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of the light beam.

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UFO - OBSERVATION IN JÄMTLAND

Date: 17/18 March 1986

Time: 8 pm to midnight

Place: Brunflo in Jämtland

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Witnesses: Karl Axelsson, Elna Axelsson, Linnea (surname unknown), Håkan Forslund
Nature of sighting: Hovering craft seen for several hours

Caretaker Karl Axelsson (53) with his wife Elna, their neighbour Håkan Forslund and their mother-in-law Linnea, shared the same frightening experience late one evening in March 1986:

A shining spaceship slowly gliding above the water and landing on a nearby mountain!

"After this event, I don't know what to believe. My experience seems so unreal". Karl Axelsson, living in Brunflo, Jämtland in Mid-Sweden, recalls this strange event which occurred the night of 17/18 March 1986. Never before in his life has he seen anything like what appeared that night. "I was terribly frightened. It was some sort of a craft not coming from the earth. It must have originated from another planet, I am fully convinced of that that", he concedes.

Elna, his wife, adds: "Just the thought of being visited by vehicles and creatures from another planet is terrible and frightening. But that's the way it is. We surely did see the craft, both of us. I was sitting beside Karl in the car when the craft appeared. Our neighbour, living further down the road, and my mother, who lives somewhat further away, both observed the same thing. And certainly, we can't have hallucinated or just imagined all of it, either".

A powerful lamp

The house of Karl and Elna stands on a hilltop with a fantastic view to the lake Locknesjön. In clear weather they can see many prominent mountains to the north, scores of kilometres away. On the far side of the lake the spire of Lockne church can be seen, pointing upwards over the treetops. On the evening of Monday 17 March, Elna had made a delicious soup and invited her mother, Linnea, to join them. She lives some 400 metres away and was met by Karl in the doorway. "Our neighbour, Brådessons, has put up a powerful lamp behind the pigsty", was her first remark that evening. "I was rather surprised" Karl says, "It was an odd place to mount a lamp, so I wondered if maybe my mother-in-law was mistaken, and that the neighbour had mounted the lamp in front of the pigsty. But she insisted - it was behind the house.

By 8 o'clock they had finished their meal. The wind had increased and the weather was cold and unpleasant when the time came for Karl to drive his mother-in-law home. When they had driven only a short distance, Linnea pointed towards a powerful shining light at the far side of the lake. It was the same strong light which she had seen earlier behind the neighbour's pigsty.

"Neither my mother-in-law nor I could understand what kind of light this could be. At first we guessed it might be some sort of modern wood-processing machinery with a light high up on a mast; however, after a short while we rejected that idea. The light was too high, and it was too late in the day for workers to be out in the wood. We sat in the car for some 10 minutes and discussed the strange light before I drove my mother-in-law to her house".

The light moved

Karl saw the light again when he returned home. He had intended to hurry inside to watch TV, but this light haunted him. There was something very strange about it!

Throughout his entire life, Karl has had a keen interest in astronomy. Since his schooldays he has known the constellations, and can find his way about on the celestial sphere. This, however, was certainly no star, - and neither could it be a machine in the wood. But what could it be, then? he asked himself. He fetched his powerful binoculars and drove a distance down the road. He pulled down his side-window in order to get the best possible view.

The strange light was yellow-white and powerful. It pulsated permanently,

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"The light was fixed in the sky like the evening star, but its light was so much stronger", Karl recalls. "I observed it in the same direction as the constellation Orion. The odd thing was that it apparently shone right through the fog and vapour which lay above the terrain. I sat there, wondering if I should fetch Elna and drive towards the other side of the lake at Lockne. From that viewpoint I should be able to see what this phenomenon could be, I thought. But then the light began to move. It glided slowly above the water towards the side where I was. I was sitting fascinated in my car and just watched how the light hovered in over the landscape upwards against the nearby hilltop of Fårskinnberget".

