

England

Interesting report from the Isle of Wight

Our friend who sent the following report omitted the name of the newspaper but he suggests the report refers to an incident on October 11, 1976. The way the report reads it would seem to be a local newspaper, possibly the I. of W. County Times:

"There have been reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects over the Island on Monday night.

"Mrs. Shirley Rimmer, a nurse, of Furrongs, Pan Estate, Newport, said her young son, Mark, and children of a neighbour ran inside 'terrified' when two large white discs appeared overhead before zooming off at speed with a noise like a thunderclap followed by what sounded like the ringing of bells.

"The houses trembled and I remember thinking, 'I hope it's not one of those earthquakes that have been happening around the world,' she said.

"Mr. Tim Woodward of Ashknowle Lane, Whitwell, said his house shook, then he heard a loud bang.

Rushing outside, he saw five very large silver-grey oval-shaped objects moving at 'terrific speed.' Shortly after, the objects stopped and hovered over the Godshill area, before moving off again.

"Seventeen-year-old Andrew Gordon of Priory Walk, Niton, also saw several large discs and heard a loud noise adding, 'At first, I thought it was warships firing their guns.'

"Island police confirmed on Tuesday that the incident had been reported to them.

"A spokesman said the reports seemed to be made in good faith, and would be included on special forms with which the police are issued by a centre in London which collects such information."

Credit: David J. Hatchwell of Shoreham.

[I deliberately emphasised the last paragraph in bold type. It would be interesting to know which centre collects this information, presumably on an official basis. If any of our policemen readers know, I would be pleased to learn, entirely in confidence, of course. - EDITOR]

Iran

Jets chase saucer

This report was taken from the Nairobi newspaper, *The Standard*, of September 22, 1976. An Agency (A.F.P.) report, it was datelined Teheran, Tuesday (September 21, 1976):

"Iranian Authorities confirmed here last night that two air force Phantom jets chased a 'flying saucer' over the capital on Saturday.

"The two pilots reported they were chased in their turn by the mysterious object.

"The interceptors took off after Mehrabad civil airport controllers spotted a round object giving off red, blue and green light. When they intercepted the saucer at 1,800 metres, it shot off at 'several times the speed of sound', only to return and pursue them.

"When the pilots tried to open fire on it, their electronics and radio-communication systems were 'suddenly paralysed'."

Credit: A.P. Nield of Nairobi, Kenya.

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