

HULLO! FLYING SAUCERS BACK?

***(Mitchell Field,
N.Y., Tuesday)***

Two Air Force jet pilots chased a mysterious round flying object for 30 miles yesterday without being able to catch it.

They estimated it was travelling about 900 miles an hour.

Lieut. Wilbert Rogers reported to the airfield authorities that he and Capt. Edward Ballard sighted the object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

They were on a routine flight in a 5-33 jet training plane.

Rogers, who piloted the plane, said: "I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it sure was

seen before. We couldn't have caught it in an F-86."

[The F-86 Sabre jet is America's fastest jet fighter.]

Rogers described the object as white or silver colored, and said it was about the size of a fighter plane.

The two pilots, on a flight from Dover Air Base, New Jersey, said that when they sighted the object they were travelling at 450 m.p.h. at 20,000ft.

Rogers said: "I pointed it out to Ballard, who suggested we try to follow it, but we soon found it was no use. It was going too fast."

He said the object moved in an arc from Sandy Hook to Redbank, New Jersey, and then headed out to sea at Asbury Park.

Not balloon

He estimated it travelled the 30-mile course in two minutes.

The U.S. Air Force and Navy have officially said that flying saucers reported previously were

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ther balloons.

Rogers said, "This
couldn't have been a bal-
loon, because it was de-
scending, and no balloon
goes that fast."

He said they got as
close as 8,000ft. from the
object, which kept a con-
stant speed, and "didn't
appear to be running
away."

Ballard returned to
Dover Air Base to report
the incident to officials of
the 148th Fighter Inter-
cept Wing, where the
pilots are assigned.

Pilots at Mitchell Field
refused to comment on
the report, but they
listened to Rogers' story
with serious interest.

One said, "When you
hear a reliable pilot tell
an honest story like that,
it makes you wonder."—
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