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Car journey into 'terror'

THE mysterious sightings and close encounters continue — right here in the Midlands. Just 15 days ago on the night of Saturday, January 10, a young Midland couple claimed the latest sighting to cause a stir among Midland UFO investigators.

A quiet trip out to a country pub turned into a frightening brush with the unknown for 23-year-old audio typist Lynn Simonds and her boyfriend, Peter Higgins, a bank clerk.

They say that as they were driving from Lapworth, Warwickshire, at about 10 p.m., they noticed two unblinking lights in the clear moonlit sky. One was blue and the other red.

Suddenly the lights started to descend and were soon close to ground level, says Lynn, from Wythall. The object was about a quarter of a mile away.

"It looked as though it was coming down to land. I could see that the lights formed part of a much larger, oval shaped object, partly illuminated along its entire length by moving orange lights.

"It was too long to be an aeroplane and a completely different shape. I couldn't see any wings.

"I was absolutely terrified. Nothing usually frightens me, but that did. We just couldn't work out what it was.

"We drove to Kenilworth to escape it. But it seemed to be following us. Peter turned off the car lights but still it appeared

to be tracking us. It was sometimes just 400 yards away."

The couple stopped in Kenilworth — and saw the object apparently hover 200 yards above some shops.

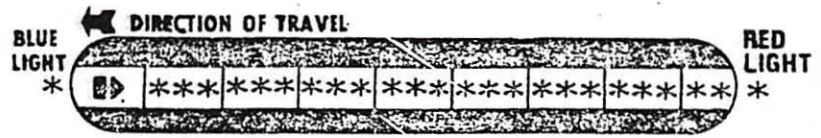
"Then we went to turn the car round and look for witnesses and when we looked again the object had vanished completely. It was extraordinary. No-one else had seemed to notice it so it could not have been making much noise."

Mr. Gary Lanham, of the Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Service, who was the first investigator to learn about the case, said: "Miss

Simonds is a very down-to-earth person who would be most unlikely to make up stories or let her imagination run away with her.

"Many cases have been documented in which the object has disappeared when the witnesses have looked around for other people who may have seen it. There is a theory that the intelligence behind the UFOs wants them to appear only to selected people."

UFOSIS is now making a full investigation into the event. Other sightings can be reported to Mr. Eric Westley, of UFOSIS, on 021-707 0254.



An artist's impression of what Lynn Simonds and Peter Higgins claim they saw above the Midland countryside on January 10.

Almost a CET
 2 witnesses
 quick "vanishing"
 upon looking away