

# Chased by flying saucer

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THE R.A.F. is the only air force in the world to get a radar "gunlock" on an Unidentified Flying Object—flying saucer to the layman—according to a report published here.

It describes how two R.A.F. Venom jet fighters attempted an interception after radar and visual sighting of a strange object traveling at about 4,000 m.p.h. over Lakenheath and Sculthorpe in East Anglia in the summer of 1956.

The incident is described by the former officer in charge of an American radar station in the voluminous "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects". It was carried out by the University of Colorado under contract to the United States Air Force.

## GUNS LOCKED

The pilot of one Venom was guided by a radar station towards the U.F.O. When he was about half a mile away he reported, "Roger, I've got my guns locked on him." After a pause the pilot said: "Where did he go. Do you still have him?"

In a movement so swift that it was hard to observe on the radar scopes, the U.F.O. made a circling movement and was sitting on the fighter's tail. The pilot said he would try to shake it off.

"He tried everything. He climbed, dived and circled. But the U.F.O. acted like it was glued right behind him. Always the same distance, very close."

For 10 minutes the pilot tried to shake off the object. Those on the ground could "tell from his tonal quality that he was getting worried, excited and also pretty scared."

Soon afterwards he turned back to base as fuel was getting low.

The report concludes: "Although conventional or natural explanations certainly cannot be ruled out, the probability of such seems low in this case and the probability that at least one genuine U.F.O. was involved appears to be fairly high."