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# NORWEGIAN UFO REPORTS

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## ONE MORE STRANGE OBSERVATION.

PLACE ... Near Nyplass bridge,  
on the way Røros - Glåmos.  
DATE .... February 23, 1983.  
TIME .... About 17.30 pm.  
DURATION About 3-4 seconds.  
WITNESS Mrs. N.N., bank employee,  
(38). Known by NIVFO.  
WEATHER/  
LIGHT ... Clear/bright/10 degrees  
below zero.  
OBJECT .. It was like a fuselage  
without wings, rudders and  
so on. The speed was great,  
the colour, light grey.  
There were no certain  
registration of movement  
pattern. The object came  
from the south towards the  
north, parallell to the  
road. There was no audible  
sound, though a cassette  
tape recorder in the car  
remained on.

The witness was, together with her husband and son, on her way from Røros, back to Trondheim. Accident-ally she got sight of the object, and first she thought it was a plane. She observed it for a few seconds with the mountain ridge as a back-ground, and she reacted on the low height above the ground, and that the "flight" so suddenly disappeared.

When first I observed the object, the distance was about 200 metres, and sitting in my car (a Volvo), it was a bit higher than my eyes.

Phase I: I noticed the fuselage of the aircraft - along the middle there was something which broke away from the body, as for instance windows on a plane. I reacted on the speed in such a low height (horizontal) so far from Røros airfield.

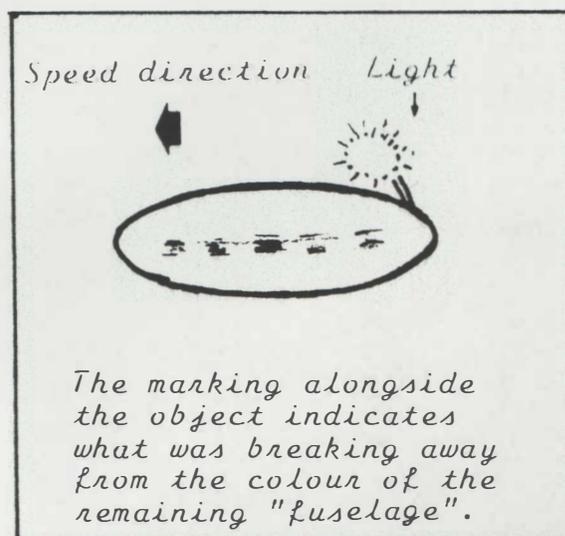
Phase II: There was something sticking vertically up behind the fuselage. At the end of this protrusion there was placed a yellow shining, relatively great light in such a way that I could see the form of it distinctly differing from the form of the plane. The object disappeared behind a ridge of a hill.

and I expected to see the plane when we had passed the ridge, as there was only a short distance. Therefore I was very surprised not seeing it, and I reacted to it, saying: "Wherever may the plane be?" We had a good view in all directions, and without regard to speed- and height- changes, we ought to have seen the plane. But we did not look back.

The sun was setting behind the mountains in the west, but the sky was still bright. But I am quite sure that on the snow-flat in the east, under the plane, and on the pines behind, it seemed as if the sun was shining. For the rest I want to add that I was in a good psychical balance during the observation.

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The witness' sketch of the object:



*The marking alongside the object indicates what was breaking away from the colour of the remaining "fuselage".*

SOURCES: Report nr. 230283/I.  
Interview with the observer.

The case is not yet investigated on the observation place, but that will be done soon.

## FLYING PIPE.

PLACE .. Sula in Fosna.  
DATE ... 16.12.82 (estimated).  
TIME ... 24.00 - 00.30.  
WITNESS: Mrs. N.N. (60).

OBJECT: Oblong pipe, from which much smoke came out. Further there were three lights, one red, one blue and one bright. The object was pulsating with medium strength. The speed was low. There were course changes. No sound was heard by the witnesses.

It is not quite sure that the witness remembers the date exactly, but it was medio December 1982. The time was near midnight.

The witness stands in the kitchen, looking out of the window. She then catches sight of something she describes as an "oblong pipe", from which a lot of smoke comes out. After a while the smoke disintegrates, and three lights appear, standing in a vertical position. The colours are red, blue and bright. The lights pulsated.

It seems as if the "pipe" comes straight towards the house. It moves through the air with an "average" speed. Then it turned aside and disappeared over the neighbours roof.

