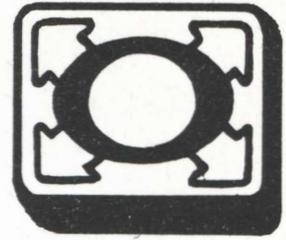


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WEATHER/
LIGHT COND.: Clear/southerly wind/
÷ 5 degrees C.
The moon to the left
behind the mountain
ridge.

OBJ. (Sketch)
THE WITNESS' DESCRIPTION:

"I was on a trip to Hessdalen on a visit, together with my wife and my daughter. As it was a wonderful evening with clear weather and full moon, we decided to stay for a while on "Kjølen" on our way home. Immediately after we had stopped, I suddenly got sight of a light moving in the direction of where we stood. I fetched my binoculars to study this closer. It then turned out to be a flying object, seeming a bit obtuse behind and more pointed at the front. It might be compared with a pistol bullet. The object had two shining lights vertically upon one another, and right in the front there was a reddish light. The colour of the object was like silver. Not the slightest sound was to be heard. The distance to the object from where we stood, I will estimate to about 350 meters, and the height above the ground to about 80-90 m.

Besides I want to add that I never before have seen any flying object like that.

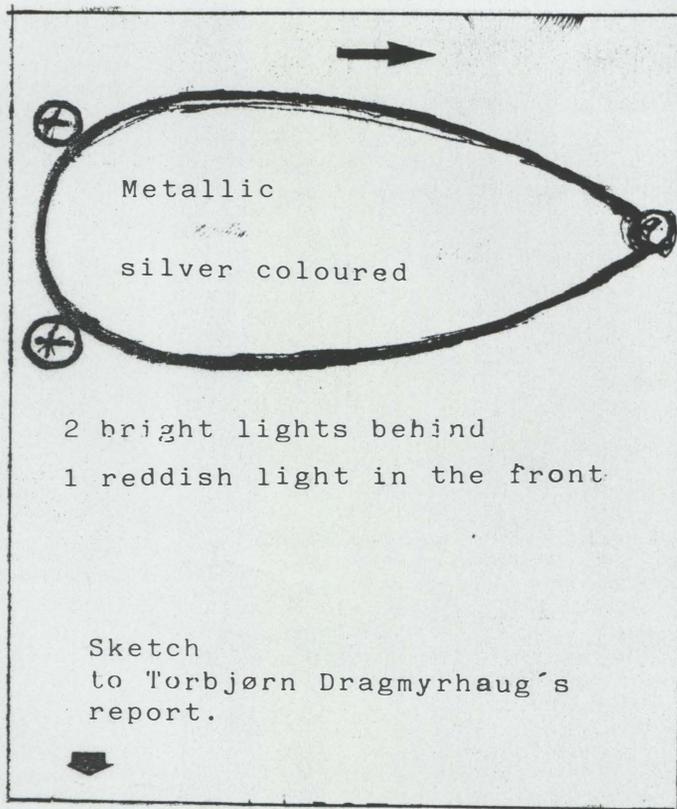
The angle size was like a "femkrone" on outstretched hand.

The course of the object was from the south to the north, and it disappeared over the forest to the right of the witnesses.

PLACE Cottage at Øyongen
(the lake behind Finn-
såhøgda, Hessdalen).
DATE 16-03-82.
TIME About 19,30 PM-
WITNESS ... Ingulf Rotan, Ålen.

OBSERVATION:

A glossy object sunk down through a hole in the cloud cover. At first it came down in a spiral movement, then it levelled off, but kept the spiral movement the whole time. The object disappeared behind "Skarven", a rock between Øyongen and Hessdalen.



UFO OVER HALTDALEN.

