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THE UFO OBSERVATIONS IN HESSDALEN IN DECEMBER 1981/JAN.1982.

Place : Hessdalen, the upper part of Gauldalen.

Time : From before Christmas 1981 - on several occasions seen in the days between Christmas and New Year's Eve 1982 and January 1982.
(As an example:
Jan. 5.- at 23.15
" 6.- " 21.30
" 7.- " 22.30
and so on.)

Direction: From the farms in Hessdalen there have been observed till now only one object at a time. This comes from south-west, stops over Finsåshøgda mountain, goes vertically down behind the mountain and then comes up again, and moves back nearly the same route, that is towards the south-west. Sometimes the object has for several times gone up and down behind the mountain.

Speed and way of flying : About the same even speed as a usual passenger plane.

The object : It was a bright, shining object - like a disk, perhaps a ball, being some oval (egg-shaped) - with quite sharp outlines. It can be compared with the moon-disk, concerning light and outlines. The angle size: Somewhat greater than Venus.

Weather and light cond. : As the observation extends over a period of nearly one and a half month, the weather-and light condition varied a great deal. It was mostly dark, but with a clear sky. There were no observations when it was overcast and the cloud cover was low.

Distance: The top of Finsåshøgda is about 3 kilometers (as the crow flies) from the positions of the observers. In one case the object sunk down i n f r o n t o f the mountain, in such a way that the witnesses could see the shining object right down at the ground, close by a mountain farm - with the mountain as a background. But later, when someone went there to investigate, no visible tracks were seen in the snow.

Sound : No audible sound.

Observers : Among others - Ruth Mary Moe, Åge Moe and John Aspås - from the farm Aspås in Hessdalen. Otherwise, a large number of persons on the spot have observed the object.

OBSERVATION OF FOUR OBJECTS IN THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN:

On January 15 Åge Moe and John Aspås set out inwards the mountain behind Finsåshøgda with a ski-scooter, trying to observe the object from there. (Ledalen) At 22.00 pm they discovered something which they believed were stars being very low on the sky in the north-west. But then the object began to move. The lights grew stronger and came towards the observers. Suddenly two of the objects rushed straight up into the air - a bit apart - before they met again and sunk down nearer to the ground. In all there were now four objects flying around in all directions. The brightness varied. The objects were egg-shaped and had an angle extension corresponding to 1/4 of the full moon. In certain positions the objects seemed more flat. They now were seen so low that they must have been below the mountain tops about 10 kilometers away. The witnesses

estimate the real size of the object to about 15-20 meters x 7-8 meters. This agree very good with calculations made on the background of angle size and the distance to the mountains.

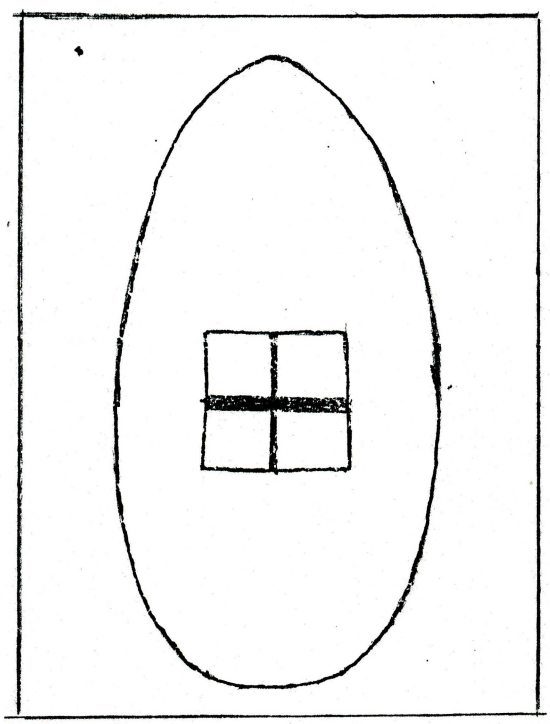
Towards the north there were clouds on the sky, otherwise the sky was clear.

The witnesses tell that they in binoculars quite distinctly could see the clear egg-shape of the object, and a "window" with four "glazing bars". See the sketch below. After a thorough questioning concerning that, they point out as follows:

"Through the binoculars the object took on a greenish colour shade, rather phosphorescenting. They could distinctly notice that the horizontal "glazing bar" was some broader than the vertical one. (This will be seen from the sketch as well).