The witness thinks that the object came from the west and turned towards the north at the house next door.

Mrs. N.N. also maintains having had an observation later, in the beginning of the year 1983. She does not remember the date, but the hour was about the same. This phenomenon she describes as "a star" - close by - or near the ground".

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When NIVFO began certain investigations on the case, two marks were found in the ground, not far from the mar, where the objects allegedly were seen. The marks had a diameter of 30 centimetres. The distance between them was about 150 centimetres. One of the marks was burnt brown, the other not. The marks were cupulated in the sectional elevation.

Further investigation brought to light the following fact:

Early in the year 1983 a radio tower, 14 meters high, was renewed with one of about 30 meters. This work was done rather late in the evening. It is now certain that there were made use of searchlights, and that these were placed on the ground. The lights might have been placed in such a way that they to the observer looked like a "star". The burnt mark on the ground may have been caused by the generation heat from the searchlight.

The witness was asked whether



she had seen some people working there, but she answered in the negative. This may, however, be due to the fact that a searchlight was placed in such a way that the observer was dazzled.

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Concerning the observation of the pipeformed object, we call attention to the observation over Gildeskål, south of Bodø, 16.1.1983. (Se News Letter, no. 1/83, page 10, and no 2/83, page 2).

The same date, 16.1.83, similiar things shall have been seen in Hessdalen.

The picture on page 3 is taken from the observers position, and shows the mar, where the phenomena were seen. The mar is unmanned.

## MYSTICAL LIGHT IN LOFOTEN.

The coastguard ship "Sonja" was yesterday conducted to the area outside Borge in Vestvågøy to search for a mystical light, having been observed several times by a number of people during the last month. At Vestvågøy vassal office they could see - the night before yesterday - one single light near the surface of the sea, roughly estimated to be 15 nautical miles north-westerly of Kvalnes.

People in the area have since early in December seen a yellow light some distance out at sea. The light has been observed near the surface, and probably it may have been on board a vessel. Apart from the movements made by the sea, the light has apparently not moved.

"Nordlands Fremtid", 11.1.83.

## MYSTICAL LIGHT OUTSIDE BORGE.

"The time was 22.00 in the evening when the incident was reported. Then the light had been observed for 15 minutes. We could see the phenomenon as far as midnight, and even if using binoculars, it was impossible to ascertain what this might be", the vassal Bernt Strand in Vestvågøy says to "Lofotposten".

The police in Svolvær was immediately notified, and afterwards the coastguard ship, "Sonja", was sent to the area. The time was 2.00 the night before yesterday, before "Sonja" was there, and the searching for the unknown phenomenon gave no result which might give an explanation on what people had seen.

The vassal, Bernt Strand, then gives a description of the light. He says it was round and shining, and had some irregular brightness. Still it was sharp and distinct, he says. "Actually, it looked like a round outdoor lamp, being screened by a globe".

The newspaper continues telling that this is not the first time a similiar light is seen in the

same area. Last Friday there also was observed one.

"Lofotposten", 11.1.1983.

## UFO OVER SOLBERGFJORDEN.

"After having watched TV Monday night, I accidentally looked out through my kitchen window. At first I could not believe what I saw. I had to fetch my binoculars, and then I became aware of something I never had seen before: A strong light standing almost still on the sky between Gampen and Bjørga. The time was about 11.00 a.m., and for a quarter I watched this mystical, shining object. I rang my neighbour and my son. In all, I know about 4 persons having seen this wonder. My neighbour watched the UFO until 1.00 in the night. Then it had reached Vågan".

The housewife from Sandvika says this to "Tromsø Folkeblad" after the experience Monday night. She tells further:

After having looked at the object for a while, it began to move comparatively slow. As it moved, it formed several signs on the sky, such as figure of eight, a M, and a rounding. Behind the sharp shining point, a long shining, green-coloured tail, was formed. On the top of the shining point there was a red colour. When the movements stopped, the light was white. The neighbour says the light in a way reminded of a sharp headlamp, and he says that he could see all kinds of colours appear on the shining object when it moved. The housewife from Sandvika says that she first believed it was a flight, but seeing it stand still, she understood it could not.

"I will say the object was greater than the "18-star", as we call the greatest star on the sky", the housewife says.