PLACE Gildset farm, Haltdalen
DATE 23.03.82.
TIME 22.40.
WITNESS Aud Rønning (32)

OBSERVATION:

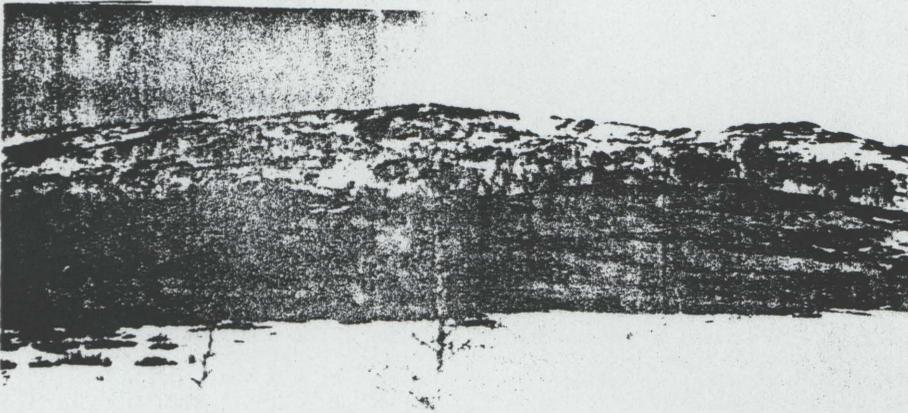
Mrs. Rønning is on her way home after a trip to Opdal. When she is about 200 meters from the bridge at Gildset, she gets sight of something she describes as "half an ellipsis" with a faint reddish, shining garland over and under the periphery of the object. She cannot say for certain where the object comes from, but she thinks it comes in from her right side of the road. As the object moves in over the roadway, it suddenly turns round and becomes entirely round. It radiates strongly, and the colour turns into a dazzling orange-yellow. The light now comes directly towards the car, in a height of about 3-4 meters above the ground. At a distance of 10-15 meters in front of the car, the object sets the course straight up into the air and disappears. At the same time the motor stops, but after a while it fires again, but as the speed is reduced, she has to change into a lower gear. When the object disappears over the car, she hopes it will turn up again, but she does not see anything more of it.

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Rune Hågensen's report.

The object was seen over the electric pylon on the other side of the river.



Ingulf Rotan's report.

The object moved down in a spiral on the back side of the hilltop in the middle of the picture.



Haltdalen. Aud Rønning's report.

The whole observation last for some few seconds, and therefore it is difficult to remember details.

The witness estimates the size of the object to be about that of a car, a Saab 99. The witness emphasizes that it was a marked distinction between the object, (the "car") itself and the "corona".

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HESSDALEN - NEW STRANGE OBSERVATIONS.

PLACE Hessdalen.
Date 25.03.82.
TIME 21,15 - 21,30 -
22.15/30.

WITNESSES .. Per and Inga Moen,
Bjarne and Lars
Lillevold, and
Artur Gjerdsvold.

OBSERVATIONS:

The time is 21.15 pm. An object stands still over the Røsta mountain. The shape of it is like a lamp globe, of the same type as those which are screwed on the outside of the bulbs - maybe some higher (oval). The globe is glossy/dim. Per Moen tells:

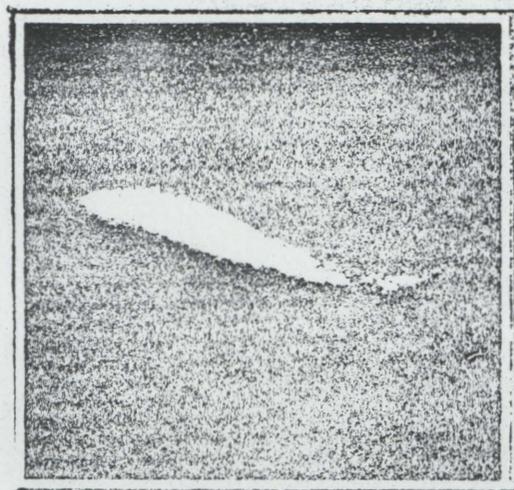
"My aunt is standing besides me, but she cannot see the object. I take my binoculars (12 x 40) and will try to explain to her where the light is. But when I once more use my binoculars, I am not able to find the object. It was gone.

