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Crew Claims a UFO Followed Plane Across the Arctic Circle

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — The crew of a Japan Air Lines cargo jet claimed that a mysterious UFO with bright flashing white and yellow lights followed it across the Arctic Circle en route from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Tokyo.

The three-man crew radioed air traffic controllers in Anchorage, reporting the huge UFO flying "in formation" with them, and the controller in charge of the Boeing 747 picked up the second unknown object on his radar screen, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke said yesterday.

But Steucke said electronically recorded radar data shows no second object and "we can't reconcile the difference."

The Air Force also reported briefly seeing a second object

on radar, but Alaska Air Command Capt. Robert Morris said officials believe the object may have been some sort of "random clutter or weather interference."

The strange sight reported by the pilot, copilot and flight engineer of JAL Flight 1628 remains a mystery.

Flight 1628 had left Reykjavik, flying over the North Pole to Tokyo with a stop in Anchorage. Following the UFO sighting, it landed at Anchorage International Airport and FAA security manager Jim Derry interviewed all three crewmen.

According to the FAA account, lights appeared only a mile from the plane as it crossed the Arctic Circle about 30 miles southeast of the town of Fort Yukon.

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Riesiges UFO verfolgte Fracht-Jumbo

ANCHORAGE (dpa) Ein riesiges unbekanntes Flugobjekt (UFO), das angeblich eine japanische Frachtmaschine über Alaska verfolgte, gibt zur Zeit in den USA Rätsel auf. Der Zwischenfall, der sich bereits am 17. November ereignet hatte, ist von der US-Luftfahrtbehörde FAA und der Luftwaffe teilweise bestätigt worden. Das unbekannte Objekt war auf den Radarschirmen der FAA und der Air Force gesichtet worden.

Der in Anchorage (Alaska) stationierte Flugkapitän Kenju Terauchi (47), der seit 29 Jahren als Pilot tätig ist, schilderte das UFO als riesiges walnußförmiges Gebilde, das „zweimal größer als ein Flugzeugträger“ gewesen und von zwei kleineren Objekten begleitet worden sei.

Das beleuchtete fliegende Objekt sei parallel zu dem Jumbo-Jet der Japan Airlines geflogen und habe sich ihm so weit genähert, daß er die FAA über Funk um Erlaubnis gebeten haben, ein Ausweichmanöver zu fliegen.

Er habe die Flughöhe daraufhin um mehr als tausend Meter verringert und sei Kurven geflogen, berichtete Terauchi, aber „sie folgten uns immer noch“. Der Pilot kann sich die überirdisch schnelle und wendige Erscheinung nur so erklären, daß es sich um eine Flugmaschine von Außerirdischen handelte.

Die Flugkontrolle der FAA berichtete, das auf dem Radarschirm beobachtete Objekt habe den JAL-Flug 1628 mindestens 32 Minuten lang begleitet und sich dem Jumbo dabei bis auf fünf Meilen genähert. Dem Kapitän kam es noch erheblich länger vor.

Auf die Frage, warum das UFO wohl ausgerechnet seine Frachtmaschine verfolgt habe, hatte Terauchi lächelnd eine einleuchtende Erklärung parat: „Wir hatten Beaujolais an Bord, einen sehr berühmten Wein aus Frankreich. Vielleicht wollten sie ihn trinken.“

Gen. J. Melescu

Air force head admits proof of UFO

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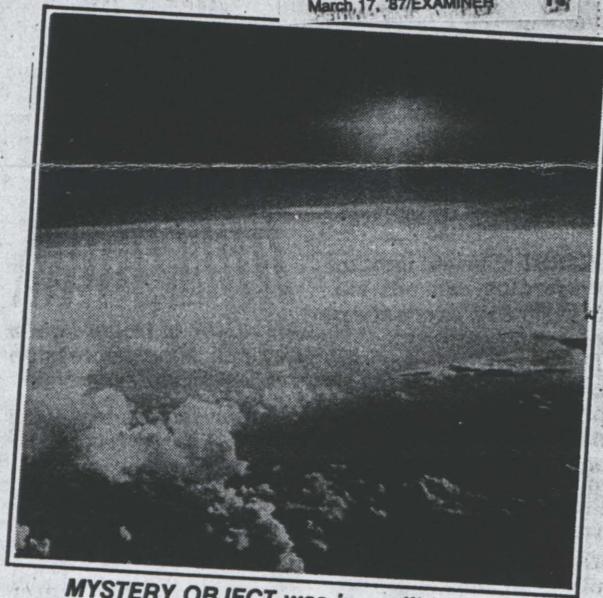
AN AIR FORCE chief has admitted he has rock-solid proof his men spotted and tracked a UFO.

