

Tronstad, drove along the same route a little while after Ole Birkeland. He too saw the strong light over the moors, but did not see the object itself.

The second report

The following evening Arne and Gudny Åsene, their three children and their son-in-law, were driving over the Tronstad moor. None of them had an inkling of what had happened to Ole Birkeland. As they came over the top of the hill from Tronstad they were met by an intense light which, at first, they thought came from another car. They drove past two cars which had stopped by the roadside. Getting the impression that the passengers were looking at something in the air, they also drove to the side of the road and stopped.

When Arne Åsene and his son-in-law got out of their car, they saw a "cigar-shaped object with three lighted points" which sent a strong beam of light down to the road not far from where they had parked the car.

They then continued their journey, but stopped several times, and switched off the car lights so as to observe the UFO. At Sjøvatn the object went back and forth over the road, then followed the car for a few more kilometres until they reached the junction where the road turns off to Finsland. The light beam then followed this road and the family thought that was the end of the phenomenon.

A little further on, however, near Høyevannet Lake, the object popped up again, and by the time they reached Høye station on the southern railway, they noticed that the light was once again almost over them.

Suddenly it began to blast out flames which came down on either side of the road, and in the bright light it looked as if the snow was melting where the flames reached down.

The object now appeared to be about 200 metres above the road and the family, having become very alarmed, stopped the car under the railway bridge. They waited several minutes before venturing forth, but the object still followed them for another four kilometres. When they reached Oyslebo, the object finally disappeared. It had followed them for a total of 13 kilometres (8 miles).

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For six months Ole Birkeland and the Åsene family remained silent about their experiences for fear of people thinking they were mad. Only after the publication of reports in the press of the Danish policeman Maarup [see *FSR Case Histories Supplement 1—ED.*] did they feel they could tell their stories.

None of these witnesses had read much about UFOs, nor had they any particular interest in the subject. They know what they saw but have no idea what it was. Indeed they would prefer that someone could give them a simple explanation.

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[After a lapse of six months it was still known that the incidents took place within 24 hours of each other, so the dates were known. What a pity these dates were not given.—EDITOR.]

Readers' Reports

Flying object over Seoul

Sir,—A mysterious flying object which appeared over the Blue House (the president's official residence), Seoul, South Korea, and hovered for some minutes, was fired at by anti-aircraft guns at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 1970.

The headquarters of the Capital Defence Forces in Seoul announced on the Wednesday morning: "The object was a JAL (Japanese Air Lines) plane which had taken off from Kimpo Airport and flown in the forbidden area over the Blue House by mistake. An anti-aircraft battery fired warning shots for about 2 minutes. Any aircraft flying in the area in the future will be shot down."

Meanwhile, the Secretary of State, Po, reported at a conference of the Audit Committee that the aircraft was a JAL plane flying from Kimpo Airport to Japan. Prime Minister Ting asked the Minister of Transportation, Fai, who ought to make the forbidden area known to the persons concerned.

However, officials of Japanese Air

Lines positively denied the incident, because the JAL Convair 880 air cargo plane took off from Kimpo Airport at 7.16 p.m. and did not fly to the area, but turned left over the airport and went away from Seoul. According to the track record of the JAL Convair 880, followed by radar at the Kimpo Airport Control Centre, the plane, when it took off from the airport, flew to Inchon, on the opposite side from Seoul, then turned to the east and over Anyangni and the Sea of Japan. It was the normal course of the JAL plane, and thus the Convair 880 air cargo flight was proved not to have flown over the Blue House.

The *Mainichi Shinbun* correspondent, Mr. Nakano, reported by wire: "Nobody saw or heard the JAL aircraft and its roar. It was a very clear evening and anyone who looked up at the sky could easily distinguish JALs and others."

Finally, the Minister of Transportation, Fai, concluded: "I could not prove it to have been the JAL plane." Then what was it? Was the object

hovering over the Blue House and disappearing without sound a *real* UFO? **Kunimoto Ohishi**, Japanese Universities Students Aero-Space Research Group Union (JUSARGU) Overseas Department, 1-49 Ohyaguchi, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

UFO over Tokyo

Sir,—An unidentified flying object was sighted over the central district of Tokyo by eight engineers of Japanese National Railways (JNR) on the afternoon of August 20, 1970.

According to NTV-TV (Tokyo), Mr. Katsumi Yonezawa who works for the Planning Control Office of the First Construction Department of JNR, witnessed a strange flying object from the sixth floor of the JNR Centre Building in Shinjuku, Tokyo.

"When I casually looked out of the window," explained the engineer, "I noticed a vague diamond-shaped object in the sky. At first I thought it was just an image, but I found that it was a real object. I moved to the other

side of the building and observed it for about 30 minutes. Then I called Mr. Kunihiko Imai, chief of our section, to confirm the sighting himself."

