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Subject: Major UFO Alert in UK?

Dear Colleagues,

This is a news-breaking story which has been developing all day (Tuesday 25 March).

Last night (Monday 24 March) between 9.30pm and 9.50pm, three independent reports were received by South Yorkshire Police of an aircraft in trouble, apparently flying low circular patterns close to the Hope Forest and Marjorie Hill [sic] which borders South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire. One member of the public told police they heard a loud explosion. This was close to the Ladybower [sic] reservoir on the A57 Snake Pass road. (This reservoir is famous for its use in training the 'Dambuster' teams of WWII).

The Police Press office have been inundated with telephone calls all day following media announcements as early as 6.15am this morning. Seven mountain rescue teams were called out from South Yorkshire & Derbyshire. No aircraft has been reported missing and no wreckage found. The search has now been called off.

Members of the public observed two Sea King helicopters hovering over the area, and there were reports of at least six military aircraft in the region. According to one witness, these were in pursuit of a UFO.

Around this same time, dozens of eye-witnesses in Wigan, Lancashire (most out to observe Comet Hale-Bopp) observed a huge flying triangle overhead. At Baildon Moor, Shipley, West Yorkshire, a flight of military jets were seen in close formation heading West over the Pennines into Lancashire.

The phones have not stopped ringing all day and I would be interested to discover if colleagues have been likewise engaged. Teams are making their way to the area this evening to liaise with other researchers to acquire more information.

Best regards,

Graham W. Birdsall [Editor]

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