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Encounters Getting Closer

## Women See UFO on the Ground

FOREMAN, Ark. — The close encounters here are getting closer, and what had been a fun curiosity for many residents — seeing unusual lights in the sky — is transforming to fear. Three women say they saw one of the objects on the ground for about two minutes Tuesday night. That's too close for comfort.

Tabby Dossett, Kay McElhannon and Tampa McElhannon were returning to Foreman Tuesday night from Nelly's Tom Cafe when they spotted a row of six white lights in the sky. They discussed them, and children with them became afraid, said Ms. Dossett, 19.

The three women changed the subject, but when they reached the McElhannon home, some two miles east of Foreman at about 8:30, Kay McElhannon phoned Margaret Sharp, one of three women who reported they'd been chased by a UFO earlier this month. Margaret Sharp describes what happened next:

"Kay was describing the lights to me and asking me if they were like what I saw. All of a sudden she started screaming, and I heard the kids screaming in the background. 'My God,' she yelled. 'It's here! It's here! God help us!'"

Tabby Dossett said she and Tampa McElhannon were both screaming and crying and wondering what was outside the house, only about 75 yards away. The women said they saw a glowing white object near the barn, an object roughly the size of a large car, which glowed with a reddish tint at first, then turned solid white.

That really doesn't accurately describe it, Kay McElhannon says. It was more like the clear bulbs on a Christmas tree, but glowing. The object shined with so much brilliance that you could see the red color of the

barn, Mrs. McElhannon said. The light grew brighter, then dimmer, then brighter, she said. She walked outside to a gate, about 50 yards from the object. As she stood there, it disappeared.

"It just disappeared like you'd turn off a light," she said.

"We call that a close encounter of the second kind," said Paul Rutherford, Bowie County, Texas representative for the international Mutual UFO Network. Rutherford has examined the sight and conducted crude tests of the area. "There's definitely something there," he says. He expects to find radiation.

Rutherford and the Arkansas president of the UFO Network, Bill Mazur, will this afternoon take soil samples from where the object was seen as well as samples from the surrounding soil for comparison. They will use a Geiger counter and other equipment to make an exhaustive examination of the area. A U.S. Navy physicist in Washington, D.C. will likely conduct the soil analysis, Rutherford said.

Tabby Dossett said she was one of those who had laughed about the

sightings near Foreman. Though she had joined others last week south of Foreman looking for the lights, Tuesday night's "on ground" sighting was the first time she had seen anything peculiar.

"I had told people I wouldn't believe it until I saw it with my own eyes," she said. Now she believes there's something, although she's not sure what.

Like Margaret Sharp, Kay McElhannon acknowledges she's now afraid of whatever those objects are. And she knows what some people think of the sightings. "If there hadn't been two other people with me when I saw it, I wouldn't even say anything about it," she said.

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## Zena's UFO has cops in a spin

POLICE couldn't believe their eyes when they answered a midnight call from a schoolgirl astronomer.

For they found themselves keeping watch on a UFO!

Eight officers spent 40 minutes tracking the heavenly body with 16-year-old Zena Sfeir's telescope and binoculars.

The sighting was reported to the Civil Aviation Authority but they had no explanation for the glowing, pulsating, saucer-shaped object.

It has now been officially reported as a UFO by Kensington police in West London.

### Official

Zena, who watched it for more than two hours and drew sketches, said: "At first it looked round, grey-green with pink blobs on it.

"It was shimmering and when it turned round completely it seemed an electric blue colour with flashing lights. It was incredible."

Zena decided she wanted someone else to see it who would make the sighting official. So she rang the police.

Zena added: "At first — one policeman came, making jokes. But when he looked through the telescope his face dropped. He radioed his mates and they were all astounded."

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# Mystery fireball

RAF EXPERTS are probing the mystery of a "fireball" which floated down in front of a car driver and disappeared before his eyes...

The football sized object was spotted flying low over Sunnyside Road, at Rotherham before coming in to land.

