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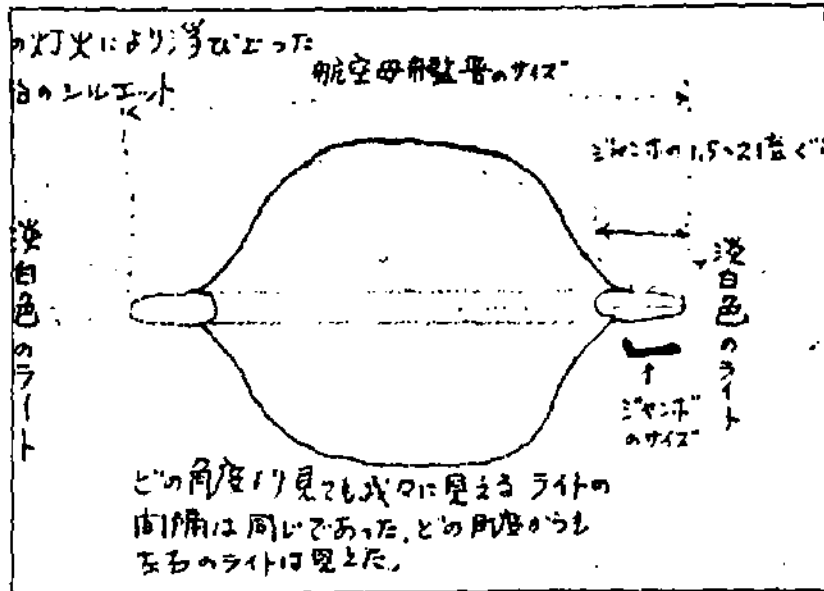
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As the trio drove along highway 202, the light seemed to be approaching them. By the time they reached the church, the light was overhead. The daughter said "It was very dramatic. I was a doubting Thomas at the time about these things, but this thing

was hovering above us about 800 feet when we got out of the car. It was about two or three houses wide and two houses high. It was a square shaped ship, not disc-shaped as most are reported to be. I could see the entire ship, almost see the metal itself."

The witnesses were excited and amazed, but this is not the only sighting in Bergen County. In August 1957, a 16-year old boy spotted and photographed a UFO in a field near Ramsey. In September 1962, eight witnesses saw a UFO land in the Oradell Reservoir. Police switchboards lit up in 1963 when hundreds of residents of Hackensack reported a red light over

One of the more important UFO events of recent times happened in Bergen county near the Wanaque Reservoir in Pompton Lakes. Many people watched a light over the reservoir that flew right over the heads of some of them. Military officials were called in to take charge after a light beam was shot down into the ice of the reservoir, melting the ice.

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UFO mystery has been missed

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Remember when the UFOs were sighted frequently? The sightings usually came in bunches, and many people were positive they had seen

something unusual. The UFO theme became popular on television and in movies.

Formal investigations failed to prove anything, and also failed to discourage the true believers. In recent years, claims about sightings diminished.

UFOs represent the unknown. They present the possibility that somewhere out there there is a superior race of beings who will solve all our problems, even if they do so by eliminating all of us. The JAL sighting restores a bit of mystery to all our lives.