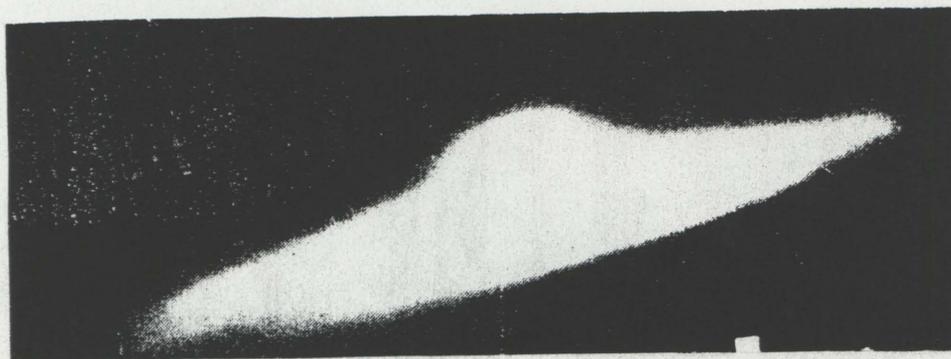
Senior lecturer at Northern Light Observatory in Tromsø, Ove Harang, cannot say what this might be. "I do not have a mind to say it was an UFO. From the description it is difficult to say anything. Usually, people observe extremely good. Two years ago, we got calls from several persons having seen a shining object over the sky, and then we had on an automatic camera. It proved that the descriptions were correct. Concerning this case, we had a call from a newspaper in Bodø, where readers, in the early part of this week, had observed something on the western sky. I know nothing about whether

there have been some rocket trials and such things. If there has been a satellite being burned, it would appear only for some minutes. Nor can it be optical rocket trials, where substances are emitted into the ionosphere, which then is uplit by the sun. Such experiments are made by day. I do not know what this might be", senior lecturer, Harang, concludes.

"Troms Folkeblad", 13.1.1982.

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*The sketch below is made by the newspaper. The original photo, kept by NIVFO, only show an indeterminate mass of light.*



### "THE UFO MADE BY MEN".

January 15, the newspaper asks the scholarship holder, Bjørn R. Pettersen at the Northern Light Observatory in Tromsø, what this might have been.

"What I can ascertain by the description is that anything astronomical is out of the question, that is, a planet, a comet, or, for instance, a shooting star. A planet would certainly move towards the west, but it would go down in the horizon, and not mount into the air", Pettersen says.

"Does that mean that we are facing a phenomenon made by men, and equipped with lights?"

"Yes, that seems quite clear to me, and I want to say that this is a classical example of an UFO. But I have to underline that I strongly keep aloof from considering equal-UFO and "flying saucers", Petterson says.

### HEADLIGHTS OF CAR PUT OUT BY UFO.

According to "Troms Folkeblad"'s notice in the last newspaper about the UFO in Solbergfjorden, we got the following report from a Finnes family, which was on a Christmas trip to Alta:

When they had come some distance into the Lyngenfjord, they observed a sharp light on the sky over the mountains in Birtavarre. The light grew sharper, looked like morsing, and moved very slowly. To have a closer look at this phenomenon, the driver reduced the speed, and the light-phenomenon was commented on in the car in an almost playful note, which, however, soon should be serious indeed.

When they had passed Birtavarre, the headlights of the car suddenly disappeared. Because of the low speed, the driver had no problems keeping the car on the road,

but the passengers were terrified. The light now seemed stronger than before, but continued at slow speed across the sky. After a few minutes, the headlights suddenly came back, and the driver was not long in starting the car, and off they went at full speed.

"Troms Folkeblad", 15.2.1983.

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Local UFO-enthusiasts have ramped in the newspapers, informing people about these "UFO-waves".

It did not, however, take special long time for NIVFO NORTH to find out, and report in the local newspapers, that it here turned upon sovietic rockets.

### SHINING OBJECT OVER DRAMMEN.

PLACE ... Drammen/Konnerudåsen.  
DATE .... 22.08.83.  
TIME .... From 18.30 to 19.00 p.m.  
WITNESS: Former director NN (72).

OBJECT: Shining/diamon-formed.  
It stood still for about 30 minutes, and disappeared at great speed.  
Angle size: Like a 10-øre (Norwegian coin) on an outstretched arm.

The witness was in his car in Prins Oscar Street in Drammen, when he accidentally got sight of the object. It was dark and clear weather. The object stood right above Konnerudåsen, in southerly direction.

The object had clear, bright, slightly pulsating spots on the extreme edges. Inside there were indeterminable, coloured lights. (See sketch).