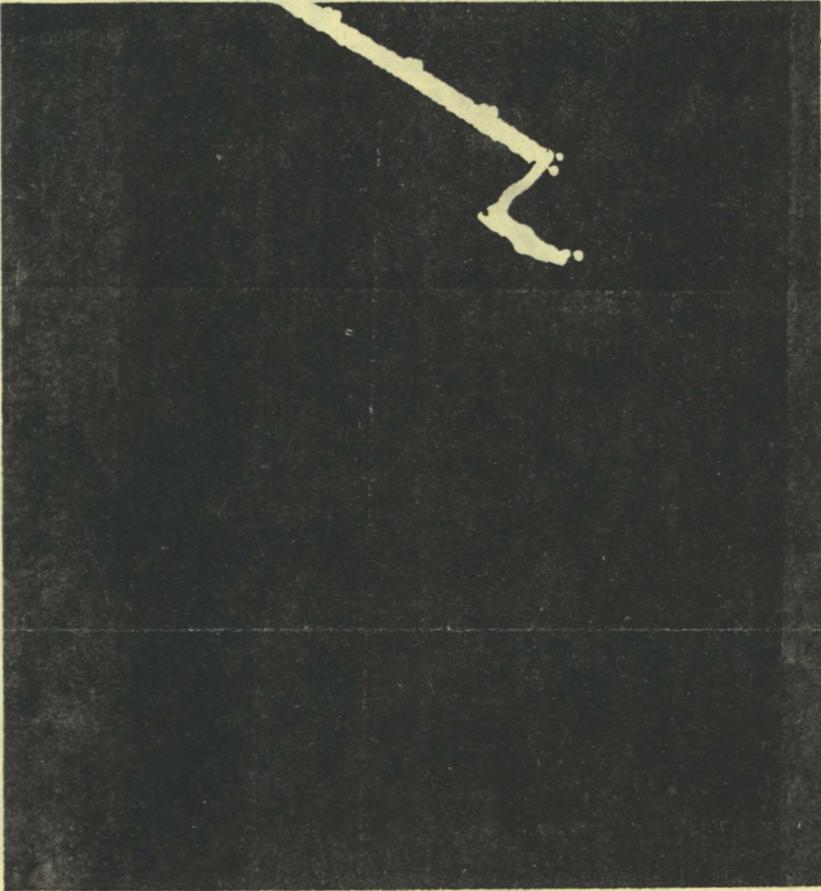
JCB driver Jimmy Wilson, was scraping ice from his car when he spotted the apparently white hot ball coming in to land.

But as he walked towards it it started to fizzle and disappeared,

says the 40-year-old father of two of Larch

"It was the oddest thing I've ever seen and I must admit it was certainly frightening at first," he said.

Local UFO Investigators say several eye witnesses had backed Mr. Wilson's sighting.



HERE'S A TIME-LAPSE photography shot of what residents near Foreman are seeing, among other things. The above photo, taken by the (Ashdown, Ark.) Little River News on Monday, was taken over 30 seconds with a camera f-stop of 4 and a 300 mm lens. The object appeared to have made two 90-degree turns and fly in a straight path within the 30 seconds. A spate of UFO sightings near Foreman, including the report of an object on the ground this week, has brought a gaggle of reporters, photographers, astronomers and UFO researchers to the area. An astronomer reviewed this and other photos taken by the Little River News and said the paths do not follow that of stars or planets.

## UFO Sightings Reported By Passengers On 2 Flights In China

BEIJING (AP) — Passengers on two flights to Xinjiang, China's most northwestern province, have reported UFO sightings, an official report said Sunday.

Xinhua, the state-run news agency, said a passenger on a flight from Beijing to Urumqi, the provincial capital, sighted the unidentified flying object to the right in front of the plane at 9:35 p.m. Friday.

When the flight crew made contact with airports, the crew was told that no other plane had been in the area at that time.

The object was described as being about the size of a basketball and sending out a beam like a searchlight. The crew sent a light signal to the object but got no response, Xinhua said.

Three minutes later, the object changed directions and headed

north, then split into two, with a smaller ball above a bean-shaped object. They were spinning at high speed and gave off a ring of green light, the news agency said.

By 9:48 p.m., the objects had disappeared, according to the crew.

Half an hour later, passengers aboard a flight from Canton to Urumqi sighted the object over the same area in western Xinjiang, Xinhua said.

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## The First Fleet lands from Mars

AUSTRALIA was first settled by little black men; then the little white men came along; and now it looks like the little green men are here.

If what is happening in the centre of the Nullarbor Plain is not just another crazy UFO story, 1988 is about to go down as the year the First Fleet arrived from Mars.

It all began yesterday morning at 5.30, when the Knowles family was driving eastward along the Eyre Highway for a holiday in Victoria.

Suddenly, out of the pre-dawn darkness roared a strange unearthly noise that shattered their serenity.

A large square object descended from the sky, clamped itself on to the roof of their car, and hoisted them all into the air.

As Mrs Kay Knowles told police later, she and her three teenage sons were terrified.

The roof was squeezed. The noise got louder and all four began to think their time was up.

Suddenly, The Thing let go. The car crashed to the ground, bursting a tyre as it hit.

All four jumped out and scrambled into the roadside bushes to hide until The Thing had left.

"They certainly had an encounter with something," said Sergeant Fred Longley, who interviewed the family at Ceduna police station.

"It's got us completely

baffled. All they saw was an object about three foot square which came down on top of their car.

"We've examined the vehicle and there are definitely dent marks in the roof. The wheels have been damaged too.

"Everyone else here in the station is pretty sceptical but I'm keeping an open mind."

The story has been backed up by a truck driver who was driving in front of the Knowles's car.

He did not see the incident, but he did see The Thing.

At first he thought it was the headlights of an on-coming vehicle. But then the lights moved upwards and swooped over his cabin.

In fact weird lights have been reported from all over this section of the Nullarbor.

At Eukla, at Christmas, the local roadhouse is said to have been buzzed by the strange Thing.

It was night time and the staff thought it might have been a lost aircraft.

In fact, they went so far as to switch on the landing lights at the nearby airstrip just in case the pilot wanted to come down.

Apparently something did it swooped low over the airfield, and then banked sharply and sped off to the west.

Perhaps it was men from Mars.

Or perhaps it was someone who just wanted to attract the tourists.