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# 'UFOs are American aircraft'

LONDON, Sunday  
(AAP-Reuter). — The  
British Defence Ministry  
has solved the mystery  
of a flurry of unidenti-  
fied flying objects over  
the country this week.

The "fiery crosses"  
sighted in the past few days  
are American aircraft re-  
fuelling at high altitudes,  
the Ministry said yesterday.

The Ministry said that  
the sightings were "defi-  
nitely" mid-air refuelling  
exercises by 12 USAF air-  
craft in formations of  
three.

And similar exercises  
probably explained sight-  
ings of "fiery crosses" ear-  
lier in the week, the Min-  
istry said.

For the past week Britain  
has puzzled over reports  
of objects described by  
policemen and other ob-  
servers as a series of bright  
lights shaped like a cross.