From the four "panes" there was shining a yellow-white light, similiar to a usual electric light from a room window, forming a clear contrast to the greenish shining surface of the object itself.

For about an hour we could look at the objects which at last set their course right into the air, and disappeared at a violent speed towards the star".



At ground level and when they mounted, the objects were in a vertical position. During the manoeuvres besides, however, the objects seemed to turn or "roll" around the vertical axis when they crossed each other.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS.

After the previous survey was set up, people in Hessdalen have reported more observations made in daylight the same week (week no. 5).

The preliminary registered hours are:

07.50 - 08.00 - 08.45.

During all these observations the shining object has followed the same "route" as the earlier reported phenomena from Hessdalen.

The speed has varied from time to time. In one case the object could be watched for about 40 minutes.

As these reports just have been received over the telephone, further investigations are yet not made.

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OTHER OBSERVATIONS IN THE AREA.

PLACE	:	Vongraven in Ålen. (From more view positions.)
DATE	:	20.12.81.
TIME	:	19.00 - 21.00.
WITNESSES	:	Journalist Nils Kåre Nesvold and Per Holden.
WEATHER- AND LIGHT COND.	:	The sky was clear, but it was dark.
THE OBJECT	:	A shining, ball-shaped object, the size like a great star, was observed. The light was constant and strong. No halo or "corona" was seen.
MOVEMENTS	:	The speed was slow. There were noticed course- height- and speed changes. The movements were uneven.
HEIGHT ABOVE THE GROUND	:	Estimated to about 1000-2000 meters (by the witnesses).

DISTANCE FROM THE WIT-NESSES : The object passed in the front of a mountain top.

SPEED : Estimated to about 50 km/h.

The object disappeared suddenly as if switching off a light bulbe.

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ANOTHER OBSERVATION.

PLACE : Hådalen (about 3 Norwegian miles south-east of Røros.

DATE : 11.01.1982

TIME : About 20.00 p.m.

WITNESS : Torfinn Barstad (14)

WEATHER AND LIGHT COND. : Not mentioned.

THE OB-JECT : A shining object was observed. First it was like a great star. It came nearer and nearer, and stopped about 500-600 meters from the witness, some few hundred meters above the ground. There the object was standing still for several minutes. No sound was heard. The light was sharp. "It was like staring right into a 1000 watt light bulbe at a distance of one meter", the boy tells.

The real size of the object may be compared with " a great house", perhaps not the size, but the circumference was. The shape of the object was, however, oval.

After about 20 minutes the object increased the speed and disappeared southward over Grådalshøgda.

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AN OBSERVATION IN HESSDALEN IN THE YEAR 1968 AS WELL.

PLACE : Hessdalskjølen (the highest point on the Hessdal road)

DATE : Early in May 1968.

TIME : About 21.00 p.m. - Observation time, about 30 min.

WIT-NESS : A man (38). Together with him were Anne Mari and Torstein Trygstad, Røros.

WEATHER AND LIGHT COND. : It was clear and dusk.

THE OB-JECT : There were two objects, constant shining and surrounded by a corona. Orange, yellow and white light emitted from the objects. There was no audible sound.

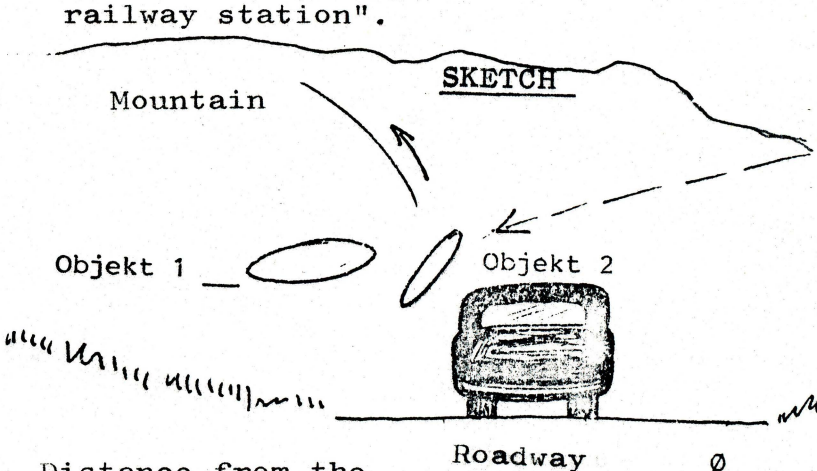
The size was estimated to 10-15 x 4-5 meters.

