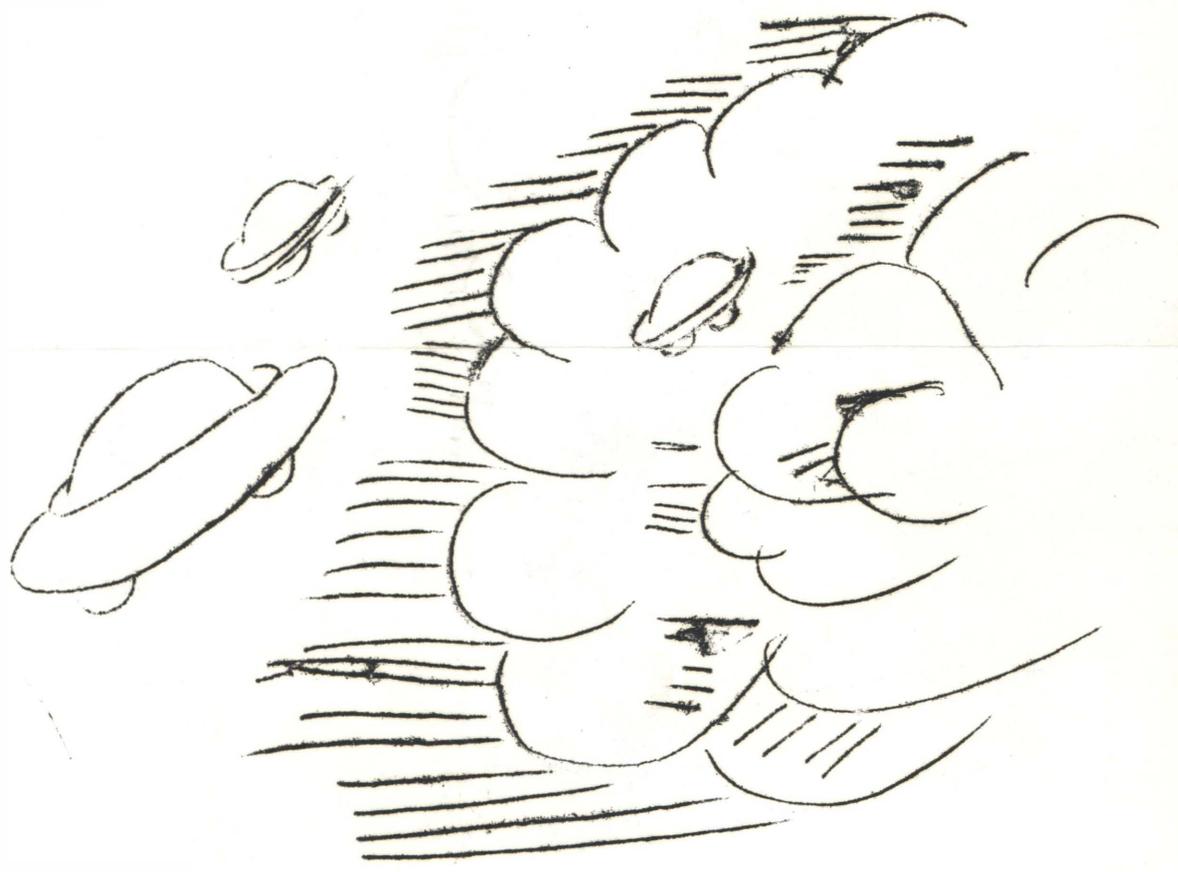


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Sighting Report.

Location of sighting: approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of Saxilby.

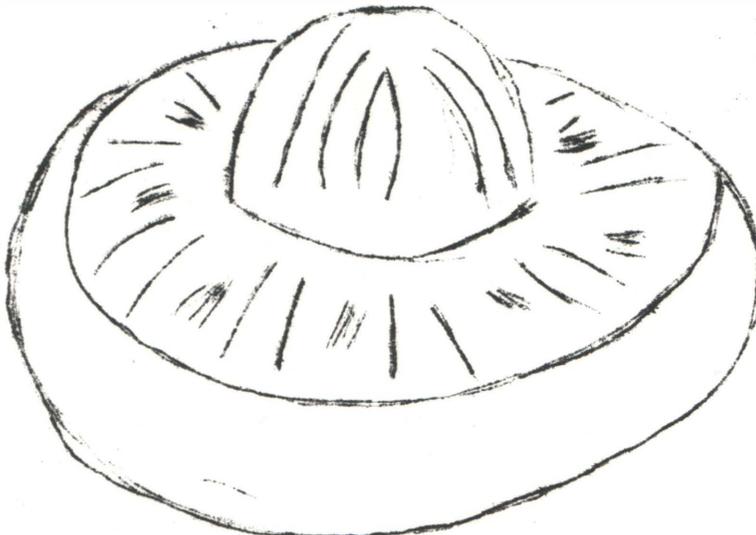
Time of sighting: 2.35am. Date: 28.3.69.

Witness: Mr. John Horton, of Saxibly, nr. Lincoln.

Direction of object when first sighted, approx. N.E. Elevation approx. 100-150ft. Described as being as high as a Vulcan coming in to land at Scampton aerodrome which lays NNE of observer. Weather conditions, fair with very little cloud. It was fine and stars could be seen quite easily. Colour of object, blue around outside with yellow to orange in the centre. Size, somewhat bigger than a full moon. Shape was hazy, see diagram below. Mr. Horton states that it was impossible to detect whether the object was metallic or not.

