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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in the hope that you will be able to assist me or at least pass my query to the appropriate people.

My query concerns what appeared to me to be a flying object, the like of which I had never seen before!

The date was 26/7/88, I was driving on the A12 just north of Colchester in an approx. easterly direction at a few minutes before 5 p.m. From quite some distance I could see an object in the sky, which appeared stationary and although it looked a bit strange, I assumed to be a kite. Its basic shape been something like:



I gave it a few glances and I realised that as it was now relatively quite near I should be able to see a string attached to it, but I couldn't. It occurred to me that the string might be broken and it was just drifting, but it didn't seem to be. I watched the object and quite quickly it became clear what form it was as it came relatively closer. I illustrate it below:



The main body appeared to be a dark disc of roughly the proportions above. The lower parts appeared to be long dangling 'legs', quite thick,



and although I've illustrated six, I'm not sure of the number. They had a noticeable inward curve.

As I was driving I had to keep glancing back onto the road but I had quite a few seconds good look at it. I looked closer for further features and there appeared to be a yellow glow from the rectangular cutouts/recesses on the main body (see sketch). This looked rather like an interior light shining through a window, although not too bright - alternatively it may have been the sun reflecting off it, but as there appeared no glow on the body itself and it was not too bright I don't think it was. I cannot remember if the sun was shining.

The above is what I plainly saw, before it disappeared from view above the car. As there was no where

to safely stop I continued driving and after a while I could see the object at a distance through the back window. Before it passed over the car it gave the appearance it was moving quite fast, but not excessively and it appeared to be tilted in direction of movement. Its direction I would guess was roughly east to west. Size was difficult to judge, at a guess 30 to 60 feet dia. and flying quite low - it might however have been much larger and higher. There was no visible means of support and no visible means of propulsion. I noticed no noise, but as I was inside the car it may not have necessarily been so.

One of the reasons I didn't stop besides lack of place to stop and the fact I had had a good look at it anyway was



I was sure other people must have seen it as well, and even if there was a reasonable explanation for it other people would have wondered what it was. To this end I listened to the local T.V and radio, but there was nothing.

I realise that this letter is of a strange nature but I assure you this is a fair account of what I saw. I would appreciate any help that could be given.

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SAE enclosed.