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FINAL GALLEY PROOF

**Gallery 29--THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS**

When the pilot tried vainly to intercept the unknown. The plane was at 15,000 feet, moving at about 250 knots. As the pilot moved to meet the plane, the UFO would pull up some 400 to 500 feet above the plane and then move in again. When the plane reached 30,000 feet, the UFO appeared to make a final dive from 40,000 feet, pulled back up to its previous altitude, and then disappeared. The pilot's mission is indicated by his answer to one of the routine questions on the Air Force report form: "Did you stop at any time during the sighting?" His reply read: "No Sir."

Investigating the incident, officials from AFM at first suspected that the object might have been a balloon, released as a hoax, after a few weeks earlier a crash had brought a flight of balloons near Oak Ridge and had been caught. But after interviewing the witnesses, the investigators concluded that the UFO was far more probably the planet Mars. As nothing happens, however, they could not convert the "probable" into a "positive" identification because they lacked one essential fact: the bearing of the aircraft [1].