Time: 21.30 pm. (Bjarne and Lars Lillevold): "The light stands still over the "Odden" ridge, opposite Vårhus on the other side of the valley. Suddenly the light begins pulsating and puts on a great speed. It moves 500-1000 meters towards the south and so it stops again. Suddenly three more lights turns up without anybody knowing where they came from.

Time: 22.15. Per Moen tells: "After the lamp globe disappears, I drive in my car about 1 - 1,5 km southward, to Jenshagen. Arthur Gjerdsvold and I get sight of three objects, gliding in formation. Then they stopped. At the

same time a fourth light comes up from the ground and places itself under the light furthest off in the south. The lights move a bit, and then stop again. Immediately after we hear aircraft noise. I am standing there looking at the lights in my binoculars, but nothing has changed. 5-6 minutes later we again hear noise from an airplane. I try to localize it, and I see it coming from a north-westerly direction. As I move my binoculars back to the four shining objects, I now see they are gone, but where I have no idea".

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UFO-picture, taken in Hessdalen by journalist Arne Wisth.

THE DEFENCE AND THE OBSERVATIONS IN HESSDALEN.

Rørosvidda (a mountain plateau) is invaded by curious people, bit by the UFO-bacille. Automatic cameras, instruments for measuring of electric voltages and radioactivity are placed around to solve the riddles on the night sky.

On Tuesday night (23.03.82), UFO-hunters came in their cars the long way from Oslo to study the night sky. Also the air defence has throwned their forces into the chase. A first line of defence is put up in Hessdalen, two Norwegian miles west of Røros, where the shining objects since before Christmas are regularly observed.

"We did not see any UFOs. On the other hand, however, we saw about 30 falling

stars and satellites, 6-7 airplanes, and not least a horde of UFO hunters round in the area", captain Arne Nyland and lieutenant Peter Reymert from Værnes air base report.

THE FIRST TIME.

A representative in a high position from the air defence, was called out to register UFOs. As far as we know, it was the first time it happened.

"People in Hessdalen have observed shining objects since the year 1944. But many years passed before they dared to tell about the observation. But the reports are reliable, and it is our duty in the defence to take this seriously. There are many inexplicable things between heaven and earth", captain Nyland says, admitting that he goes ahead with an open mind.

NO EXPLANATIONS.

In Hessdalen everyone, even the vassal, believe in unidentified shining objects. "I have seen the phenomena myself, and I have not found any reasonable explanation", the vassal Martin Holden says to "Verdens Gang".

"Verdens Gang", March 82.

ANOTHER VIEWS.

Major-general Eyvind Schibbye, air commodore for South-Norway, has personally ordered two of the kingdom's officers to be thrown into the chase.

"We have received reliable reports about inexplicable objects. We have to take this seriously", the major-general says. The air-commodore himself does not at all believe in UFOs.

"There are natural explanations on what people see on the night sky, But now and then it may be difficult to succeed in finding the real cause", major-general Schibbye says, having himself taken part in the UFO chase.

"In one case in Østfold, the air defence was involved when a man

was seen coming down, hanging in a parachute, without any airplane being observed. The witnesses were fully reliable ! Investigations showed, however, that some youths had shot up a doll".

"There are more such examples", major-general Eyvind Schibbye says, referring to that the phenomena in Hessdalen may be atmospheric reflections, ball lightnings or other meteorological phenomena.

"Verdens Gang", 24.3.1982.

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SECRET ARCHIVE ?

"THE DEFENCE TAKES THE UFOs SERIOUSLY. -PLAYED "BLIND MAN'S BUFF" WITH NORWEGIAN FIGHTER PILOTS".

Such is one of the headings in the periodical "VI MENN"s new series about UFO, which started in no. 14-82.

Norwegian authorities take the UFO-observations seriously. The air defence secret archive hides many inexplicable incidents: Fighter planes have changed colour, and the unidentified objects have played "blind man's buff" with radio operators and pilots.