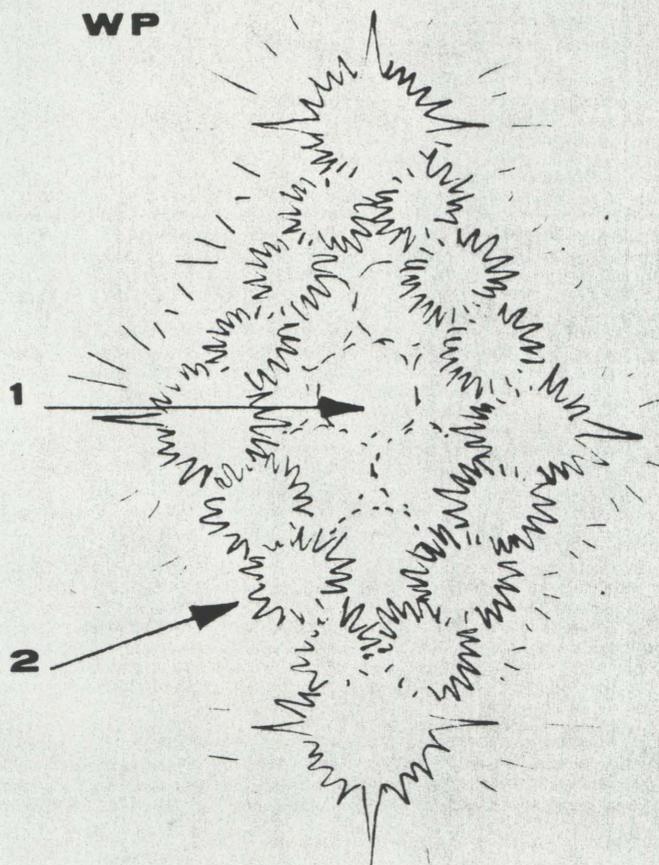
The object stood still for about 30 minutes, and then disappeared at apparently great speed in south-westerly direction. This is the observers impression, because the object very quickly grew smaller and smaller at the same time as it moved.

The witness is convinced that this could be no flight, balloon, or any other known object. He had never

seen anything like this.

Distance and speed is impossible to estimate.

SKETCH: 1. Faint, coloured points inside.  
2. Bright light spots, faintly pulsating.



### COMMENTS:

The sketch is drawn against the background of the witness' description, and therefore they have not to be understood as an exact rendering of the observed phenomenon.

There is some reason to query the given angle size, which should be about twice the full moon. This ought to cause sensation.

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### GIGANTIC "LANDING PRINTS" IN THE SNOW AT DRAMMEN.

The first report came in "Drammens Tidende og Buskerud Blad", 7.4.83:

A Drammen family, being on ski at Spiraltoppen yesterday evening, is

convinced that an UFO has landed in the area. 3-400 meters from the parking place they observed a circle, some more than half a meter deep, and in which there were soot-marks. One even meant there still was some smell of sulphur.

Later there are pointed out more prints - geometrical perfect - and with a dark, carbonic substance inside.

Willy Pettersen from NIVFO was the first coming there to investigate the case, but though it seemed quite mystical, the explanation was prosaic:

The Home Guard had had exercises on the spot, and they had managed to leave behind the mystical marks, which easily might have went into the UFO literature as a "landing".

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### MILITARY RADAR REGISTERED "SOMETHING", "WIDERØE AND SAS HUNTING UFOS IN THE DARK"

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Tuesday morning, two captains in SAS and Widerø, on their way towards Bodø, were given instructions to look for an "object", operating at the height of 6-7000 feet, and which was to be found in the airliner gate towards Bodø. The object made a speed of only 100 knots, which was not more than that of a helicopter.

The weather was quite bright when the pilots on Widerø-flight 712, a Dash-machine, got this curious information. But they observed nothing. For the rest, they were at the height of about 6-700 meters, and so the "thing" was below.

When they had landed, they were informed that the object was flying towards the west, and later, towards the north-west. The intention was probably to send out a military helicopter to find out what this was, but before it was in the air, the object was lost on the radar scope, west of Fleinvær.

A SAS-machine, on its way to Bodø, was also conducted towards the object, and for a short time, the "thing" was registered on the weather radar!

