

1982: Hvam/Skedsmo, Nor

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marginally.

• 3 witnesses.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OVER HVAM IN SKEDSMO

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Date: Tuesday 18 May 1982

Time: Between 10.50 and 11.05 am

Place: Hvam in Skedsmo

Witnesses: Steinar Nygård, Kjell Norstad and a third person

Nature of sighting: 2 objects resembling "rocks of candy"

First, we will give a statement from one of the witnesses, Steinar Nygård:

"During preparation of a building and construction site at Hvam in Skedsmo (about 17 km ENE of the center of Oslo) there were three of us working on the foundations for some workmen's huts. The weather was fine, with bright sunshine and a moderate breeze, on 18 May 1982.

"Suddenly we saw two objects at a low altitude coming slowly towards us. At a distance we guessed that they could be balloons or even hang-gliders, while both had a noticeable excrescence underneath their bodies. However, as the objects came closer their appearance changed to resemble something like scrap heaps. The size was that of five piled-up cars with many sharp edges - like a lump of rock candy. At the edges there was a bright reflection from the sun, together with dark patches, depending on how the object was moving and the angle of the sun-rays towards the surfaces.

"Just at the same moment as the objects passed us at an estimated altitude of about 100 m and at an elevation angle of some 70 degrees, it became very silent around us, and the temperature rose markedly, resulting in almost a somewhat "sticky" feeling.

"I became more and more surprised and also a little scared, especially when we failed to "catch" the two objects with our levelling telescope, though we had no problem in observing small aeroplanes with this instrument at the same point of time.

"The objects came from a NNE direction (between 0 and 40 degrees) and the distance between them was perhaps 40-50 m coming side by side in horizontal flight. When they reached the Skjetten area, they both began to ascend: one of them proceeded on a straight course, but the other turned towards the right in the direction of the Kjelleråsen hill. They both ascended until they disappeared as tiny dots in the distance.

"In the meantime - i.e. during the observation - a total of three light aeroplanes took off from the Kjeller airport (only 2-3 km away). One of these seemed very close to a collision with the objects. It looked to us as though the airplane perhaps did an evasive manoeuvre in order to steer away. The plane was later identified and the pilot contacted by Mrs. Fjeldberg.

"The entire observation lasted some 15 minutes. The objects passed Hvam at exactly 10.55 am. I contacted the officials at the Kjeller airport and told them about the strange incident, which is still clear in my mind and grows more and more mysterious. The three of us who witnessed this very strange occurrence, have gradually come to the conclusion that these objects must have had their origin from somewhere else in our great universe".

Additional description and comments

after an interview also with Kjell Norstad.

Two objects were seen about 10.50 am to the NNE, directly above a slanting pillar (in connection with the construction site), between the Trondheimsveien road and high-way E6 (see map). At the beginning of the observation both objects possessed a marked excrescence on the underside of their bodies, which seemed to be moving (this could perhaps be due to turbulence in the air). Because of this the witnesses first believed that they were hang-gliders or balloons with gondolas. The objects were moving very slowly; the light aeroplanes seen at the same time were flying at least four times as fast. As the objects subsequently approached the witnesses, the excrescences underneath disappeared. From now on they looked the same whether viewed from the front, the side or behind. (See sketch fig. 3.)

