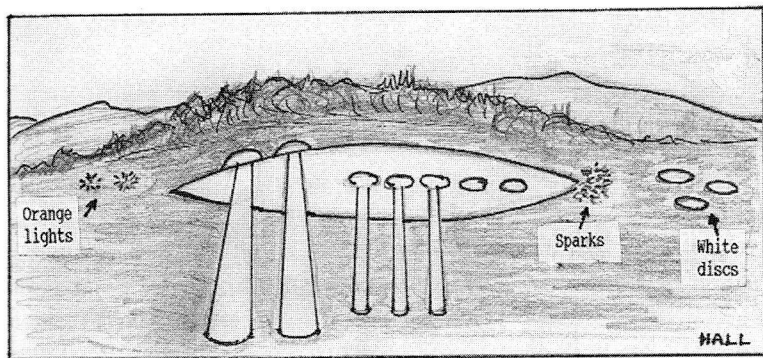


## Numerous Witnesses Watch Landed UFO, Light Beams, Satellite Objects in Prolonged “Light Show”

August 12, 1972: Taize, France. 2:00 A.M. About 30 witnesses, including F. Tantot and Mlle. R. Faa de Masullas, while driving along National Highway N. 481, saw a starlike object approach with a whistling noise and apparently land on the sloping bank of a ridge in hilly terrain. They observed the subsequent events from various perspectives. The object was positioned on or just above the ground, its light illuminating an adjacent large cereal crop field. Based on landmarks its diameter was estimated to be about 30 meters (100 feet).

The object had seven yellow lights and, as if on an extension to the left, two small orange lights. Five of the seven lights began to emit white beams that gradually extended toward the ground, giving the impression of being “solid light.” Two hemispheres or cupolas were visible on the extreme left above two of the light beams.

Tantot felt a tingling in his fingers for several minutes, as did another witness. Shortly after the landing and emergence of the beams, red sparks appeared at the right end of the object, followed by three



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Large craft with light beams, satellite objects, observed by many witnesses.

small white discs. The discs had red points of light at each end. For two and a half hours the discs moved all around the “parent” object, remaining within about 30 meters (100 feet) of it at all times. The light beams swept around the ground, illuminating small circles on the terrain.

Just after 3:00 A.M. one of the light beams began to grow brighter, which coincided with a flickering of the red points of light on the discs. Then a complicated series of phenomena followed, including the appearance of a multitude of red particles in the air and changes in the appearance and brightness of some of the lights and light beams.

Tantot and three other witnesses had gone down into the field for a closer look. They saw a haystack- or projectile-shaped dark object and something like a hedge (barrier) a few meters ahead of them. A small point of red light was flitting around the dark object. When they shone a flashlight toward the object, the light beam was reflected vertically upward just before reaching the “hedge.”

About 4:00 A.M. the small discs approached the parent object and flashed, and their lights went out, apparently as they entered the craft. Almost immediately all lights blacked out, but came back on again after about a minute. Tantot signaled toward the object with his flashlight, and immediately the big light on the left end of the object directed its beam toward the people in the field. They were blinded by the light, shading their eyes with their hands, and felt strong heat.

At about 4:40 A.M. the large object began moving, turned, and suddenly shot away to the south, rising and falling as if following the contours of the terrain. As it departed it was surrounded by a bluish halo. A faint bluish halo also was visible in the field at the spot where it had been. Tantot reported the incident to the Gendarmerie two days later.<sup>35</sup>