Angle size: Like a Norwegian five-krone on an outstretched arm.

THE WITNESS TELLS.

"We were sitting in our car up on Hessdalkjølen and were looking at a shining object a bit out in the valley. Then a new object turned up from the sout-east, standing more on the edge in proportion to the first one. The movement of the new object I will describe as gliding. It stopped beside the first, but did not stand still particularly long before it increased the speed and disappeared in north-easterly direction. Little by little the first object moved away from us, up the hillside on the other side of the valley. The last glimpse I saw of the object was when we passed the Ålen co-operative store. It then stood right above Stensli railway station".

SKETCH



Distance from the car to the object estimated to about 200 meters.

REPORTS FROM HALVARD BAKÅS, HESSDALEN.

Place : Hessdalskjølen (On his way from Ålen to Hessdalen.

Date : 20.12.81.

Time : About 19.00 pm.

THE WITNESS, HALWARD BAKÅS TELLS:

"Sunday before Christmas I was on my way from Ålen to Hessdalen, and when I came over Hessdalskjølen at about 19.00 I saw a light in the direction towards Finsådalen. The light stood quite still, and first I believed it was a ski-scooter or a light coming from a mountain farm. At once I did not react to this, but later it proved that no one has been driving ski-scooter in the topical area, and neither there is possible to see any light from the mountain farm meadows from Hessdalskjølen.

Bakås tells that the object looked like the light from a glow lamp, and that it was much greater than any star. He was sitting in his car for about one km., regarding the light, and then it gradually disappeared behind the mountain. He saw the object, not with the sky, but with the landscape as a background.

Similiar observations on the same point of time were made over Ålen and Rugeldalen as well.

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AN OBSERVATION FROM 1980.

Halvard Bakås also had an observation on December 1980.

"I was at home waiting for a lift to a meeting in Ålen. It was cold that evening, and suddenly i cought sight of a light on the sky. I saw it in the direction from Hessdalen, southward towards Kjurrudalen. The light was quite immovable. The object was not entirely round, but rather quadrangular. Suddenly it disappeared, but a quarter later it emerged again on the same place. I looked at it in my binoculars, and it looked like a window with four or six panes. I went in to fetch my camera, but coming outside again, the object was gone.

About half an hour later I saw the light again. It was considerably greater than any star, but some smaller than the moon. Perhaps it was the size of 4-6 stars together.

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CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT OBSERVED OVER ÅLEN

PLACE : Midtbygda in Ålen.

DATES : 3. - 4. - and 5.02.1982.

POINTS OF TIME : Respectively - 23.00-22.30, 19.00 - 20.00.

WITNESSES : Hans Almås together with five family members.

THE OBJECT : Shining objects were seen. They moved smoothly and their speed was like that of a helicopter. In two cases the objects passed in front of a mountain about 3 kilometers away. No sound was registered by the witnesses.

THE OBSERVATIONS.

WEDNESDAY 03.02.82:

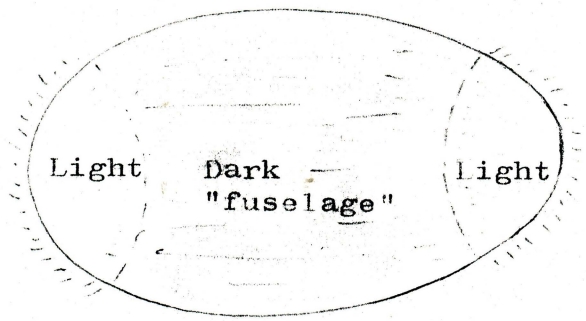
In this case the object passed lower and nearer the witnesses than what is reported earlier from the area. The The family discovered the shining object on the sky through the window at home, and they went outside to have a closer look at it. The object came from the south and moved straight towards the north. It was first seen with the sky as a background. It then passed i n f r o n t o f the mountain Svendhuken, right under the top. (Ålen is situated about 480 m. above sea level, while the height of the mountain is 700 meters above sea level.)The distance from the witnesses to the mountain is about 3000 meters (air line).

Through binoculars the witnesses could see two lights and between them a dark "fuselage", which they think was greater than an usual airliner. For the rest, the family is used to observe airliners as these are passing about one Norwegian mile soutward. (South of Ålen).

