

# "Flying Saucer" Beats Jet Plane In Chase

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Two US Air Force jet fighter pilots reported today that they had chased a round flying object for 30 miles yesterday without being able to catch it.

They estimated it was travelling about 900 miles an hour.

The pilots, Lt. Wilbert Rogers and Capt. Edward Ballard, were flying in a jet training aircraft when they sighted the object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

"We couldn't have caught it in a F-86," said Lt. Rogers. (The F-86 Sabre is the United States' fastest jet fighter plane).

Lt. Rogers described the object as white or silver colored and about the size of a fighter plane.

"I pointed it out to Capt. Ballard, who suggested we try to follow it," he said. "We were travelling at 450 miles an hour, but we soon found it was no use. It was going too fast."

Lt. Rogers said he lost sight of the object when it turned out to sea.

The Air Force and Navy have announced that "flying saucers" previously reported have been weather balloons.

"This could not have been a balloon," Lt. Rogers said, "because it was descending

and no balloon goes that fast."

The two pilots reported the incident to Air Force officials at Mitchell Field, New York, but the officials refused to comment on it.

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