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CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH SPINNING TOP UFO    WUFOS: 7125    Wigan, Gt MCr Sept 1971

There was, of course, a major flap of UFOs in Britain during August and September 1971. This case, just brought to light, is yet another significant event from that time. At 20.15 Mrs Rigby had opened her front door and was waiting for



her children to come out. It was a clear night and when she first saw the red ball rising from behind bungalows she thought it was the sun (which had set). Then she considered an aircraft, but quickly realised this was not so. It resolved into a round ball of silvery metal with a collar like a lifebelt round the middle

This was white and had square lights in it. These flashed red at first, giving the overall red impression. The collar was rotating anti-clockwise. It then reversed in direction and the lights changed to flashing white, illuminating the object more clearly and showing a row of square windows above the collar. This reversal coincided with the colour change and took place a couple of more times during the sighting. Mrs Rigby had rushed indoors to find a camera, but one she had had been moved by her husband (who was out). Yet again coincident circumstances seem to have combined to prevent a good quality photograph! However, she turned out the hall light and her two children and herself watched for 20 minutes as the object first hovered and then moved slowly overhead. It passed over at the height of two poplar trees. Indeed Mrs Rigby says 'if I had thrown a ball at it I would surely have hit it'. At no time did it make any sound and it was the apparent size of a full sized book at arms length when it passed overhead. She looked around for other cooperative witnesses, but the road was quiet. However, she called on her uncle and he was able to confirm it moving away into the distance.

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