Svendhuken is situated right in the north in proportion to the witnesses' placing of the object.

The total observation time is said to be about 5 minutes, which indicates that the presumed speed of the object has not been so fast.

SKETCH MADE ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES' DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT SEEN THROUGH A BINOCULARS - 7 x 40 :



The lights did not look like searchlights. It seemed rather as if the ends of the object shone or was lit up. Seen with the naked eye there seemed to exist no beaming - or halo-effect, but through binoculars the lights grew so strong that one could find a certain beam-effect.

Thursday 04.02.82.

A shining object was coming from the south towards the north. It was discovered at 22.30 pm. The observation data are the same as the evening before, apart from the details seen through binoculars.

Friday 05.02.82.

Same object type was discovered at 19.00, but this time with a course from the north to the south.

The object emerged again at 20.00 with an east/westerly course. It went lower, had a greater speed, and was seen with the mountain as a background.

Source: Interview with Mr. Hans Almås.

At the Air Force Radar Station on Gråkallen, Trondheim, they have not, according to the inspector on duty, registered (reported) anything unusual in the period the reports came in. Near to Østersund, Sweden, there are newspaper reports about a cigar-shaped object with lights in front and behind being observed. It was the same week when the observations were made in Ålen. There are no further details yet.

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CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT OBSERVED BY MARRIED COUPLE.

This observation was made in November 19. 1981, at 18.20, by a married couple from Moland.

The same evening a car stopped at a red light on Strømbusletta on the way westward. The driver became aware of two great, red lights moving one after another in a distance covering 1/3 of the windscreen. The red lights seemed greater than the traffic lights. He therefore rolled down the window to be certain of this being no reflections. He then saw that the lights were moving slowly towards the town centre of Arendal. Being afraid of ridiculing he decided to keep the story to himself. But after hearing that other persons also had seen and reported similiar phenomena in the area, he had at last told what he had seen.

And here is the married couple's experience:

The man had went outside to get some water. It was starlit. The weather was calm and cold. The farm is situated out-of-the-way without a single embarrassing light. Therefore they naturally often look at the starry sky. Suddenly he became aware of a blue-shimmering light in the south-east, about 45 degrees above sea level. The lights twinkled and flickered irregularly, and moved here and there with jumping movements. It disappeared gradually in the east.

The married couple switched off all the lights in the house and were sitting at the window to watch the starry sky. One hour afterwards a flickering, yellow

Light appeared over the horizon in the south. It rose and sank with unrhytmic movements, and the flickering light changed the colour from yellow to blue. Suddenly the object mounted to about 45 degrees and was standing immovable. At the same time they discovered a similiar light in the north-east, about in the same height. This light they had not seen before. And then one more object entered the scene. It came quetly and slowly gliding right over the tree tops from the south. The object was large and extended with a red light on each end. It came gliding noiseless over the Blystad lake, and at the same time the object went down a bit so that it came below the visual field of the wooded mountain ridge behind. (See sketch).

The object must have been about 2-300 meters away, and they distinctly could see that the object had firm and clear outlines, with the lake and the ridge as a background. The rear light was not placed quite on the back of the "fuselage". The two lights shone with an even and clear, red colour, and they nearly were as great as the breadth of the object. The length of the fuselage they estimated to about 20 meters, taken into consideration how much of the terrain in the background was covered by the object. The object had a sort of a projection on the top of it.

Suddenly the 11 years old daughter of the married couple cried: "Now it is landing !" It did not, however, but continued outwards the lake, westward to Assevannet (a lake) They also noticed that the two blue-shimmering lights, being there when the object emerged, now had got up the speed in the direction of the mountain ridge in the north. The family had a strange feeling that all this hung together, as if there was a contact between the lights and the object, or what to call it.

The witnesses admit that they were fairly startled during the observation.

