

EYE WITNESSES ARGUE OVER UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

LONDON, Wednesday (AAP - Reuter).— A fiery unidentified flying object paid a brief visit to Europe before dawn yesterday, prompting scores of contradictory eye-witness reports.

Most people who saw the UFO over England, France, Germany and Italy were certain that it emitted a bright red glow. But a man in Verona, Italy, insisted that it was blue.

Some eye-witnesses saw an aircraft crashing, but others saw something like a "flaming football", an "incandescent globe", or a cigar-shaped missile with a flaming tail.

In Italy, witnesses were sure that there was more than one object.

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Astronomers in Britain, France and Italy all sharply disagreed, like everyone else.

Shooting star

"I think the most likely explanation is that it was a satellite re-entering the atmosphere", said a spokesman for the Royal Greenwich Observatory, near London.

A British Royal Air

Force spokesman agreed, but in France Professor Louis Arbey, of the National Astronomical Observatory, at Besancon, said it was probably a shooting star.

"There were five of the objects", said Mr Pino Pini, director of the Im-

rini, director of the Imperia Observatory, on the Italian Riviera.

"Two of them were higher than the others", he said. "Their speed was not very high.

"We were able to follow them for about 20 seconds as they travelled in a south-easterly direction".