhat stronger than from a star. The boy thought that something red was splashing behind the object. That what they most distinctly remembered was the green light, like neon, which rotated round the object.

They saw the object move across the sky at an even speed until it disappeared over the edge of the forest. Some of the boys also thought they heard a distant murmur, reminding of the sound from a jet plane.

Other people who the newspaper has talked with, quite independent of these boys, also think they have heard a sound as from a jet plane.

"Firda Tidende" has several times been in touch with persons having seen strange, shining phenomena in this area.

The newspaper asks for more witnesses to the observation or other observations which possibly are made in these parts.

Below you see the boys, pointing out the direction in which they observed the object.

"Firda Tidende", 29.01.82.

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## WHAT DID ALF DALE SEE ?

He does not remember exactly what year, but thinks it must have been in the year 1975 or 1976.

And here follows his own account:

"It was a dark evening in November. The time was about 10.00 in the evening. I had put out the light in the kitchen and wanted to go to bed. It was then I caught sight of some strange lights out on the field about 150 meters away. It looked as if somebody walked around lighting with torches, as if they were searching for something. How they who wore the torches, looked like, I have no idea.

As I stood there wondering what they were doing at these hours, I got a strong light, as from a searchlight, right into my face. The strong light came from a point a little to the left of the small lights and higher up. I was quite dazzled by the strong light, but only for a short time. As if a switch knob was switched off, it became entirely dark. The small lights, reminding of torches, were also gone.

I was standing, staring out in the dark and found this very strange.

Then I saw, on the same place where the small lights had been, something I rather would call a container or a pillar. It might be about 2,5<sub>m</sub> high and 50-60 meters in diameter.

At first it was faintly shining, then stronger, and at last the pillar stood there completely lighted up.

After a while flames came out from the top of the pillar. The flames looked like usual warmth, but they were enormous. At first they went right up and so they bended over to the right (east). Further down on the pillar some strange things, most of all resembling sausages, were flinged out. They were about 2 meters long and 10-15 cm. thick. They were faintly shining, but the light

came probably from the pillar. Many such things, about 10 pieces, were flinged out. They placed themselves side by side right out from the pillar. The "things" were ugly, and, in fact, uncanny. They were flinged out with great strength and in rapid succession. So it stopped suddenly and no more "things" were seen.

But instead two much thinner pipes appeared, shining in a beautiful scarlet colour. They moved slowly and creeping, winding in and out while moving and gliding towards the edge of a forest, and there it disappeared behind some trees. The flames on the pillar now had decreased, and was visible only at the bottom. Instead a rain of shining disks, looking like jagged stars, emerged. They fell slowly to the ground where they disappeared at once. This was going on for a while, but suddenly the whole stopped.

The greater part of what I had seen now dissolved - only the pillar was left. It was as if turning off a switch knob, left was only the dark November night again.

That is all I can say about this.

For a long time I did not tell anybody about this experience, and until now I have mentioned it to only a few.

### COMMENTS.

So long afterwards it is, of course, impossible to make some special investigation, but we want to mention this:

Mr. Dale is living alone about three Norwegian miles north of Arendal. He has worked as a lumbermann, and is peaceful and steady.

An UFO-society, having once something to do with the case, reported that Dale had seen some beings out on the field, but in his report to us he says nothing about that. On the contrary, it seems to be evident that he, according to his account, has not seen more than what he has told. We think the credibility of the witness is strengthened by the fact that he has not succumbed to the temptation to mention anything about beings in connection with the torch-like lights.

A reasonable explanation on the account is wanting.

MORE OBSERVATIONS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTR.

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An UFO stopped TV-broadcast ?

Great parts of Sunday and Monday the TV transmitter on Lønneberga fell out. At the Voss "Televerk" they informed that this possibly was due to electric discharge in the air. But this did not only happen at Lønneberga transmitter. A series of other tele-installations in the area fell out as well. May be it was an UFO stopping the TV broadcasting.

"Hardanger Folkeblad"  
March 31 1982.

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THE "LIGHT" WAS SEEN BY MORE PEOPLE.

More people have seen the "light", described as a possible meteorite in the Thursday issue of "Bergens Tidende". The phenomenon was observed on the night sky over Sunde in Sunnhordaland Wednesday evening. A man from Tysnes told that he saw a similiar light phenomenon over Uggdals- eidet on about the same point of time. He was a passenger in a car when he caught sight of the shining object moving over the night sky. "From my position the object seemed not to move particularly fast. Neither do I believe it was a meteorite, such as described in "Bergens Tidende", because the object had no "tail", it was only a strong light. Besides it might look as if the shining object was comparatively low", the man tells.

"Bergens Tidende", 03.04.

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UFO OVER KONNERUD.

("Fremtiden", 15.04.82.)