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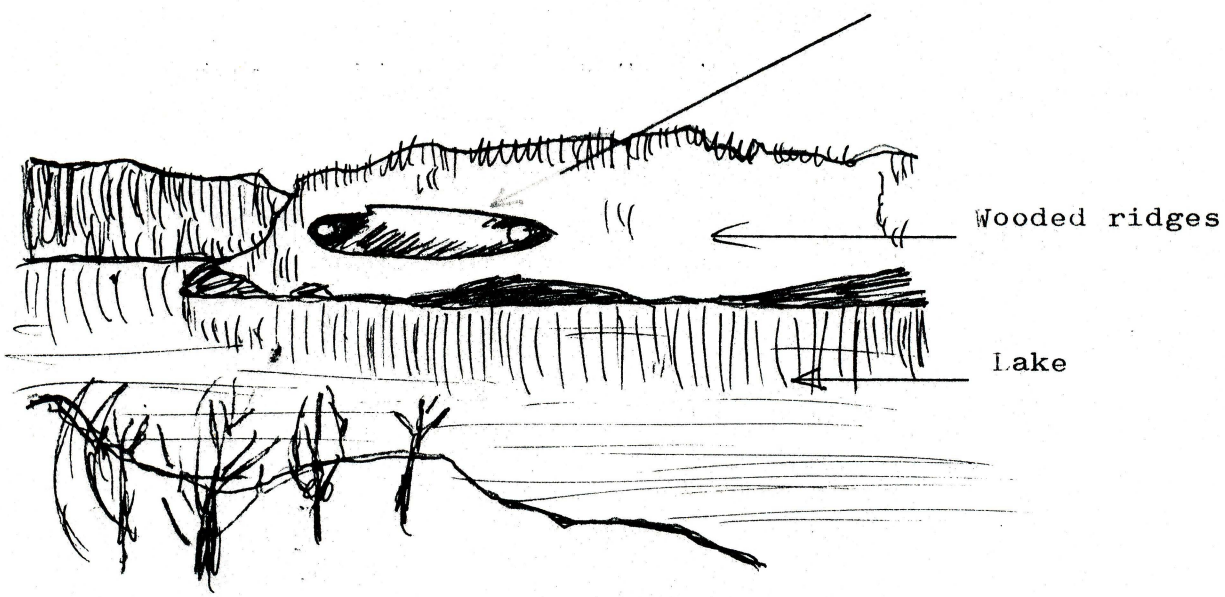
Sketch of the cigar-shaped UFO:



OBSERVATIONS IN THE ARENDAL AREA

This series of observations seems to have started in the first week of November 1981. One of the witnesses tells about his first observation on November 8. Later he has seen the same phenomenon 4-5 times, latest on December 21.

The phenomenon is described as "light-gleams" on the sky.

From Solåsveien (a road) in Arendal you can see two church-spires nearly on a level. The light gleams moved in a sector some north of the mast on Vakttårnheia to a spot a bit south of the mast on Hisøy, but mainly in the area over the long row of yellow lights on Strømbrua (a bridge). The height varies, but as a rule the "glimpses" are to be found a bit higher than the top of the church , but yet behind the mast on Hisøy. Now and again they disappear down behind the horizon, but they often emerge and continue the wandering to and fro. A man in Strømmen says that he has counted 21 such sequences. From his position in Strømmen, the glimpses are mostly seen in the area of the EB-factory. From Strømmen one can see the glimpses with the naked eye , but from Solåssvingen it is necessary to use a binoculars.

On Saturday, 21.11.81, a bank of clouds was lying in the west. The glimpses, being very weak this evening, were seen with the bank of clouds as a background. Cross bearings show that the glimpses must come from a place between Lillesand and Strømmen.

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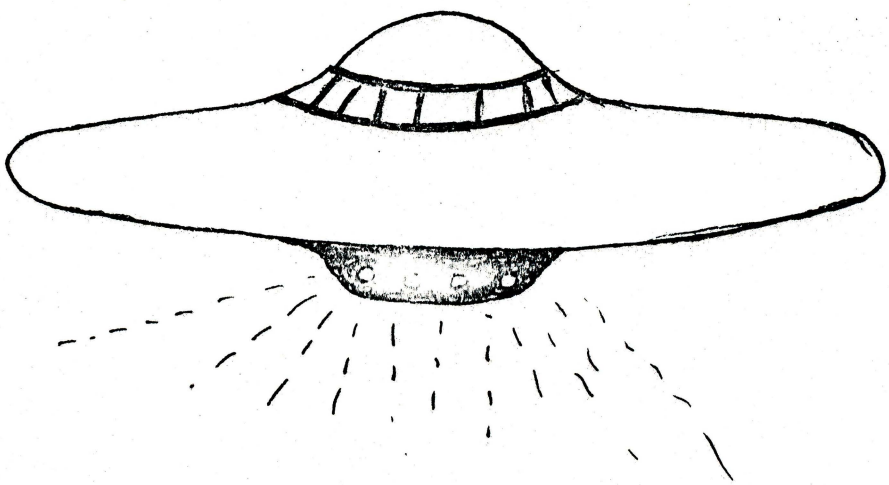
SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECT

This observation took place on Sunday, November 8, at about 20.00 o' clock (the same day when the "glimpses" were seen about 2 hours earlier)

A married couple describe a discus-formed vessel according to the sketch below. They say that the whole looked disgusting and lovely at the same time.