That evening the radar conditions were perfect, and since the observation lasted that long, a radar echo must have been out of the question. Actually, there were many flights in the air the same evening, and the pilots on the Widerø machine wondered for a while if perhaps a foreign helicopter, taking part in military exercises, was making fun. In the dark, however, this would be too risky, so that idea they put out of their heads.

The airliners from Widerø and SAS were conducted right towards the object, but without seeing anything from it. They were informed when they, according to the radar, had the object right below.

A bit surprising is why the air defence did not show a quicker reaction on this curious radar indication. In fact, the fighter planes from Bodø are generally not "slow off the mark" concerning cutting off foreign planes, which, of course, have nothing to do over our territory!

"Nordlandsposten", 18.3.1983.

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It is quite sure that NIVFO NORTH has cleared up also this UFO-cruise.

In the light of thorough investigations, the incident seems to have been a case with so-called "ducting", a condensed air accumulation, which are not visible, but which then reflects radar rays.

In "Verdens Gang" for 19.3.83, major Terje Øvergård at Defence Command North Norway, says the same. For the rest, he also suggests another possibility - that it might have been flock of birds.

NIVFO NORTH's investigation of the atmospheric conditions should, however, indicate that "ducting" is the real explanation.

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### MYSTICAL BEAMS OF LIGHT.

Place ... Lille Børnevann, Aust-Agder.

Date .... 3.4.83.

Time .... 22.05-23.00 p.m.

Witness.. Gunnar Nielsen (33)

OBJECT: Strong shining. The speed was low. There were course-and height changes. The object was about 200 meters above the ground !

Mr. Nielsen could tell that there were several cottage owners having observed the phenomenon. No one could find any reasonable explanation on the light. One of them was Per Røthe, who, at the same point of time, saw the light-phenomenon from his cottage at Hovden (near highroad 12).

Rødde was sure - that what he saw was connected with Nielsen's observation about 3 Norwegian miles from Hovden.

And here is Rødde's report:

About 22.15 p.m., he was notified by a neighbour, who drew his attention to a strong light, which seemed to come from the back of a mountain near by. At first he believed it was only the moon rising. But when he went out on the road, about 20 meters from the cottage, he realized that this could not be the case. He described the phenomenon as an exceptional strong light, which seemed to radiate from one or more points, gathered in a centre. It might look like strong searchlights. The light was some yellowish and shone up from the ground. He could not find anything to compare the brightness with - he had never seen anything like that. He had, for instance, often seen helicopters and searchlights, but compared with this, they were next to nothing.

Gunnar Nielsen mentioned that the brightness from the phenomenon could be compared with the headlights from a car coming towards him. Rødde's comment on this was that if the phenomenon had been observed three Norwegian miles farther away, the brightness might have appeared like that.

But there was a disagreement. Nielsen thought that he had observed the light near to Lille Bjørnevann, while Rødde was of opinion that the light must come from a place right behind a mountain top at Hovden. This might be due to that it was difficult for him to judge the distance when

the size of the object is not known.

Further, Rødde thought that the point from where the light came, must have turned, as the beams of light had changed direction from the west to a bit eastward. That also would agree with Nielsen's description of the brightness of the light.

In both cases the light was constant and steady until it disappeared. Rødde's observation lasted till about 22.30 p.m. Then the light had become fainter, and moved eastward. There was no audible sound. The weather was clear and calm, and the temperature was about minus seven degrees.

Besides, Rødde tells that he, the night before, had observed a "black object" which seemed to stand on the top of the mountain, in front of the place where he thought the light came from. This object also was seen by at least two other persons, who wondered what it might be. It doesn't necessarily have anything to do with the light phenomenon.

It may be of interest to mention that a married couple in Kristiansand has reported a shining object over the town, about 15 minutes before Nielsen made his observation. The object moved from the south to the north.

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Observation details are traced on zone maps (not room for here). The case will now be further investigated

INVESTIGATOR: John-Erik Aadland,  
NIVFO SOUTH.

## MYSTICAL OBJECT OVER LARVIK.

PLACE .... Larvik.  
DATE ..... 12.2.83.  
TIME ..... 13.10 - 13.35 p.m.  
WITNESS .. Odd Svendsen (62).

OBJECT ... Bright/metallic with red-lilac light. Low speed/great speed. There were also course-and speed changes (see sketch)

THE WITNESS TELLS: "My wife, neighbour and I were sitting at the kitchen table. Suddenly Andersen, our

neighbour becomes aware of the object.

