

U.S. PILOT KILLED CHASING "FLYING SAUCER"

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A strange object seen in the sky over Kentucky has indirectly caused the death of Captain Thomas F. Mantell, of the U.S. Air Force, and has revived the "flying saucer" reports.

Colonel Guy F. Hix, commander of Fort Knox airfield, Kentucky, spotted the "saucer" from the airport's observation tower.

He watched it through powerful binoculars until clouds obscured it.

He described it as being umbrella-shaped, "about half the apparent size of the moon," and absolutely white except for a streamer of red which appeared to be revolving.

He radioed three pursuit planes which were aloft to examine the object.

Mantell and the pilots of the two other planes, all of which were in perfect condition, gave chase.

Two pilots reported that even at 15,000 feet they were unable to get near the object, and they returned to land safely at the airfield.

Meanwhile they had lost sight of Mantell, who had given no radio signal to account for his absence from the formation.

Later a woman, on whose farm Mantell's plane had crashed, reported that she heard the plane roar over her house and then saw it fall apart at about tree-top height. Mantell was killed instantly.

The two pilots who landed said they saw the strange object high above

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saw the strange object high above
them when they were at 15,000 feet,
• but they could not match it for speed.

Highway patrol headquarters at
Elizabethtown, Kentucky, also report-
ed receiving calls from persons who
had seen the object. Some said it
resembled an ice cream cone with a
little fire at the bottom.
