
“Saucer” Was Balloon

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NEW YORK, Wed. — Following reports that a “flying saucer” had been found on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico, Brig Ramey, in a broadcast from Washington, confirmed statements that the object found was a weather balloon.

“Flying saucers” are objects reported to have been seen in the skies from various points throughout the United States.

Lt W. Haight, public information

Lt W. Haught, public information officer of Roswell Army airfield, said the find had been made some time last week.

It was inspected at the Roswell Army airfield and subsequently loaned by the intelligence officer at Roswell airfield to higher headquarters.

Ray Wind Target

A weather officer at Fort Worth described the Roswell object as a ray wind target used to determine the direction and velocity of high winds.

He added that there were about 80 weather stations in the United States using this type of balloon, and it could have come from any of them.

The rancher who found the "flying saucer" said it was about 3½ft. by 4ft.

Idea Discounted

Army weather experts in Washington discount any idea that weather balloons of the type found at Roswell could be the basis for the scores of reports of "flying saucers" throughout the country.

Army Air Force headquarters also are checking a report that a second object had been found near Barks-

Object had been found near Barksdale field in Louisiana. Police said the object was obviously the work of a prankster.
