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Riddle of UFOs over Devon road

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POLICEMEN TELL OF 80 mph CHASE

Large, bright and shape of cross, they say

TWO police constables had an eighty miles an hour chase after what they described as an unidentified flying object over a Devon road early today.

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said "The constables said it was very large, bright and in the shape of a cross."

Later the constables reported seeing the object again and this time it was joined by a second, similar object.

Police-constables Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott were in

a patrol car at about 4 a.m. when they first saw the object, on the Holsworthy to Hatherleigh road.

Constable Willey is based at Okehampton, and Constable Waycott at Winkleigh nearby. Both are family men and in their thirties.

The nearest they got to the object, they said, was about forty yards. It was at about tree-top height.

Course

The spokesman said: "It followed a course over the road on which they were travelling, and they were doing eighty m.p.h. at one time. Then it left them. It appeared to stop in a field, and they stopped and got out—but it disappeared."

It was at 4.16 a.m. that the constables reported that they had been watching the object for about 15 minutes.

At 4.23 a.m. they reported that it had reappeared. This time a second object made its appearance.

The constables were joined by a motorist, Mr. Christopher Garner, of Hatherleigh.

The police spokesman said: "He told the constables that he thought he was having a nightmare."

They finally reported disappearance of the objects at 4.58 a.m.—nearly an hour after the

Exeter police headquarters checked with Chivenor Royal Air Force station and the city airport.

The night over central Devon was cloudy.