The incident is taken from "Agderposten" for 23.12.81.

And here is the sketch of the object:



STILL MORE OBSERVATIONS:

FIREBALL WITH A LONG TAIL SEEN OVER DRAMMEN.

"It looked like a very large meteorite with a long tail behind. For me it seemed as if the object crashed into the ground right behind Mjøndalsåsen, but it may have been towards the Eikern area as well, Erik Syvertsen in Krokstadelva says. He tells about the shining object moving across the sky on Østlandet and Vestlandet, Wednesday evening on January 6.

It was not at all imagination. From other parts on Vestlandet there are reports from people having seen the fireball, which may have been a meteorite. It passed over the rural district on Vestlandet, and was also observed from the control tower on Flesland airfield.

The police in Bergen was informed that an airplane had fallen down into the sea, but soon it was cleared up that no plane was missing. For the rest, eyewitnesses have told that the object moved in "helicpter-height", and the theories on what the object might be - alternate between satelite remnants and a meteorite.

The sun observatory at Harestua met with a sheer telephone storm immediately after people having seen the shining heavenly body.

"But we have seen nothing. We only look at the sun", the scientifical assistent Bo Andersen at astro-physique institute says. He tells, however, that people have called the police and reported having seen the meteorite fall down in Asker, in Nordmarka, on Karmøy and other places in the country.

It is Geological Museum which has the ownership of all meteorites falling down from the sky.

"Drammens Tidende"
"Buskerud Blad"
January 7, 1982.

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UFO - A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE IN FINLAND.

By Ragnar Mathisen, Åvik.

"With deep interest I have read the piece "The mysterious UFOs". I have lived to see these strange objects myself, and I have found a syncretic similarity between the incident reported in "Agderposten", and that what I have seen.

In September 1980, 3 Norwegian miles from Utsjoki in North Finland, I, together with another man, were the witnesses of the following creepy sight:

On crossing a pass, we cought sight of two red, twinkling lights being vertically placed in proportion to one another. The time was 22.00 pm. and it was starlit and a fine autumn weather. I thought on a helicopter and possibly on one of the highway authorities cars, but the thought of UFO crossed my mind as well. I increased the speed of my car, and after 15 minutes we cought sight of the object, moving irregularly in the area. Suddenly a strong light, making a profile like the drawing in "Agderposten", was kindled. I agree with the lady who thought the windows were vertical. I found they were on the object I saw as well. In these windows, or between the bars, there were a strong blue light. The object mounted when we came fairly near to it. I had a camera in my car, and I surely might have taken a photo, but what I had read and heard about such things, and the uneasy feeling, unfortunately made it difficult. After the strong light was kindled, the object was visible for about 5 minutes. It continued further along the landscape, and because the road went in another direction, this was the last we saw of the object.

After this experience I have no doubt that something of it is real, but what can it be? And I am afraid it is of no use trying to trace something most people do not believe in. Perhaps "mental powers being at work"?

The weirdness of this may very well indicate something of the kind. On such occasions one usually tries to give a natural explanation, and we, having observed such things, are, however, more or less, off our balance. A fourthnight before I saw this, something similiar was observed on the Norwegian side of the border. Then a whistling sound was heard.

"Agderposten", January 6.82.

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STRANGE LIGHTPHENOMENON.

"Whether this having connection with the cold ? - May be, but I do not know", Ingeborg Hagen in Nore says, having seen a dashing light on Eidsfjell Wednesday evening. The light was discovered in the middle of the mountain, and actually it reminded of a rainbow, moving along and coming back again."

"The lightphenomenon lasted for about 5-10 seconds", Ingeborg Hagen tells. The weather was clear and the sun was shining. Also the neighbours observed the light.

"I never have seen anything like this", she says, but the neighbour thinks he has one time.

"Agderposten", January 8.1982

FINLAND.