Mr. Horton was working on a night shift at this particular time and he was on his way to do some repair work in another part of the factory, which necessitated him going some distance along the outside of the main works. He was going about his business when the object caught his eye, at first he thought it was a vulcan going in to land at Scampton, but the 'drome was in complete darkness, so he knew this could not be. Also to verify this fact, there was no noise of any description, and the object was stationary. The colours were different from any lights ever seen on vulcan aircraft, of which we get quite used to around these parts. The lights were pulsating in a manner to suggest something like radiation, glowing from dim to bright. After watching the object for some 30 seconds it then began to glow exceptionally bright but not glaring. It then proceeded to climb away in a northerly direction at a very fast rate, disappearing from view in approx. 5-6 seconds. Mr. Horton is adamant about the sighting and swears it was not any known craft he had ever seen, nor was it a star or anything of that nature. He stated he just could not find an answer for it and wishes someone would explain what he saw. After the object had disappeared he says he was left with bewilderment and was somewhat apprehensive. He describes the feeling like one used to get when the alert siren used to sound during the war years, something like butterflies in the tummy. The experience so affected him that he retraced his steps back to the workshop. He informs me that he has told no-one except his wife and myself for fear of ridicule. He also says the apprehensive feeling still persists, and when going outside he always looks at the sky now.

Interview and report: Mr. H.A.Thompson.



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Invasion From Space? "Mystery" Satellite Seen By Astronauts.

Russian astronaut Vladimir Komarov was a brave man with a scientist's relentless curiosity. He was one of Russia's most experienced and capable spacemen. So what could he have seen from the observation windows of the giant Voskhod 1 which made him direct his two-man crew to cut short the flight and put the craft on to an emergency course back to Earth, under conditions amounting to panic?

On October 12, 1964, Voskhod 1 was scheduled to orbit for at least five days. Why did it return to Earth after 24 hours?

Recordings of radio transmissions between Voshkod and ground control indicate that the spacecraft's crew had seen something strange and inexplicable

inexplicable in orbit - something that terrified them so much that they made a hasty and unscheduled descent from space. Just what they actually saw has not been revealed by the Russians. Probably, it never will be. Vladimir Komarov can no longer help unravel the mystery. He was killed in April 1967 when his Soyuz 1 capsule plunged into the Earth under unopened parachutes.

But he is by no means the only astronaut to sight - and even photograph - inexplicable objects in space....objects which are unlike anything ever put into orbit by Russia or the West. Indeed, some of them were so huge that there was no rocket gear in existence at the time which could have hurled them into space.

They are the "mystery satellites" orbiting the Earth, and no nation will officially discuss them. The United States even set up a special committee to gather facts about them, but its findings were put under secrecy wraps - where they still are.

It was in February, 1960, that the first discovery of a mysterious "spy in the sky" was made - and it caused a sensation in the U.S. Defence Department. Which was hardly surprising: the North American Air Defence System's radar tracking gear had picked up what appeared to be a satellite weighing at least 15 tons - far in excess of anything capable of being put into orbit in 1960.

It was quickly established that the satellite had not been launched by either the United States or Russia. For a start, it was in the wrong kind of orbit.

The "mystery satellite's" path took it over the North and South Poles, whereas the orbits of satellites fired from the Soviet Union were invariably inclined at 65 degrees to the equator, which took them over South America and North Africa.

The mystery satellite of February, 1960, was the first of a whole series of strange space phenomena which have been baffling scientists for the past eight years. On September 3, 1960, seven months after the first sighting, it was revealed that a mystery object had been photographed in the sky over New York by a tracking camera at the Grumann Aircraft Corporation's Long Island factory.

On May 15, 1963, a Mercury capsule, carrying Major Gordon Cooper, blasted into space from Cape Canaveral on a 22-orbit journey round the Earth. During his final orbit, the astronaut told the tracking station at Muchea, near Perth in Australia, that he could see a "glowing greenish object" ahead of him. It seemed to be approaching the spacecraft... and it was travelling very fast.

Whatever Cooper saw, it was solid - because it was picked up by Muchea's tracking radar, travelling east to west. Cooper's sighting was reported by the National Broadcasting Company, who were covering the flight step by step. But when Cooper landed, reporters were barred from questioning him about the incident. No official statement about it was ever made.

Two years later, in June 1965, astronauts Edward White - who was later to die tragically in the Apollo capsule blaze - and James McDivitt were passing over Hawaii in their two-man Gemini spacecraft when they saw a weird-looking metallic object some distance away. The thing appeared to have long arms sticking out.

McDivitt took pictures of the thing with a cine camera - pictures that were never released. The official explanation (US Air Force) was that the astronauts had seen America's Pegasus satellite - which is equipped with broad, protruding "arms" to register hits from micro-meteorites.

But the Air Force had forgotten one thing; when White and McDivitt passed over Hawaii, Pegasus had been more than a thousand miles away... So what did the two astronauts see?

From America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration, there is still "no comment". But one NASA specialist, in an unguarded moment, did let slip to reporters that the object photographed by McDivitt "looked like no satellite launched from Earth".

What have all these men seen? Many highly reputable scientists are now convinced that the "mystery satellites" in orbit around the Earth can only have been placed there by an "alien intelligence". In other words, someone is watching us - just as our space probes observe the planets of the Solar System.

Who are they, what they want... only time will tell.

Bruce Sandham.

Cape Times, Weekend Magazine, July 20th. 1968.