It hangs still in the air towards east-north-east. The height we estimate to about 500 meters over Larviksfjorden. (Distance to the fjord is about 2 kilometers.)

At first the object stood still. Then suddenly, as was it taken by the wind, it was carried away. The speed did not exceed 20 km/h. Then the "wind" increases, and the object as well - to about 50 km/h-until it disappears in south-easterly direction. (1).

The whole time we could see the object in the binoculars. The lower part might look like two saucers, placed close towards each other. They are hanging on edge, and we can see them from the "narrow"

side. They have a metallic glare, and on the sides there are a red-lilac glow (light).

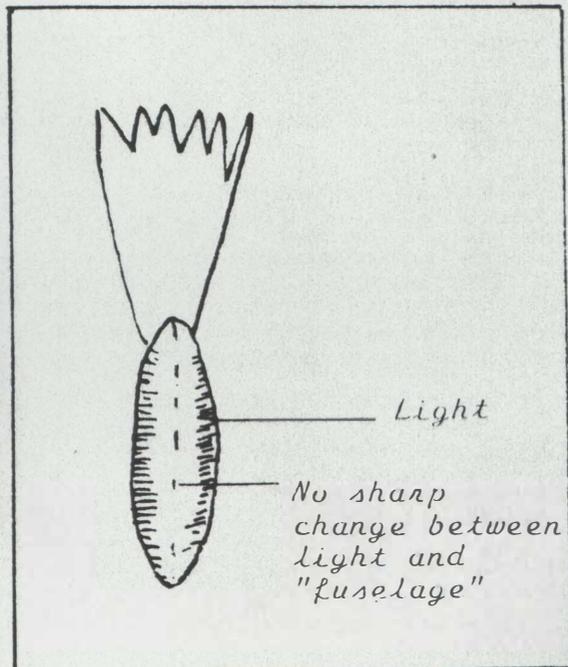
The saucer is fastened to something which look like a triangular aluminium plate, which is "torn" on one side. It has 5-7 pikes.

I went into the house to call the authorities, and in the meantime, the object disappeared.

After a few minutes we again discovered the object, now standing in west-south-westerly direction. And so it disappeared.

The weather was bright, calm, and the temperature was about 5 degrees above zero.

(The photo below is taken by Lars Bull, NIVFO)



#### COMMENTS:

(1) The object stood still on the sky in south-easterly direction before it disappeared. The greater part of the observation time was here.

Mr. Svendsen says that he estimates the size of the object to be twice as large as a parachutist. He thinks that a number of the reports in "Porsgrunn Dagblad" must refer to the same object.

Further data are not available yet.

(INVESTIGATOR: L. Bull, NIVFO EAST)

#### REPORTS FROM THE ÅLEN AREA ALSO IN THE YEAR 1972.

The night before Tuesday, on September 12, 1972, an UFO-like object followed a car all the way from Reitstøa in Midtre Gauldal to Graftås in Ålen. A married couple, coming originally from Holtålen, but now living in Røros, came driving in their car from Trondheim. At half past two in the night they passed Reitstøa, where they got sight of an UFO on the sky. The object followed the car all the way to Dragåsen, where it disappeared

behind a mountain top. At Konrad Haugen's home in Haltdalen, the object appeared again.

The object was oval and threw a blue flame over the tree-tops. The married couple stopped the car and went out to listen for sounds, but they heard nothing.

The UFO followed the car to Eidet bridge, where it again disappeared. The married couple drove to Graft-ås where they wanted to stay the night. Suddenly the oval object was there on the sky again. The man fetched a binoculars and studied the object for a long time, but when the headlights of the car were switched off, the object disappeared.

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On October 28, 1972, graduate civil engineer, Jørgen B. Lysholm, together with his wife, observed a cigar-formed object over Tydal, about 3 Norwegian miles north-east of Ålen. They discovered the object from their sitting-room-window at Moen farm.

Lysholm tells:

"The object was well under the cloud cover, and both my wife and I ran out on the courtyard, where we looked at it for 3-4 minutes.

Through my profession, I have been used to estimate distances and sizes, and in my opinion, the object was about 150 meters long, cigar-formed, but the end pointing forward, was a bit thicker. Further, on the basis of the cloud cover, I will estimate the speed to about 120 km/h.

At first the object was about 1000 meters above the ground. It rose and went down several times, and the speed varied. When the object disappeared, it was not more than 100 meters above the ground.