In this series, where NIVFO among others has delivered some of the material, "VI MENN" has interviewed major Per Gavin, then second-lieutenant at the radar station in Hernes, Bodø. He tells among other things:

"From 1958 to 1965 we at least made 150 observations both on Hernes and on the Air Defence Station in Reitan. A couple of times each month we could register these phenomena on the radar. Suddenly they were there, making the same speed as a fighter plane. In the next moment they stood still, and so again they moved at an insane speed. The first time I got only one echo on the radar, later up to four, appearing independent of each other. Then the confusion was total. At last we had to stop sending up fighter planes when the phenomena emerged. It was too expensive".

Gavin tells further:

"If I as a young second-lieutenant had begun "coughing" about UFO, I think I would have got a pill and been sent home".

Today his information can be confirmed by more high ranking air defence officers, the article says. And further (quotation):

"In fact, all observations from Hernes and Reitan were written down and reported. Today the reports are graduated as secret stamped material in the Defence Supreme Command on Huseby" Gavin again:

"But we never got back any explanations or comments to the UFO reports. At this time there was no UFO-archive either. Today everything would have been registered on data, followed up, investigated and compared with similiar observations".

Asking if there were proposed any explanations on the phenomena, Gavin says that somebody suggested sunspots. But why did they come to an end later, he asks. It is the same sun. As the radar set was controlled and found in order, he rejects radar defects. Nor does he think that meteorological phenomena can be relevant, as these might be met with during all sorts of weather conditions. Gavin says that denial of a radar echo would be a lie. And so he tells about the most curious of his experiences from Hernes at the end of the fifties. They got an echo on the radar scope, and sent up a plane to investigate. On their way down, one of the pilots caught sight of a great red "ball" right above Glomfjord. It flew a g a i n s t the wind in a height of about 7000 feet. The pilot could not identify the object. In short - he flew the Thunderjet right into the red ball. At the same moment he got into touch with it, the "ball" disappeared, nor could he watch it any longer on the radar scope. When he landed, the whole plain, except the plexiglass, was red-coloured. The machine was taken to pieces, and the plates were sent to the most known universities and research institutions all over the world, but no one was able to identify the substance.

So far - major Per Gavin.

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HYPOTHESIS ABOUT THE UFO'S IN HESSDALEN.

In the newspapers we have seen certain "theories" or explanations on the phenomena, most of them old and well known. In NIVFO bulletin two of these hypotheses are described. The first, having the advantage not being directly absurd, is, in short, that the UFOs in Hessdalen most likely are natural phenomena, based quite simple on light reflections. That is - light from the sun or the moon reflecting itself in the air-shed between the cold and the warmth, where mirages come into being. This is what the Norwegian researcher Thomas McClimans in Trondheim maintains in an interview in "Adresseavisen" of 16.3.1982, where the theory is further explained.

Another contribution to a solution of the riddle was displayed in "Arbeider-Avisa" for 31.3-82, and stem from captain Kjell Bjerkan in Braathen SAFE (Airtransport company). He is convinced that some of the UFO phenomena observed in Hessdalen can be explained, and one of his theories is that the observers have, pure and simple, only seen lights from airliners. And in the article he deepens this further.

Both theories are opposed by NIVFO.

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LAST NEWS FROM HESSDALEN.

VOLTMETER "SEES" UFO.

Now the light phenomena in Hessdalen are, for the first time, registered on electric measure instruments. This is what Kolbjørn Stenødegård, NIVFO, tells.

"Saturday night a shining object again was observed on the sky, and it made a strong affect on the apparatus we used to measure the voltages differences in the atmosphere the whole time the object was visible. When it disappeared, the needle again went back to zero.

Friday evening a shining object was also seen over Finsåhøgda by several persons. The object was quite noiseless and had the typical shape with one bright light in the front, and two red behind."

"Have you any explanation on the effects"?

"No, we are working further on the problem. Photographs with infrared film and sharp telephoto lenses were also taken, but the result of this we do not know yet", Stenødegård says among other things.