"With my binoculars I saw it was some kind of a craft. It was composed of some 20 squared sections. Each section appeared as a large window with a light inside. The craft was some 150 metres long and almost 10 metres high, I calculated. It was about 1.5 km from the mountain where it was hovering, to where I was".

"I ran inside and fetched Elna, and at the same time phoned our neighbour and told him what I just had seen", Karl relates. "Elna followed me out and we sat in the car for a long time. We had only one pair of binoculars and being very eager to observe, we nearly quarrelled, both of us fighting to use it".

"Yes, I got angry with Karl", Elna admits with a smile. "I just got the binoculars to see the object for a short while, then he almost forced them away from me again. After a while I got so bored I went in to bed".

When Karl was left on his own in the car, something very strange happened. From one side of the craft another object appeared, sliding away. It was saucer-shaped and also shone brightly. It descended slowly between the trees and landed somewhere on the mountain. A moment afterwards another saucer appeared, but this one disappeared soundlessly at an unbelievable speed, in the direction of Fröson.

At 9.45 pm an airplane from Linjeflyg (a national air carrier) came enroute from Stockholm. "When the airplane appeared, it seemed as if they tried to hide", Karl says. "Suddenly a thick, white smoke was pumped out of the object and soon afterwards it was invisible, looking like a cloud when the plane passed. A few moments later the smoke was sucked into the object again, and once more I could see the craft clearly in the binoculars".

"I just gave up. The whole event was so unreal. My neighbour, Håkan Forslund, just came by and we discussed what this object could be. Then the object took off soundlessly and flew outwards over the lake in the vicinity of Lockne church. Here it hovered motionless for a while. Suddenly the lights went off and the object was gone. "There go the fuses", my neighbour commented, rather laconic. He was feeling cold and a short while after the disappearing of the ship, he went home. I sat once more alone in the car".

Sheer terror

After a rather long period of time Karl observed a glow on the hillside of Fårskinnberget. It grew stronger and after a while he saw the same ship, with a powerful light, hovering in the air.

"Possibly they had returned with their lights off. Now, a powerful light beam shot out from the object, making it probable that they were searching for something in the terrain. The light was very intense and scanned to and fro on the ground. The cone of light stopped intermittently by a house or something else. At this point there was no doubt that they were looking for something or someone. The light steadily came closer to me, and suddenly the car was hit by it! The light was almost unbelievably powerful and I became filled with terror. When looking out to the other side of the car the shadow was black as coal and seemed very threatening. It was impossible for me to escape that way, I felt. Inside the light, I could glimpse as it were a long, long tunnel and I was on the verge of being pulled through

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THIS IS THE BIG POINT
IN THIS CASE



Both Elna and Karl Axelsson saw the strange, intense yellow-white light. Their sighting was confirmed by several other observers. The same evening and the following, several persons called the UFO-group in Østersund and told that they had seen the mysterious light. Elna and Karl are living in Halle in the outskirts of Brunflo.



"I saw the spaceship at that spot", Karl explains and points towards the Fårskinnsberget which can be seen behind the building at left. When the object sent out a powerful light beam, and began searching the ground, Karl became very scared. "I wrenched the car door open and ran home".

With his binoculars Karl Axelsson could see the unknown craft in detail, with its shining windows. From the "mother-ship" two smaller "saucers" appeared and seemed to land on the Fårskinnsberget, about 1.5 km from where Karl had parked his car. Neither military nor civilian authorities can give any explanation for the mysterious visit.



Confusing drawing.

