

SECRET CANBERRA JET PLANE PLAYED FLYING SAUCER

TORONTO. — The "Mystery" aircraft which streaked across southern Ontario skies on Monday, leaving Royal Canadian Air Force fighters and rumors of flying saucers in its wake, is now believed to have been a Canberra jet bomber.

The Canadian Minister for Defence (Mr. Brooke Claxton), answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday, said the object "almost certainly" was a Canberra bomber.

A twin-jet Canberra, carrying Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, head of the R.A.F. Bomber Command, took off from Montreal to fly to Omaha, Nebraska, about the time the "mystery" object was sighted.

The Canberra was traveling so quickly it sped over Toronto before its flight plan reached air traffic control officials.

About noon a vapor trail was seen at about 30,000 feet, the height the Canberra was flying, over Toronto and the township of London.

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R.C.A.F. Mustangs took off to investigate. The pilots reported that although they pushed the Mustangs to 450 m.p.h. they were "left standing."

Some estimated the speed of their quarry at about 1000 m.p.h. Details of the Canberra's performance are still secret but its ceiling is about nine miles and its two Rolls Royce Avon turbine engines are said to give it a jet-fighter's speed.

But Wing-Commander A. D. Haylett, officer commanding the squadron which chased the vapor trails, said, "I am pretty firm in the opinion that it couldn't have been a Canberra aircraft — not at that speed.

"I have never been a be-

liever in flying saucers but I am pretty sure now there is something going on around this planet that we should be paying lots of attention to."