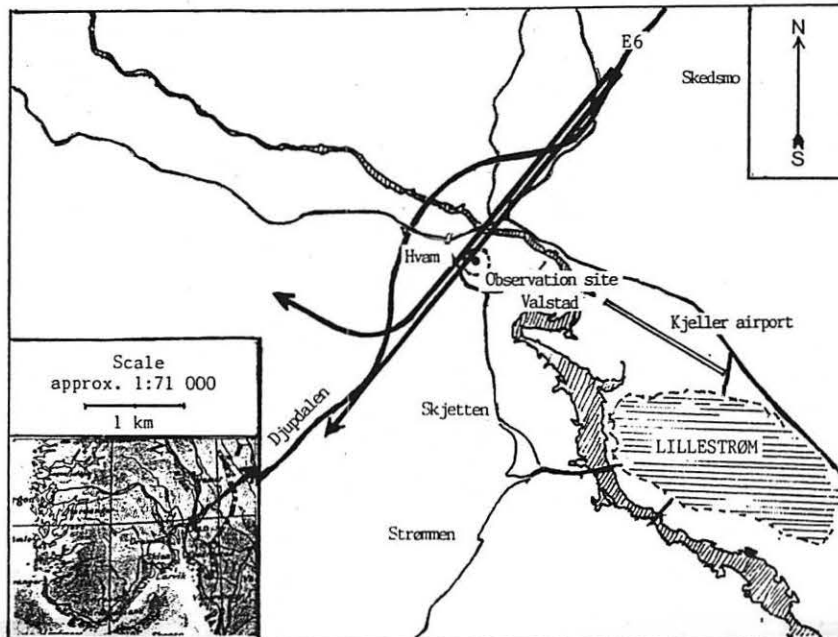
A green one-motor airplane, type Grumman American Lynx AA-1C, which took off from Kjeller airport at 10.50 am, apparently steered directly towards the objects and a collision seemed inevitable. The pilot of this plane, Øyvind Bynke at the private airschool

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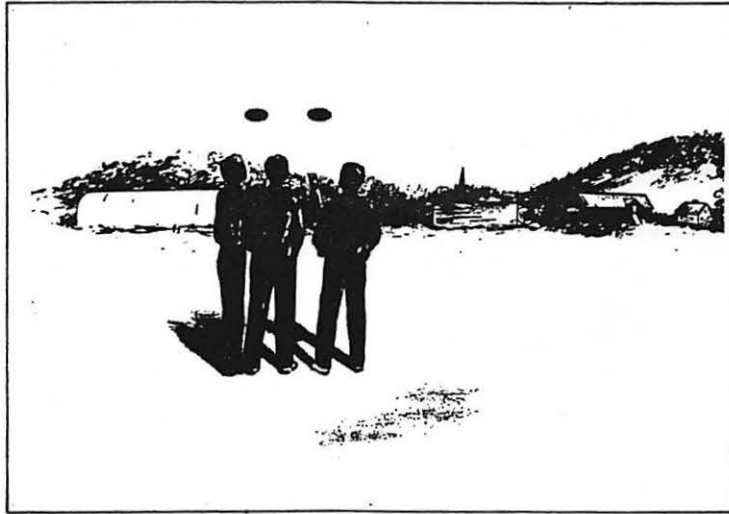
at the Fornebu airport outside Oslo, did not however, observe the objects at all. For the witnesses on the ground it looked as though the airplane made an evasive manoeuvre in order to avoid a collision. (The later position of the plane cannot be recalled from the witnesses' memory.) A possible explanation as to why Mr. Bynke didn't see the objects is that they perhaps passed below the top of the hill to the right of the observers (175 m above sea level, see sketch). Valstad, 116 m above sea level, is situated just beside the site of observation. The difference in altitude is very minute, i.e. the probable altitude of the objects could have been some 50 m. With these facts at hand it's easier to understand that Bynke might not see the objects, especially since vision from the plane during take-off is not directed horizontally forwards, but slopes somewhat upwards. Furthermore, it is only an assumption that the objects were so placed as to give the witnesses the impression that the UFOs and the plane would collide. We know that assessment of distances is very difficult when one doesn't know the objects' true size. It is likely that the UFOs were flying both nearer and lower at "the moment of collision" than as reported by the observers.

About 10.55 am a small red and white airplane took off from Kjeller. It headed right towards the ascending objects over the Djupdalen valley. The observers are sure that the pilot could not have avoided seeing them. Additionally, a third plane took off somewhat later when the objects were still in sight. Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to locate these two airplanes or their pilots.



According to information obtained by Mrs. Fjeldberg, these objects had a very close resemblance to the three objects observed by Mr. August Holen in the area of Hessdalen in 1980. The composition of the domes on these objects also resembled rock candy. According to Nygård and Norstad no better description could be found for the two objects that they observed over Hvam. A very strange coincidence!

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Not all details in the sketch are drawn to the same mutual scale.

