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3 PILOTS REPORT SEEING UFOS

OVER UK'S SCIENTOLOGY HQ

Air traffic controllers and three commercial pilots reported visual and radar sightings of 'silver discs' near London's Gatwick Airport last year, according to a report issued by the UK's Airprox Board.

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Are you seeing what I'm seeing? A new report from the UK Airprox Board, which examines reports of air traffic safety violations, detailed multiple reports from several separate Dec. 30, 2012, sighting of unusual airborne artifacts.

Close encounters of the Scientology kind:

Pilots aboard three passenger planes in the vicinity of London's Gatwick Airport late last year reported seeing a pair of "flat, silver discs" hovering near the UK headquarters of the Church of Scientology.

Air traffic controllers also said that they saw six UFOs on radar screens before the objects disappeared, according to a report issued last week by the UK's Airprox Board.

The board examines reports of air traffic safety violations in UK airspace and recommends safety measures. Last week's report failed to find an explanation for the pilot sightings from last Dec. 30 at

about 9 a.m. It did describe how a Boeing 777 pilot raised the alarm at 8:53 a.m. after spotting "two flat silver discs" over the Scientology headquarters in East Grinstead minutes from touchdown at Gatwick. The three pilots on the flightdeck said that they saw the objects about 100 feet below them, moving slowly or stationary, according to the report.



Tom Cruise
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Scientology follower Tom Cruise has starred in numerous science fiction movies, but authorities are wondering about the scientific facts behind the recent sightings in the UK.

Minutes later a Boeing 767 and an Airbus 319 saw the same "saucer-like" shapes hovering about 1,000 feet above ground. The 777 crew said they looked "man-made" and "toy-like."

Airprox Investigators considered explanations including that the objects were balloons or kites.

The juxtaposition of UFOs and Scientology is not surprising. Some think that the movement, which purports to have the answers to life's questions, believes that aliens inhabit humans, although Scientologists insists the "alien descendent" theory is a set of "scurrilous statements, issued by the Internet fringe." The movement's most celebrated follower is actor Tom Cruise.

The encounter came the day before Scientologists supposedly carved messages to aliens in an "alien space cathedral" in the hills in northeastern New Mexico.

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Close encounter of the absurd kind



Space oddity ... Scientology HQ in Sussex, and Tom Cruise

THREE passenger jets had a close encounter with UFOs above Britain's Scientology HQ, a report has revealed.

Their pilots each saw "two flat, silver discs" as they lined up to land at Gatwick Airport -- and some flew within 100ft.

Air traffic control staff then spotted a total of SIX UFOs on their radar before they suddenly vanished.

The close encounter above the Church of Scientology HQ in East Grinstead, West Sussex, on December 30 last year lasted a full seven minutes.

Oddly it emerged a day later that Scientologists -- famously followed by Tom Cruise -- carved a message to aliens in hills in New Mexico, US. The cult believes aliens inhabit human bodies.

Former MoD UFO investigator Nick Pope called the UK sightings "spectacular", adding: "The evidence is first rate. The witnesses are experienced pilots and there is radar evidence to back up their stories."

A probe by UK Airprox Board, which examines near misses, failed to find an explanation. Its report yesterday revealed how a Boeing 777 pilot raised the alarm at 8.53am after spotting "two flat silver discs".

Minutes later a Boeing 767 and an Airbus 319 saw the same "saucer-like" shapes. The 777 crew said they looked "man-made" and "toy-like".

Investigators considered explanations including that they were balloons or kites. But Mr Pope added: "None of the theories hold water."

Airprox classified the encounter as level D -- meaning it is unexplained.

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