**From:**

**Sent:** l3 January 200g 15:31

**To:** Air Cmel UFO Oesk

**Subject:** Strange sighting [RESTRICTED]

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please1ofllive me if I have your information wrong.

I have been 9iven advioe from a colleague of mineto contact your sett.

This wasnot reported to Police per say but I thougit I ought to let youknow as I saw it.

I have beena serving Polioe Officer for a number of yea($ now andmy Partner Karl Norman who was with me

at thelimsis an ex serviceman in theRAF. •

I was at my friends address in Brighllingsea,Essex OriNew YearsEve seeing Inlhe New Year. just before midnight my self and my partner werein theback garden having a cigarette; I could hear1ireworks in the distance so looked up to seeif I couldsee them. In the skywas a bright orange/yellow light at first glance I Ignored it thinkingit was a trailing firework **but**then double took as It old not disappear. **My** immediate lhought

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,&e arenear water and perhaps that couldexplain the light but it s IIdidnot disappear, it moved very

; in like a half circle around the top of us·then stopped over the water between Bnghllingsea and East Mersea. It was quite large andlhe night was extremely clear with noclouds o.- mist.1wouldhazarda QI.le$$ about1 SOD to 2000feet up. It stayedperfectly stillfor about 3-4minutes thenappeared to shoot straight upin theair very fast.going completely outof view in less then 30seconds, I must behonest I stood their a bil in awe and missed the startof the new yea,because Df it. tnfact I evencalledmy friends da1.19hter to see itl

11may be completely trivial to you andyoumay even press the delete button, but after a few days of • wOl'ldering weather I was s,eelngthings I sswIhanews about theLin<:oln sightings anddamage 10 the wind turl)ineI couldhave fallen onmy seat it was very similar to what I saw New years eve. V,/ilhKarl being ex RAF I askedhim quite innocently what ii was and he was as disturbed as I was wnh noanswer!

1 wouldnot have bothered you wilhit in all honesty but havingit play onmy minda few daysI thought you

werethe best people to make the decision about weather "it was worth your time or not.

If you have any questions or queries I willbe hal)Py *to* assist in any way possible.

My work contact delails are attached to the bOttom of this email, my pasonal Telephone numbers are as



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anks for your time,

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