"It was a dark red-coloured object, like a bottle of Coca Cola," said Imai. "When I observed it with my six colleagues, the object began to move, but I felt it was not flying, but rather sliding in the air above the skyline. The diamond-shaped object appeared above the 36-floor Kasumigaseki Building in the street of government offices in Tokyo, then it moved to the north west for several minutes and disappeared from my sight."

Kumimoto Ohishi,
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Object east of Edinburgh

Dear Sir,—I have just received my December edition of *FSR Case Histories*, and was very interested to find an article on an object seen and filmed by a Mr. Huntington of Doncaster.

This is identical to an object I saw nearly two weeks ago. It was on the morning of Tuesday, March 2, at about 7.45 when I happened to notice (from my house) fairly low down in the east an object similar to a

high-flying aircraft. It was the same size as the object I told you about which I saw on November 3, 1970.

It was a dry, bright morning, the sky was cloudless and therefore ideal conditions for spotting.

The object was stationary for about 30 seconds and I rushed to get our telescope (power 30×40), but by the time I got back it had started to dive at an angle of approximately 45° . My brother and I saw it through the telescope, and it was identical to the object in the stills from the film in *Case Histories*. It disappeared within about 30-45 seconds, having been under observation for a total time of about two minutes.

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UFO with fiery tail over Arendal

Dear Sir,—Was it an aeroplane, a rocket, a comet, or just a UFO? That was the question asked by a man and his wife [unfortunately un-named—ED.] when they watched an unusual sky object, at 16.30 hours on November 9, 1970.

They were looking through a window of their house down at Tyhol-

men, in Arendal, a little town on the southern coast of Norway. Both of them say they have never seen a thing like it before. They got a glimpse of the object over a place called Skibberheia. At first they thought it was a regular aeroplane, but on looking closer at the thing, it was seen to have the shape of a big, round, shining ball, with a metallic look about it, while it also had a fiery tail.

The thing moved out over the small fjord Galtesund. It went a long way out from Galtesund, and after a few minutes it disappeared beyond the horizon. The couple wondered if it had been a comet, but it didn't seem to fit in with pictures of comets they had seen; and it seemed to move rather quicker than does a comet.

Lately there have been many strange sightings in the south coast area of Norway, and many people have seen these objects, and happily they no longer seem afraid to report these happenings. Be that as it may, there are still no comments from official sources such as the Air Force or the Military. Maybe they don't know what to say.

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two lights, one red and brighter, and the other yellow. Without making a sound, the object described a curve, first to the left and then to the right, and then vanished over the horizon.

"The Administrator, who still knew nothing of what had happened to us, said that it was a helicopter, but the absence of noise and the high speed of the lights made him go off quickly towards the headquarters of the Colony, saying that he didn't want to know anything about "that thing". We followed him.

"The driver entered up the details of the journey in the appropriate book. Among them, the time of arrival: 8.40 p.m.'"

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I am inclined to think that this case may be a very important one (or at least it is possible that it may have been thought by *somebody else* to be a very important one!), for it is a curious fact that, early in 1968, I discovered that all my files for the period April-November 1967 had mysteriously vanished. And I have the feeling that this might mean that there was something "very

hot" among the cases covered, which of course included the story of the experience of the Rio de Janeiro lawyer.

The striking aspect of the affair concerns the UFO's lights and their changes of colour, and certain other considerations to which, however, only the barest reference has been made.

For example, has anyone yet studied the properties and the effects of powerful beams of coloured light on a highly-ionised magnetic field, or upon a body lying within that field?

Up to now the glow from UFOs has been attributed to the ionised field. There may be truth in this. But what is the explanation for the intensely brilliant lights of different colours, which change their configurations and change their colours as the UFO performs certain manoeuvres? There must be an important reason for these features, and I now feel certain that we must look far beyond our present-day knowledge of the properties and forces of light if we want to know what it is. Nor, of course, must our attention be confined to visible light. The *invisible* will be equally important.

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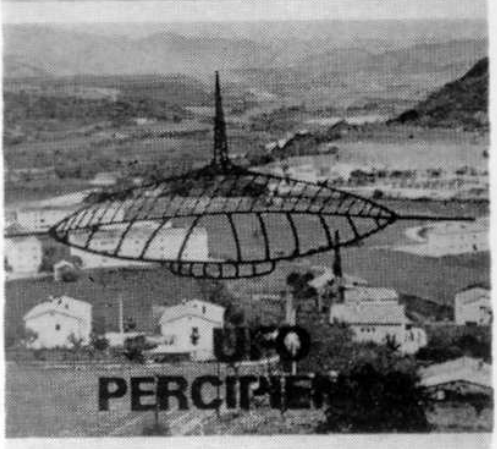
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