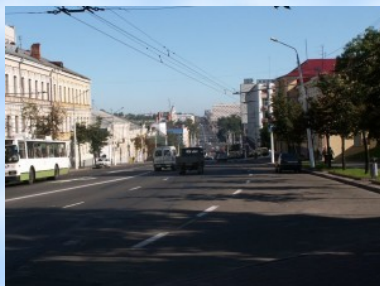


## **1999: Yurieva Gorka, Belarus Rep.**

December 24, 8:44 am, cloudy  
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*The site of the sighting*

The cigar-shaped UFO (brighter than clouds, color blue/red (the color of a cloud at sunset), was like an aircraft, but without wings and tail, angular size about  $3 \times 0.5$  degrees. The front part profile was rounded and asymmetric, the rear part seemed blurred. It was observed by two witnesses.

The object was moving NE, elevation about 40 degrees, climb  $\sim 5$  degrees. The object was brighter than the sky at that time and slightly fluoresced. The object color was blue with some red, as the color of a clouds at sunset.

The distance to the object was estimated as “very high”. There was not any noise all the time. After 3-4 seconds, the object suddenly vanished (one of the witnesses stated that it disintegrated into dots and vanished). The witness stated it was not an aircraft because of the strange color, slight fluorescence, enormous angular size and speed, strange disappearance, and because there was no noise. Witnesses had no impression of a real solid object, it was more like an image; maybe semi-transparent.

The possible explanation suggested by the witness — mirage, during that particular night (between Dec. 23 and 24), the temperature decreased from  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (approximately). The sun was setting. There is no airport in Vitebsk, but Mr. O. Kirillow (one of the witnesses) noticed a plane flying over the city at high altitude some minutes before the UFO appearance. The witness was sober, and he does not use drugs. I personally interviewed him and he seemed very sincere to me.

**Reliability evaluation:**  
**very low**  
**too far in the sky; no inquiry;**  
**insufficient info about air traffic**

