

# 'Not necessarily' a flying saucer

**SANTIAGO, Thursday (AAP - Reuter). —** The commander of the Chilean Antarctic base which took colour photographs of an unidentified flying object at the weekend believes it would be "adventurous" to say it was a flying saucer.

Air Force Commander Mario Jahn Barrera said "It was something that moved at a frightening speed, zig-zagging and giving off a blue-green light. And it was something solid, which caused interference in the base's electromagnetic equipment."

He emphasised in a radio-telephone interview published here in the newspaper *El Mercurio*. "It was not a star. Neither did I think it was an earth-built aircraft.

"I belong to the Air Force, and no apparatus constructed by man to date has anything like this, either in shape, speed,

manoeuvrability or other characteristics."

Pictures of the object would not be available until next March, because the base had no facilities for developing colour film.

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sighted by a British Antarctic base, and confirmed the next day by both the Chilean and Argentine bases, both of which agreed on its colour and manoeuvres.

Commander Jahn said that the object hovered for several minutes.

Scientists and Defence Ministry experts, while accepting the evidence, are sceptical on its "extra-terrestrial" origin.

Hugo Moreno, a leading astronomer at the University of Chile, said such phenomena could be explained by physical occurrences in the upper atmosphere.