Only after an exhaustive two-year investigation by aeronautical experts did Zimbabwe Air Commodore David Thorne see fit to reveal the findings relating to the mind-boggling sighting.

Dozens of people witnessed a round object topped by a cone streak over southern Zimbabwe, according to a report in a magazine.

"We have not been able to identify the object," Thorne said. "We have had to classify it as a UFO. Our estimates indicates that the UFO was traveling at the speed of sound."

After the mysterious spacecraft was spotted, air traffic controllers tracked it on radar.



MYSTERY OBJECT was incredibly shiny.

"Two air force jets went after the object," adds Thorne. "The pilots described the object as incredibly shiny, reflecting

the colors of the sunset." But as night fell, the team tracking the UFO realized it was giving off its own light.

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We're Going to Ruin the Ending: The Split-Radar Returns Did It

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Publishers who sell paperback mysteries for \$2.98 may be envious of the Federal Aviation Administration's regional office in Anchorage, Alaska. The office is offering a pricey mystery that's drawing a lot of attention—a \$194.30 unbound collection of reports dealing with the celebrated sighting of a UFO by a Japan Air Lines pilot over the Arctic Ocean last Nov. 17.

"We've sold 50 complete packages so far," and received about 300 orders for portions, says Paul Steucke, an FAA spokesman in Anchorage.

Glossy Color Photos

In consideration of UFO-watchers whose resources aren't astronomical, the agency will sell separately any of the 20 items in the collection. These include a \$50 cassette recording of the conversation between flight controllers and the JAL crew during the 50-minute encounter, and a \$56 set of glossy color photos of radar readouts. The prices are based on the cost of reproducing the materials.

Orders continue to roll in despite the FAA's conclusion—in a separate report that costs nothing—that it couldn't substantiate the sighting. Its technical experts in Atlantic City, N.J., said blips on a radar screen that appeared to confirm an object

in the vicinity of the JAL jet were actually "split-radar returns"—shadows of the plane's primary echo.

The conclusion was bolstered, says Mr. Steucke, by a report of a United Airlines pilot who, at the request of Anchorage flight controllers, flew near the path of the JAL jet at the time of the mysterious radar readings. He saw no other aircraft.

The FAA normally doesn't get into either the UFO or the publishing business. But it investigated this incident because an aircraft might have ventured unreported into the airspace of the JAL cargo carrier, which was en route from Iceland to Anchorage, Mr. Steucke says.

A Pilot's View

And though the agency routinely makes certain reports available, it has been as mystified by the demand for its costly documents as some people are by the sighting itself. But the graphic testimony of Kenju Terauchi, the JAL pilot who reported the sighting, probably hasn't hurt sales.

He told the FAA immediately after the incident that he had been followed by two strands of lights, pulsating with amber glows, and a huge craft that appeared to be a "mother ship." He later said the large UFO was the "size of two battleships" and appeared to be made by "a very high technology and intelligence."

FAA says UFO on radar screen was just a double image of jet

United Press International

ANCHORAGE — Federal investigators say a review of radar tapes failed to show a UFO shadowing a Japan Air Lines cargo jet, contradicting reports made by the crew and the air-traffic controller who handled the plane.

The Federal Aviation Administration's examination of the tapes shows what appears to be a second object near JAL Flight 1628 on Nov. 17, but investigators now think it is a double image from the Boeing 747, FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said yesterday.

On Dec. 29 the FAA released details of the UFO sighting, revealing the flight controller handling the jet saw an object on radar five

miles from the plane. The Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center directed the crew to take evasive maneuvers, including a 4,000-foot drop and a 360-degree turn.

Co-pilot Takanori Tamefuji, 39, said yesterday he did not know why the FAA first confirmed a nearby object and now dismisses it as an image of the 747.

In his second interview with the FAA Tuesday, Tamefuji reiterated that he saw lights, and Steucke said, "The co-pilot's testimony supported the pilot's."

The FAA is satisfied with the double-image explanation, the agency is continuing with interviews of the crew and a

review of data, Steucke said.

Steucke said the pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer have told the same story: Blinking yellow, amber and green lights appeared too close to their plane for comfort.

The FAA says the controller apparently misinterpreted what he saw on his screen. But Steucke defended the controller's response, saying, "He had a pilot tell him he was seeing something right there. This is not something where he can take a risk even if it is a double image."

The radar image seen in the JAL cockpit and by the controller also appeared intermittently on Air Force radar. Air Force spokesmen dismissed it as "random clutter."

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