"Concerning the UFOs in Hessdalen, these measures are very interesting", Kolbjørn Stenødegård says.

"Adresseavisen", 6.9.82.

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FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

A REPORT SURVEY.

SELSØYVIK IN RØDØY, NORDLAND,
March 3.1982 - 02.45 pm.

WITNESS: Shipping agent Magda Jensen.

She was on her way to the quay to dispatch the "local boat". Then she caught sight of a shining rounding which came up behind some hills in the east. Colour and appearance reminded in a way of the moon, but the whole thing developed relatively fast. It grew into a great rounding which had an extreme border the whole time. As the rounding grew, it became darker, at first in the middle, and so outwards to the edges until it disappeared. Total observation time was about 3-4 minutes.

"Nordlandsposten", 04.03.82.

KVINNHERAD; March 5.82. - 23.07 pm.

A shining object on the sky, formed like a saucer, moved slowly over Fjelberg, Ranavik, and dis-

appeared at last over Husnes. The whole time the object was lower than Vikefjell. The light from it was white. No sound was heard.

"Kvinnheringen", Husnes, 08.03.82.

HØYLANDSBYGD, HORDALAND; March, 12.82.

Some youths, about 15 years old, were out cycling when they observed a strong, orange light coming towards them. It was so strong that the light in the lamp posts along the road went out, but came back again when the strong lights were gone. The parents to one of the witnesses was watching television when the incident occurred, and on some occasion the pictures disappeared, and there was only "snow" on the screen.

"Sunnhordaland", Stord, March, 19.

BRATTÅS, MØSVATN, TELEMARK.

February 7. 1982 - 11.30 pm.

WITNESS: Trygve Gøytil, Rjukan. He was driving in his car from Rjukan to his cottage on Våmartveit in Vinje. At Møsvatn towards Brattås he observed a shining ball, radiating beams, formed like a cross or a T. At first the light from the ball was faint, but then it shone stronger and stronger before it went out again. The whole observation lasted for about 3 minutes. Gøytil took three pictures of the object. The sky was quite clear, and the temperature (measured at Frøystul) was 34 degrees below zero.

STRANDEFJORDEN, VALDRES:

April, 21.1982.

WITNESS: Frank Bing.

He was driving in his car from Bjørgo to Vestre Slidre when he caught sight of a shining object over Veståsen to Strandefjorden. The light from it was as strong as from Venus at its best, but some greater. He first discovered the object through the side window immediately before he reached Tunneltoppen. Since he drove northward, he could watch the object both through the front- and the side window. Sometimes it seemed to stand still or move very slow, and so it increased the speed remarkable. The object kept the same height the whole time.

Valdres. April 23.1982.

"UFO OVER GRÅKALLEN".

Late in the evening on July 9.82 are there from several places in Trondheim observed a shining object on the sky over Gråkallen. A man on Nidarvoll described it as a "bright castle with many separate, colourless shining points". He had watched the object through his binoculars for about five minutes. It then stood quite still, but moved little by little in north-easterly direction.

Investigations show that the police got more reports about the case, while Gråkallen had received two inquires from observers.

It has been difficult to trace witnesses, but Gråkallen informs that neither they on Værnes airfield have registered anything unusual at that time.

One of the witnesses who warned Gråkallen, reported having seen a shining object at great speed outward the fjord.

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MORE REPORTS.

UFO IN KRØDSHERAD.

Was it a flying saucer, martians, or what could it be Bergljot Berg on Krøderen saw when she Monday afternoon, 23.08.82, observed a great, shining object on its way down from the cloud cover, end into Krøderfjorden?

