

Stunned Air Force Marshal:

UFO Gave Our Jets the Slip — At 1,400 m.p.h.



Two fighter jets chased a UFO that flew over the African country of Zimbabwe — but as the planes closed in on the eerie object, it zoomed straight up at more than 1,400 miles an hour, according to stunned witnesses.

It went from about 7,000 feet above the ground to 70,000 feet, traveling about twice the speed of sound, according to Air Marshal Azim Daudpota.

"This object flew vertically at a speed that couldn't be matched even by supersonic jets. This was no ordinary UFO. It can't be a hoax," he said.

The glowing orange UFO was first spotted about 3:30 p.m. last July 22 as it soared over southern Zimbabwe, which is in southern Africa.

Two Hawk jet fighter pilots were ordered to take a closer look at the UFO, which had also been tracked by air traffic control radar.

"We went toward it at about 480 miles an hour but we never seemed to get any closer," one of the pilots,

Flight Lieut. Roddy Van Rooyen, told The ENQUIRER.

"Then all of a sudden it started climbing."

Air Commodore Dave Thorne estimated that it streaked vertically till it reached 70,000 feet, then hovered there.

The pilots broke off contact with the UFO and returned to Thornhill Air Base. When the pilots landed, the UFO was directly



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Azim Daudpota (left) and jet pilot Roddy Van Rooyen.

overhead. "The ground staff and the pilots watched it for a few minutes before it took off to the east at tremendously high speed," Thorne said.

"And when it left, it left at high speed without apparent acceleration. There is no

craft that we know of that can do that."

Although it appeared to be orange at first — probably reflecting the setting sun — as the fighter planes gave up the chase at darkness and headed back to their base, the UFO looked like a white light, pilot Van Rooyen said.

Said Van Rooyen: "This thing obviously changed direction. It couldn't have

been a star. It couldn't have been a satellite because a satellite moves only in one direction.

"And a satellite doesn't hover — it keeps moving. There is nothing anyone can say that would explain what that object could have been.

"I firmly believe that what I was chasing was an extraterrestrial craft."

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