I have no doubt that what we saw this afternoon was an object of some kind, and no reflexion of the sun. To see whether the object had windows, was impossible because of the glaring light. The colour was like that of an orange reflex waistcoat. I could see no exhaust stripes.

I have never believed in UFOs, but now I have seen one with my own eyes", Lysholm says.

SOURCES: Newspapers, report from Lysholm.  
NIVFO's special part:  
"The prints at Namsenfjorden".

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### "MYSTICAL METAL" - ANALYSED BY NIVFO.

In a mining district, belonging to Elkem Spigerverk on Mårnes, south of Bodø, there was in spring 1979, found some small, strange metal- or stone clods. Mårnes is situated about halfway between Bodø and Gildeskål, where an unidentified, pipe-formed object was observed on January 16. (See News Letter, no. 1/83, page 10.) The find was sent for analysis at Elkem Spigerverk (Nail works) A/S, Salten Verk, in Straumen, from where the samples again were transferred to NIVFO.

The analysis report, made by the works, was to read as follows:

#### PHYSICAL:

Metallic shining, great crystals with longitudinal structure. Relatively small strength in great crystals. Great inner strength in small particles.

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION:

Co .....	15,6 %
As .....	Ca 10,0 %
S .....	28,8 %
Fe .....	5,5 %
SiO <sub>2</sub> .....	0,9 %
Cu .....	0,26%
Ca .....	0,21%
Mn .....	0,05%
Ni .....	0,025%
Al .....	Tracks
Cr .....	Tracks

Such about 44,66% of the substance remained unknown.

#### NIVFO's RESULT:

Here it was proved that the quantity of Fe (iron) was in all 32,5% instead of 5,5%

With that the unknown per cent is reduced to being explained as waste during the analysis and so on. The "mystical Mårnesitt" is not mystical any longer ...

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*The description above is an example of how a myth about a "find" could have entered a part of the UFO-literature.*

*If not a more thorough analysis had been made, someone probably would have found it reasonable to combine the Gildeskål observation with the find on Mårnes. And so one might refer to the laboratory analysis, with the "unknown" factor, and a new "solid" case would have been spread all over the world, possibly a cut more "solid" from magazine to magazine.*

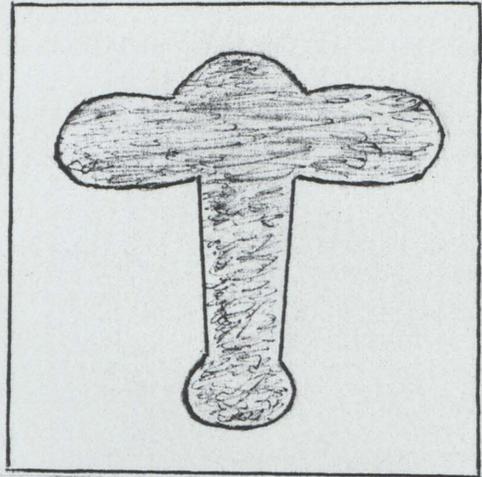
#### "MINIFLIGHT" OBSERVED IN NORDLI - 1975.

It was in the evening on July 7, in the year 1975. Farmer and boarding house owner, Egil Holand (53), his wife, Margit (48), Odd Holand (59), and Steinar Strand (42), were sitting in the boarding house kitchen, at one of the windows facing the 8 km. long Sandsjøen (a lake), The distance to the lake is about 120 meters.

#### HESSDALEN.

*At Easter, a team from NIVFO has stayed in Hessdalen, bringing with them measuring instruments, film equipment and so on. Nothing was seen or registered during these days. On the whole - last spring there have been a quiet time in Hessdalen, but yet further investigations will be made before long.*

Suddenly one of the men caught sight of something moving lengthwise the lake on a distance of about 2 kilometers, and thus not far from the southern shore. He warned the others, and at first they all believed it was a huge bird. It proved, however, to be an object, looking like a rather small plane, which seemed to fly with the wings aslant. Therefore, when the object neared, they could distinctly see the broad and comparatively short wings. The whole "plane" seemed lumpy and not much "aerodynamic". (See sketch below).



The colour was dark, almost black. The "plane" flew in easterly direction, near the surface of the sea, and made small swinging movements up and down over the rippled water.

The speed was estimated to 90-100 km/h. At last the "plane" disappeared towards some trees. - No sound was heard.

(Investigated by Anton Lidstrøm, NIVFO)