Quarterly Report 4/80

During the last quarter of 1980 The UFO Research of Finland received 4 ufo-related sighting reports, of which 3 referred to the reporting period. Two cases were classified as ufos and the remaining one as vague for the lack of sufficient data. In the media there was a normal amount of articles and transmissions regarding ufos.

In general the year 1980 was rather interesting in Finland. The first Finnish-language ufo documentary movie was made with the help of The UFO Research of Finland, and an interesting ufo book written by our leading astronomers Juhani Kyrölä̈inen and Pekka Teerikorpi appeared in our bookstores. However, in the media there were only about one hundred articles or transmissions dealing with ufos instead of the normal several hundred.

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A UFO NEAR THE CITY OF VAASA

This incident took place on a Sunday evening in September 1980. There were two witnesses, one near the object and one at a distance of about one kilometer. The time was a little over 9 p.m., and the evening was clear and calm. The temperature was 10 degrees Centigrade. The encounter happened at sea in the municipality of Mustasaari near the city of Vaasa.

Åke Hurin, a car mechanic, had been fishing with a friend of his, Kurt Bergfors. When they had finished they went to the Bergfors villa to have a cup of coffee. At about 9 p.m. Hurin started heading back home in his boat and Bergfors watched him from the shore.

After having sailed about one kilometer Hurin passed the cape of Österören and suddenly saw a bright light approaching from the right. He thought it was a large boat with a powerful light and he slowed the speed of his boat to three knots to give way to the other boat. But as the light continued to approach he began to fear a collision. He turned off his lights, stopped the motor, and turned the boat radically to the left.

Now the bright object was so close that he feared he would be run over by it and he bent himself down. He felt heat radiating from the object, but he heard no sound. The object was so bright that it lighted up the whole neighbourhood. Mr. Hurin estimated the object's diameter to be one and a half meters and the altitude from the surface of the sea to three or four meters. He is not sure what the shape of the object was, but it was orange in color. The object did not fly directly over him, but it did make a close fly-by. Now the object disappeared. Mr. Hurin is unable to say how it happened. It just disappeared. He was somewhat shocked by his encounter and he sailed in the area for some time before he found his way back home. He reached home at 11.30 p.m.

His friend Kurt Bergfors saw the encounter from the shore. He saw how the object lowered itself toward Hurin's boat and hovered about 150 meters above the boat. To Bergfors the object appeared to have the shape of a saucer and a diameter of three meters. The object remained in the area for 5 minutes, then gained altitude and disappeared in the same direction it had come from. Now the time was 9.15 p.m. (Classified as ufo).

For a couple of days after the incident Mr. Hurin found it difficult to maintain his physical balance. He was so frightened by the encounter that he later bought a gun to protect himself.

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HUMANOIDS IN RAUMA

June 19, 1979 at 12.30 p.m., Rauma, two witnesses. A couple, Allan V. and Maila K. observed a bright silvergray object through their home window. The object was domed and it scanned the nearby forest with a blue beam of light.

Maila put on her boots and walked slowly toward the object. She climbed on a boulder right next to the object which was now resting on landing gear. Allan, who is an invalid, followed the incident from the house. The dome was transparent and she saw two "awful creatures" inside the object. They had big eyes and a frog-like skin. The creatures were only about half a meter tall and the object had a diameter of one meter. When she was about to touch the object she was temporarily blinded by something and the object zoomed to the sky. Her eyes ached for the rest of the day. (Classified as ufo).

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THE UFO RESEARCH OF FINLAND

Quarterly Report 3/81:

POSSIBLE ABDUCTION ON PIELINEN LAKE

After a long quiet period the UFO Research of Finland now has interesting news to report. As the Finnish ufo researchers were gathering to their annual summer seminar at Kylämä in Central Finland something extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

It all started on July 31, 1981 at 8.40 p.m. when two 35-year-old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat toward the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape covered by evergreen trees when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them and the men stopped the boat. Now a black object was separated from the group of lights and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be covered by a fog and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was paralyzed and couldn't move his head. However, he continued to talk with his companion. Then the lights and the black object disappeared in the sky. Now the men noticed that they were not sitting at the same locations on the boat as they were a moment ago. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape despite the strong water currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4.10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost 6 hours of their lives. As aftereffects they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares, and a derailed sense of balance for over a week.

After the week of aftereffects they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a ufo book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccesful attempts to hypnotize the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite and not a Russian rocket launch. The studies are continuing in collaboration with the UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected next year.

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