

Audio Interview Transcript for Website:

Interview:

AUDIO RECORDING OF AN AUDIO INTERVIEW OF PILOT SOBINSKI'S UFO SIGHTING

Roman Sobinski was potentially one of the first pilots who fired on the unidentified flying object that he had witnessed in June of 1942. Sobinski's personal statement regarding this interaction was recorded for a program called "UFOs Anonymous"

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[Richard Haines ?]

Accompanying a letter dated August 26, 1980 to myself from Bob Gribble, Phenomena Research in Seattle, was a 30 -minute audio tape which contained a number of interviews with different pilots of different sightings. This tape contains a repeat of one of those sightings which took place in June of 1942 of the infamous Foo Fighters over Ruhr area of Germany by Flight Lieutenant Roman Sobinski, Squadron 301. Following is his own description of what took place.

Possibly the first report of a pilot firing on a UFO comes from former Flight Lieutenant Roman Sobinski, Squadron 301 RAF Polish Division.

And it should be added that this transcript comes from a long play record entitled UFOs Anonymous produced in Calgary, Alberta, Canada by the firm UFOs Anonymous. The address 2148 McKidd Crescent, Northeast, Calgary 62, Alberta, Canada.

1942 in June, we went on the bombing mission of flying bombers, Wellingtons, over the Ruhr, otherwise so-called Happy Valley. And the trip was, we performed everything what was necessary, dropped the bombs on the target and on the way back while we were flying over Zuider Zee, which is part of Holland. My rear gunner reported an aircraft approaching from the rear. I told him that if this object comes too close then we'll have to open the fire on him and

my idea was that perhaps it was a German fighter aircraft equipped with a searchlight in the nose. So when these things came close I wouldn't take any chance on it and I told my rear gunner to give him a blast. So then he opened fire on him, maybe 200 yards, and at that distance this object was almost the size of the moon, which was also visible at the same time. Maybe possibly a bit bigger. We used tracers in the machine guns, the four machine guns in the rear turret, and while this rear gunner was shooting, we could follow exactly the trajectory of the shells, which were entering that particular target.

Now, the peculiar thing about this was those were just going in, and that was the end of it they wouldn't fall down, and the so-called tracers. Those tracers would just enter, and that was it. Now, that lasted for possibly, I don't know, maybe two minutes, and after that time, the shining object suddenly changed position, and at terrific speed, it moved over to both sides, almost at the same distance, about 200 yards from the wing, and then it stayed there.

Of course, then, well, the rear gunner and the front gunner opened the fire on **my other**, and I could see the tracers entering the target again from under two angles, which I was sure that this was very close to 200 yards, because you could see the angle of crossing the tracers. After a while, it moved up, took off at fantastic speed at least 45 degrees angle, and it just disappeared between the stars. During the briefing, which we always get up to each combat mission, the officer who was receiving this made a joke about how many beers I had.

Please turn the tape over for the completion of this interview.

A few minutes after I had mine.

BL response: The tracer bullets stayed in the target, which is not unusual. (Also I couldn't find the "back side" of the tape.) The motion was unusual, however, as was the fact that it was $\sim 1/2$ degree in diameter (moon).

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"An RAF bomber returning from a raid on Essen, Germany, was followed by a luminous orange disc or sphere. As it came closer the tail gunner opened fire on it, to no apparent effect. Finally it sped away at an estimated 1,000 m.p.h. (*Flying Saucer Review*, March-April 1962.)"#

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A very early report has reached us through the courtesy of Miss O. M. Beaton, of Vancouver. Pilot Officer Roman Sobinski, later Captain of a bomber aircraft in 301 R.A.F. Squadron and now living in Richmond, British Columbia, states that on **March 25, 1912**, at midnight he saw for

about five minutes a round disc or sphere that was following his aircraft over the Zuider Zee, Holland, when returning from a bombing raid on Essen. His tail gunner reported it first and when Sobinski had confirmed the sighting and saw that the object was closing in on his aircraft fast he gave instructions to fire on it. Several rounds appeared to enter the object, but made no impression on it. The object was of a glowing-orange colour. It appeared at 15,000 feet about 100 to 200 yards away. Its speed was estimated at 180 m.p.h., but disappeared at an estimated speed of 1,000 m.p.m.-Editor.

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