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Source: Lt. George P. Williams, USN, Class IX, Naval Intelligence School

Lt. Williams reports the following personal experience which happened to him about 0300 on the night of 21 February 1951, while he was piloting a Navy Fleet Logistics Air Wing plane:

"We had taken off from Keflavic airport, Iceland, about three hours earlier, and had climbed to cruise at 10,000 feet, heading toward Newfoundland. It was one of those beautiful nights with a large, almost full moon and a thin layer of broken cumulus below us with tops about 3,000 feet. As we cruised along, I glanced idly about and noticed an unusually bright light through the clouds ahead. At first thinking it was a ship, I called the co-pilot forward. He was in the next compartment talking with other members of the crew.

"We along with others in the 9 man crew watched the light. It rose up from beneath the clouds and approached us at a terrific closing rate. We froze in wonder. It veered to our port side and hovered momentarily as if to examine us. It then rose at an amazingly rapid rate, and disappeared off our port quarter.

"The object was difficult to judge as far as size, but our general estimate was that it was a minimum of 200 feet in diameter (and probably larger). It was flat elliptical or cigar-shaped by side view, and seemed to be squewing a ring of red-orange exhaust all along the periphery.

"No cockpit-type enclosure was noted. Its speed was so great that we could not comprehend its coming from earth. The one main outstanding feature other than the "fire around the edge" was its large size—larger than an R5D. The question is: Where could such a large object be hangared on earth and be kept a secret?"

Lt. Williams says the sighting occurred at approximately Latitude 60° N, Longitude 33° W. The object was in sight for about five minutes.

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Source: Frank Edwards, Mutual News commentator, Spring, 1951

A South African Airways Constellation had left Nairobi, Kenya, on a flight from London to Johannesburg. As it passed over the crater of an extinct volcano near the Tanganyike-Kenya border, the pilots noticed a silvery disc deep in the bowels of the great mountain. They orbited their ship over the crater, until suddenly the disc took off at a high rate of speed, and shot straight up into the air. It disappeared in the skies high above the Constellation. Two passengers on board the plane managed to take motion pictures of the disc.