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# Something in sky, and that's official

A further sighting of the "Flying Cross" by an experienced amateur astronomer has convinced the Royal Observatory that "there is something up there which is not a star or a planet."

The observatory statement followed an investigation into a report by 25-year-old Mr. Peter Baker, a hospital clerk, from Hastings, whose spare time is devoted to sky-watching. Mr. Baker saw the bright light at about 6.40 a.m. on Wednesday.

The observatory thought it might be Venus and asked him to watch again yesterday morning. He did—and saw Venus at 7 o'clock. What he saw on Wednesday was also brighter and further to the north, he reported.

"Since Wednesday morning was very cloudy it is certain that the bright object he saw was on this side of the clouds, and that there is something up there which is not a star or a planet," the Royal Observatory spokesman concluded.

## Mysterious

A "weather balloon" theory has also been scotched by a meteorological office following the sighting of mysterious lights heading towards Wales which were spotted at dawn yesterday over Gloucester.

The local meteorological office said it was "out of the question" that they were weather balloons.

Mrs. Gillian Hyett, of Highnam, watched the lights for an hour with her eight-year-old daughter, Susan. "There were two of them, one bigger than the other, and they looked like the stars portrayed in the nativity scenes," said Mrs. Hyett.

"They definitely moved quickly towards Wales and then disappeared. The next thing we knew they were in the same place again. Both disappeared at about 8 a.m."

## MP's demand

In the light of the latest sightings in Devon, Mr. Peter Mills, Conservative M.P. for Torrington, is also pressing the Minister of Defence, Mr. Denis Healey, to make a statement.

Glyn Prince, aged seven, and his mother, Mrs. Jean Prince, of Highworth Road, Stratton, near Swindon, reported seeing the object yesterday morning.

Mrs. Prince said, "Glyn called me at 7 a.m. to tell me there was something funny in the sky. I went outside and saw it. It was just like a cross and very bright."

The object was also seen twice within three hours by policemen patrolling the edge of Dartmoor early yesterday.