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NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY) 3 Nov 1953 (England)

THREE MESSAGES RECEIVED 19 November 1953 REGARDING SIGHTING IN ENGLAND:

1. A british sergeant and four assistants were testing a radar set in a London suburb. Suddenly, an intense signal flashed on the set--far greater than those obtained from ordinary planes. The signal came from an object which seemed circular or spherical and white in color.

The five radar men knew they were dealing with a mysterious metallic object about the size of a very large bomber. For fifteen minutes, the strange signal persisted on the radar. Then the object sped off over the English countryside at a height of 60,000 feet.

Two RAF officers flying a jet at 20,000 feet also saw the saucer-shaped phenomenon. They said the huge spheroid was giving off or reflecting a fierce light -- and passed their plane at tremendous speed.

The British War Office and the Royal Air Force Fighter Command are said to have begun an investigation.

2. The British War Office and Air Ministry confirmed this morning that a "strange object" had been tracked on November 3rd by Army radar. The object--a metallic phenomenon the size of a very large bomber--also was sighted by two Royal Air Force officers flying in a jet plane. Even as an investigation was begun, a woman in Essex said she had sighted a "mysterious object" in the night sky on the same day and again days later.

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3. People in England are up in the air over a new "flying saucer" controversy. The meteorological office in London says a white disc reported by two fliers and registered on a radar screen is nothing but a weather balloon. Another official claims the alleged "flying saucer" fits the description of a new aircraft being built by a foreign power. He declined to name the power.

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...ation officer of the government of Canada."

Canadian Ambassador Hume

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Britain's 'Saucer' Only a Balloon

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP).—The "huge, glowing metallic object" reported by a military radar team as hovering menacingly over Great Britain's coastline Nov. 3 probably was just a weather balloon, the Air Ministry decided tonight.

At any rate, there was a metal balloon in the area and at the precise time Army radar crews spotted a mysterious object, an Air Ministry spokesman said.

The War Office reported last night that the "metallic intruder" had first been seen by Flying Officer R. S. Johnson from the cockpit of a Vampire night fighter. Then, on Nov. 3, a military radar team traced the object's movements.

The movements corresponded exactly with the passage of the meteorological balloon released that day, the Air Ministry said.

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