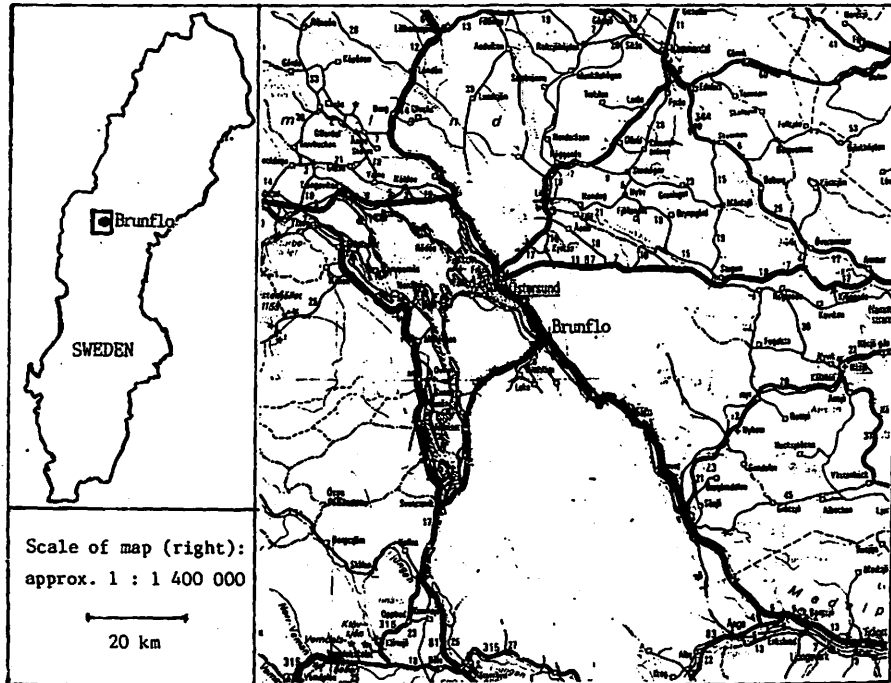
it. I wrenched the door open and ran home as fast as I could. I was terrified and it took some time for me to recover and make a phone call to the UFO-organisation in Østersund. However, being unable to dial the number correctly, at first I got the wrong connection. The second time, I phoned a working colleague instead and told him about my experience. While all this happened, I heard the sound of an airplane flying outside in the distance. I thought they might be looking for the ship".

"It was now midnight. I made some coffee and sat down at the kitchen table just to think the whole event through. Afterwards I went out on the stairs and saw that the object and the light were gone. I decided to go and fetch the car. But having walked half the distance, I saw a glow beginning to appear beneath the Fårskinnberget. Being struck with terror once more, thinking the light cone would hit me again, I returned home and let the car stay until the next day".

Other observations

Karl Axelsson works as a caretaker in a car-selling firm. Many of his colleagues found it hard to accept his experience. "Perhaps they won't even think about such things. They usually joke with me asking how much I was drinking that night, but I promise I was absolutely sober", Karl insists.

In Østersund (a town 15 km to the northwest) there is a UFO-society which accepts reports about unidentified flying objects. Kurt Persson, daily manager of the organisation, says several reports about moving lights were received on 17/18 March.



"The next evening (18 March) the object first observed by Karl Axelsson, evidently returned", Kurt Persson relates. That evening he and his wife worked in the center of the town and therefore he didn't observe anything himself. However, there were quite a few incoming reports from other individuals, indicating that strange things were happening in the area.

- 1) A man living in Lockne reported that during the night it was as bright as day in the town, due to some unknown lightsource. He couldn't see where it came from; however, it was a powerful, yellow-white light, he says.
- 2) A woman living in a community center south of Tandsbyn (30 km SSW of Brunflo) observed a powerful yellow-white light, which moved along the horizon as if it was an airship.

The UFO-organisation has been in contact with both civilian and military authorities. None of them was responsible for any airplanes in the area at the time Karl and the others had their sightings. The plane from Linjeflyg was the only exception, and this machine was recognized by Karl. Then it cannot be a matter of confusion, Kurt Persson explains. However, the other plane that Karl heard that evening, poses a problem. He assumed that it was the Air Force or others who were out, searching for the shining object. However, allegedly, noone knows anything about it. The Air Force, who have a shooting range nearby, definitely denies having anything airborne that evening. The same holds true for everybody else who might be able to fly there. But the most important question remains: what kind of shining craft was observed by Karl Axelsson and the others? Where did it come from and what was it looking for?
 "I hardly dare think about it", Karl says. "But one thing is for certain: this craft didn't originate from our planet"!

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