"Suddenly we saw a strong gleam of light above the car. It lasted for about 10 seconds and so it was gone." Such a man from Drammen describes a strange sky-phenomenon he and a passenger in his car observed

over the Konnerud area on Wednesday evening at 21.30 p.m. The man can give no reasonable explanation on the phenomenon, apart from the fact that it obviously could be no flight. The light gleam then would have lasted much longer. He now wonder if other people may have seen anything mystical on the night sky at the same time. The two men in the car were about near Bekkedalen on the Konnerud road when they became aware of the light phenomenon, and they think that the light was above Gulskogen on the Pukerud area.

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MORE UFO-SIGHTS ON THE NIGHT BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY.

STRANGE ROCKET LIGHT SEEN ON LINGVÆR.

By Werner Wilhelm Dallawara.

The unexplicable light-phenomena seen at 02.30 a.m. on the sky the night before Easter Sunday - both in Hadsel and Beiarn - are probably the same which a family in Lyngvær in Aust Lofoten has observed at the same time. According to the reports, the light phenomenon came from the east before it disappeared at a great speed up in the cloud cover.

The observation point of time is said to be about 02.35 or 02.40 the night before Easter Sunday. Also this phenomenon is described as rocket-like and unusually strong.

"Lofotposten", 20.04.82.

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MYSTICAL LIGHT-PHENOMENON.

By Vidar Bjørkli.

People in Troms could yesterday observe a mystical light-phenomenon at 22,50 p.m. yesterday night. The phenomenon showed like a shining ball which seemed to mount on the sky. Behind the ball one could see a "rain" of small, shining particles. Eyewitnesses can tell that the phenomenon lasted for 20-30 seconds before the ball disintegrated, nearly in the same way as when a shooting star dies out. The light ball left behind a green coloured "cloud" which dissolved after about 5 min.

"This seems to look like a fireball or a "bolide", which is fragments of an asteroide or a meteor coming

into the earth atmosphere, being heated and begins to evaporate. At last it is totally burnt", Kåre Aksnes says to "Nye Troms". For the time being he is visiting professor at the Institute for Science and Mathematics in Tromsø.

"But it seemed as if the light phenomenon mounted on the sky and did not go down?"

"That must be an illusion", Kåre Aksnes says. "When observing such a sight on the sky, it is difficult to decide whether the thing you see comes towards you or goes away from you. As for instance a jet plane taking off from a landing place. If you keep an eye on the plane it seems as if the plane moves downwards instead of upwards", Aksnes says.

"But how to explain the green coloured spot left behind the light ball?"

"Owing to the strong heating in the meteoric stone coming into the earth atmosphere, the stone begins to melt. It will be quite red hot and produces gasses, shining as in a melting pot. What colour the meteoric stone produces, depends on what sorts of metals being in the body. If burning copper in the flames, there will for instance come into being a blue-green light".

"But what about the tail with shining particles behind the light ball?"

"There is a faint possibility that the light-phenomenon may have been a satellite or a kick stage, coming about 100 kilometers from the surface of the earth and then was burnt. But in all probability this was a meteor getting out of the sun's orbit and into the earth's. At the Northern Lights Observatory in Tromsø they have, according to "Nye Troms", not seen anything of the light-phenomenon. They had had only one call. The reason probably is that the shining ball appeared so late in the evening.

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#### SHINING THING ABOVE GISKE AND ÅLESUND.

At 00,30 the night before Saturday, two shining "things" were

seen on the sky at Roald. The first shining object was observed high above Giske. The observer noticed the strong light which suddenly was gone.

The man went into the house and told what he had seen. Together with the others he then saw a new shining object over Ålesund, and that what he observed over Giske, appeared again

The man tells that the objects, being now visible at the same time, moved slowly in south-easterly direction. It could not have been planes, but reminds the man of the satellites, the first sputniks, rushing over the sky in times past. It was starlit in the night, and you could easily separate the two strong lights from the stars.

"Sunnmørsposten", 26.04.82.

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#### A STRANGE OBSERVATION IN NARVIK.

"Is my son and I really the only ones having seen a mystical, cylinder-formed object (grey) on the sky towards Herjangen Tuesday morning", a man from Narvik asks in the phone to "Fremover".

The man and his son were sitting at the breakfast table in a house in Finnbekken. Then they caught sight of a cylinder-formed, grey object, the size of a Twin Otter. It came at comparatively good speed inwards the Ofoten fjord towards Herjangen.

"The time was 07,15 a.m., and we watched the object for one minute before it disappeared out of sight.

The funny was that we heard no sound from the object there it flew 5-600 feet above sea level.

I have called the airfields both in Framneslia and in Evenes, and they confirmed that there were no flights in these areas the time in question. The Defence flight control in Sørreisa could give no answer on the mystery", the man from Narvik says. But he hopes that some others have had the same observation.

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