VAP/UFO SIGHTING REPORT. For Air Sec. 2a.

6/2/2009: approx. 17.30. Duration: approx. 5 mins.

Weather: fine; > 15 miles visibility; wind speed - 1 knot; cloudless to horizon; temp. approx. freezing, moon and Jupiter (latter 180 deg. from object) clear / no distortion.

Direction of first sighting approx. ENE of witness, last sighting approx. 90 deg. in WNW direction relative to witness position; speed estimated at less than 15mph.

Distance to object approx, 1mile at first sighting and approx. 15 deg. above horizon;

object appeared to follow vertical contours of land, ie. gentle undulation, course appeared to be a straight line, i.e. no horizontal deviation apparent.

Object was a clearly defined (no diffuse edges), shiny (reflected

light only, no evidence of light emission from the object), silvery, metallic cylinder with rounded ends and, when compared to sizes of trees in approx. vicinity of object, was roughly

50 feet in length. No distinguishing features other than a small area in the lower midsection that appeared slightly darker/matt relative to the rest of the body and a small, solid protrusion on the upper rear' body (relative to direction off light) - stated as not looking like an aircraft tail (wrong shape and too small to be an aerodynamic

control surface- witness used to civilian and military aircraft types): no markings of

any kind and no

lights. No sound from object, nor emissions seen (exhaust, etc.), though high flying aircraft could be faintly heard

shortly after the sighting in the

opposite part of the sky to said sighting and at far greater distance than the object (the witness lives under the main high altitude civilian north-south air route and the low

altitude military corridor, sounds from the latter can be heard for many miles, even in windy weather). At last sight

it was seen almost from directly behind, remaining shiny/metallic, clearly defined, having no protuberances (no sign of horizontal tail or wing structures- the 'rear' structure seen from the side was sufficiently small/blunt

that it barely appeared above the rim of the body), no rear aperlures (exhaust nozzles) and again no signs of exhaust, or atmospheric distortion/turbulance noted: the rear

was circular in shape (e.g. rear end of a uniform, closed cylinder).

Location of sighting: first seen in the area between Mealrigg (postcode of which is [] and [] and Langrigg and finished by heading through direction of Silloth

Cumbria. Witness location was field to SE ( 200 yards from house) - intervicwer taken to exact site and details pointed out.

Conclusion of witness (aged 25) and interviewer (father): solid craft under control

bearing no similarity to any known terrestrial aircraft and exhibiting an ability to

maintain a constant height above the ground at a speed which would not allow any

normal propulsion system or aerodynamic structure to maintain lift, other than such as VSTOL type aircraft and balloons (both definitely ruled out).

Definitely not astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. [Sketch of craft provided by witness - side view: height/diameter appears from sketch to be approx. 1/5 or 1/6 that of the length.]

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