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Sky objects—official

The "Flying Cross" scare is growing. A further sighting of one 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.

Flares

Mr. Baker saw the bright light at about 6.40 a.m. on Wednesday.

But reports of sightings continued to come in from responsible quarters last night.

Two BBC television engineers on duty at the North Hessary Tor television station on Dartmoor, Mr. Peter Walker and

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Mr. Peter Crook, saw an object over the area.

Services personnel on nearby firing ranges also saw the object and sent up flares.

Mr. Crook estimated the speed of the object as 200 m.p.h. It was shaped like a cross with a bright light at the nose and three other lights.

A second object with a single pulsating light came into view as the first disappeared.

It passed over the 688 feet television mast which is 1,690 feet above sea level and less than a quarter-of-a-mile from Dartmoor Prison.

Police-constable Derek Roper

and four boys also reported seeing the crosses in the sky.

The police were also called out at Hayling Island, when three boys saw one of the objects hovering about 300 feet above the houses before heading out to sea.