

Flying saucer which got away

NEW YORK:—Two US Air Force jet pilots reported sighting a "mysterious round flying object travelling at 900 miles an hour."

The pilots said they chased the mysterious object for 30 miles, but could not catch up with it.

The pilots, Wilbert Rogers and Edward Ballard, said they sighted the object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey, while on a routine training flight.

They were flying a jet training plane.

Rogers, who piloted the plane, said:

"I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it sure was something I have never seen before.

"We couldn't have caught it in an F86."

The F86, the Sabre jet, is America's fastest jet fighter.

Rogers described the object as white or silver colored.

ITS SIZE

It was about the size of a fighter plane, he added.

Both pilots said that when they saw the object they were flying 450 mph at 20,000 ft.

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have announced that "flying saucers" reported previously were large weather research balloons.

Rogers commented: "This could not have been a balloon, because it was descending, and no balloon goes that fast."

He said they got as close as 8000 feet from the object, which kept constant speed and "did not appear to be running away."