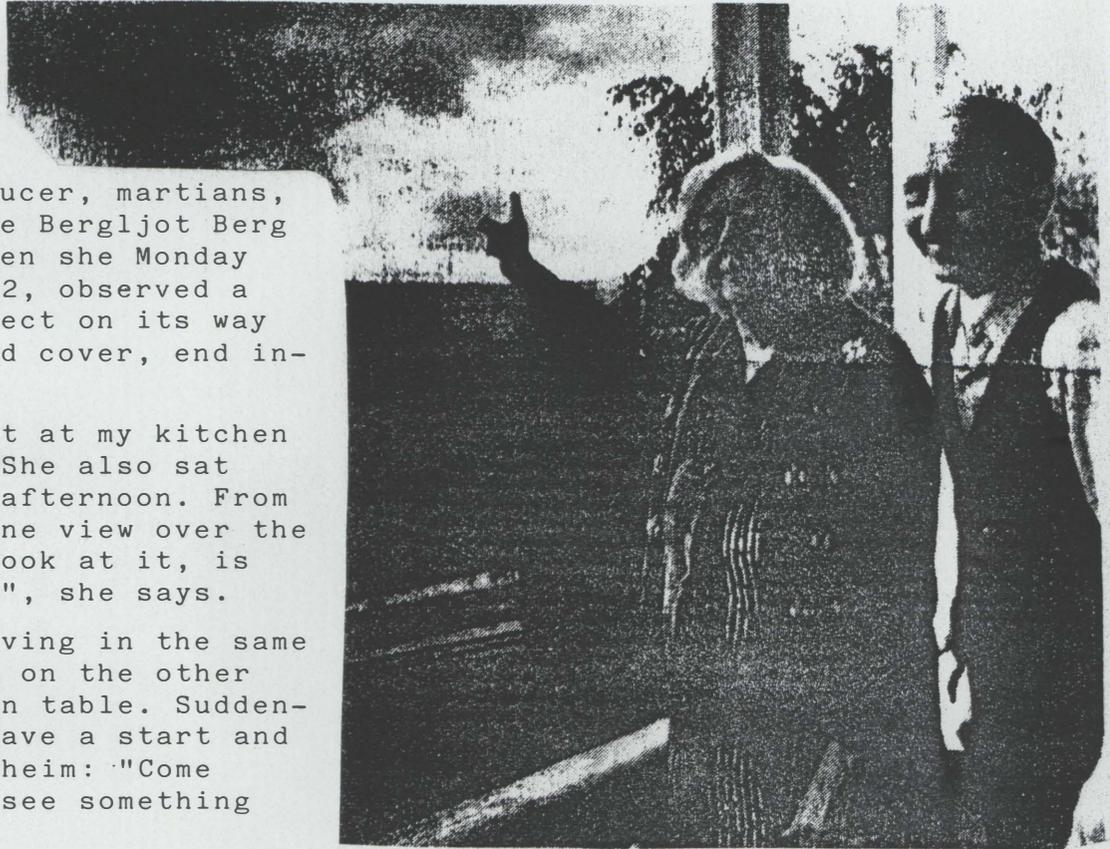
"I often use to sit at my kitchen table", she says. She also sat there this Monday afternoon. From there she has a fine view over the Krøderfjord. "To look at it, is a rest for my eyes", she says.

Egil Fjellheim, living in the same place, was sitting on the other side of the kitchen table. Suddenly Bergljot Berg gave a start and said to Egil Fjellheim: "Come here and you will see something strange!"

And that what they saw, they could not explain. A great, round and shining object came down from the cloud cover. The clouds were high, and they could see a bit of a blue heaven in the horizon. With a dazzling light, and with a comparatively low speed, an

object came down, followed by a great, black cloud of smoke. The whole "seance" lasted at least for 8-10 seconds, Bergljot tells. "We had plenty of time to study it. The size was such that I nearly believed it was the moon falling down. The light was dazzling and the colour like that of a flame. The smoke was black and distinct, and the object moved in the direction of the Krøder fjord. As it fell, it seemed as if the size of it decreased. After a few seconds the object reached the fjord and so it was gone."

Bergljot Berg has seen mystical things on the sky before. She completely refuses that this could be an airplane or lightning in connection with thundery weather. "And ball lightning does not last for several seconds", she says, when we mention different theories. Therefore the question is whether an UFO has visited Krødsherad, or it might be one of the many strange things hovering around in space, which now was ready for an earthly visit, and then fortunately chose the Krøder fjord.



"There we saw the "moon" fell down", Bergljot Berg and Egil Fjellheim say.

"Bygdeposten", 26.08.1982.

UFO VISIT OR STROKE OF LIGHTNING?
GUESSINGS ABOUT STRANGE MARSH-
PHENOMENON ON ANDØYA.

On Andøya one is puzzled about a great bog flake being as cut out of the marsh, and placed several meters from the hole. Experts having been asked, are as puzzled about the phenomenon. It was during berry-picking on the marshes at Skogvold the mystical flake was found. Arnulf Hanssen says to "Harstad Tidende" that he knows cases where bog is taken away by floods and ice, but this cannot be the case here. The marsh where the mystical flake is found, is situated too high. Experts will soon come to Andøya to have a look at the Skogvoll phenomena.

Some lean to the theory that lightning has moved the bog flakes when the ground still was frozen. Therefore the sharp cut edges. Others again suggest gas blow-out from the ground. But that seems not very much probable as the marsh in the area is quite hard and deep. The bog flake is some more than two meters on the broadest, over 5 meters long and the weight is estimated to about one ton.

The flake cannot have been moved by human beings, nor are there found any traces of machines in the area. Round the flake and the hole there are found sharp cut marks in the marsh, indicating that the area has been exposed to strong forces from above. In fact, some actually has put forward the theory that an UFO has been visiting Andøya, but more sober persons think that the marsh-phenomenon has a natural explanation. Perhaps the experts will be able to tell more about that when they have examined the bog flake on Skogvoll.

"Harstad Tidende", 98.09.82

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UFO OVER KATTANAK.

"When I Tuesday afternoon at 16.30 left the bus on Kattanak in Haugesund, I suddenly discovered a shining disk moving over the sky. The object flew quite low and scared, among others, a thrush flock which came flying."

Tor Andre Johannesen tells this to "Haugesunds Avis", and wonder if an UFO has passed over his head at the time in question. "The disk was quite glossy", he tells. "It came from the south and moved northward, then it turned and disappeared in easterly direction".

"Haugesunds Avis", 11.08.1982.

UNIQUE NORWEGIAN UFO PHOTO ?

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It is a colour photo, taken in Mo i Rana immediately before Easter.

It was in the evening. The lady, getting in touch with us, came out from the house where she lived, and caught sight of something like a great ball on the sky. It had a shining halo around, she tells. The object seemed so unusual that she called her husband, and they watched the object together. They fetched a small camera and managed taking two pictures before the object suddenly disappeared right before their eyes. It moved in jerks.



The object has a distinct copper colour. On the side facing the photographer there is a round, dark spot (field), and over this a spot which might be an "opening" or something like that. Three telephone lines can be seen towards the sky, at the top in the left corner of the picture.

As soon as further informations are obtained, we, of course, will come back to the picture. If it is real, it is quite unique.

NIVFO bulletin, no. 3. 1982.

TO THE NORWEGIAN PUBLICITY.

By H.C. Petersen

Answer to Jan S. Krogh's article in "Nordlandsposten" of 23.6.82:
"What is really an UFO?"

Today I have received and read the article "What is really an UFO?" and I think I have to draw attention to the fact that Mr. Krogh by his article is going to mislead the Norwegian publicity. Why? Probably not owing to evil intention, but for the simple reason of having no concrete knowledge about the subject he speaks about. His contribution is an insult to honest work of UFO investigators, because his statements are sarcastic and cheap to such a degree that you must wonder how such a person can be a leader for an organization having the word "scientific" in its name. His attitude must automatically fall back on NIVFO, and such brand the institute.

The few examples I want to pull out from Mr. Krogh's article, showing his lack of professional knowledge concerning UFO matters, are:

1. His offhand and absurd remark about "The blue memorandum" and "The green memorandum". These two memoranda among other things render top secret reports from the American Defence, showing that space ships from other worlds are a reality, and further it shows our efforts in The United Nations, and our plan for a solution of the UFO problem through U.N. and member countries. At the moment we correspond about a negotiation with The American National Sec. Council, whose chairman is president Ronald Reagan, and as late as 13-04.82 we talked with the secretary, US Army General, Robert L. Schweitzer, who got in touch with us about the case. During our work in U.N. we also have talked with the Norwegian Ambassador, Ole Ålgård. That was in March 1978. And about these memoranda Mr. Krogh writes (I quote): "These writings are probably nonsense from beginning to end --". What a fantastic arrogance to speak about things one never has read about!
2. Erik von Däniken has nothing to do with the UFO case. He is a pop writer without scruple. The only aim in his activities is to earn money. The fact that he mixes all things between earth and heaven together with that aim, Mr. Krogh would have known if he knew anything about the UFO case. Therefore it is ill-timed to bring von Däniken into an objective debate on this case.
3. There is absolutely no reason to answer "don't know" to the question "what is an UFO". It is quite obvious that the wording "Unidentified Flying Objects" is made to give the great mass who oppose to the publication of the truth concerning visits by space ships from other worlds - a necessary help to explain away even the clearest observations. And what is really unidentified? It is all things which are inexplicable, - and when the opponents of truthful informations are going to give an answer on something they do not know anything about, or do not wish to be known, but rather wish to fight, - they with full justification in the wording "unidentified" use the most silly and banal away explanations. The fact that the explanations often are ill-natured, that is a different matter. In any case, the result is, however, that the public often is misled. That is very, very regrettable. Without sober and objective informations, the men on earth has no possibility of independent thinking, and so one thinks what other want them to do.
4. The article recommends reading books by J. Allen Hynek. That is very unfortunate because J. Allen Hynek works for The American Intelligent Service, CIA, and other powers of silence, working to keep the truth about UFOs away from the public. These con-

clusions fits in very well to the attitude of Mr. Krogh himself and his wanting knowledge of the real circumstances of the case. But this lead away from the truth. And does Mr. Krogh wish that?

5. Mr. Krogh tries to ridicule UFO groups by writing (I quote): "----around the country there are people firmly waiting for the first landing of space ships from an unknown world. No, excuse me, they think that the space ships already have landed ----". On one point I agree with Mr. Krogh: There are many secterian UFO groups and this works great mischief to the serious UFO work, but what has this to do with the general UFO-case? Why not refer to the many serious working UFO groups of which you also can find some in Norway? Even if there are secterian groups here and there, the UFO-case must not be ridiculed, and the fact that groups and individuals can prove that UFOs have landed, do not automatically make them secterian. But if it is difficult for Mr. Krogh to understand that space ships are coming and have done so for many, many years, it might had been in the public's interest if Mr. Krogh, before he published that famous article, had studied the matter thoroughly, not only one aspect of it.

In our previously mentioned memoranda are referred to attacks from American destroyers on UFOs, and we know that several attacking planes have been crushed because they assaulted a technology being too strong to protect themselves against. This has happened both in the west and in the east. We have reports from superior officers who have told, after being pensioned, that they have seen space ships from other worlds land or crash - we have more than 20 such reports from USA alone. And I can assure Mr. Krogh that this was neither plastic-bags, ball lightnings, reflections, meteors, inversion phenomena or other far-fetched explanations pilots round the world have seen and attacked. There have been space ships from unknown worlds which, during peaceful, scientific missions, have been attacked by our big-power flights, because these powers know that if men on earth became aware of the truth about their visits, their technology and their culture, it would come to an end with the powers just now ruling on earth, powers which quickly lead our civilisation towards the catastrophe. So all people ought to claim stopping this earthly insanity. And what power sphere is interested in that?

If Mr. Krogh knew the truth such as we do, and which we are not afraid to tell about, even if the reactions against us are violent, he would, we hope, expressed himself more carefully or been quite silent. Keeping silent is definitely better than misleading, on purpose or not.

IGAP-E Headquarters,
June 11. 1982.
H.C. Petersen,
formerly major.