

WARY OF SAUCERS

U.S. Alerts Pilots

Washington, July 29 —

Jet fighter pilots were alerted by the U.S. Air Defence Command yesterday to take off instantly in pursuit of any flying saucers sighted anywhere in the country.

It explained the move by saying it was vitally interested in anything unidentified that flies in the air.

The order was issued after jets unsuccessfully chased "glowing white lights" seen over Washington on Saturday night.

The Air Force, which remains sceptical about the new batch of saucer reports, says it had received more than 1,000 such reports in the past few years, but only a small percentage of those received from reliable sources remained unexplained. The latter could be misinterpretations of various conventional objects, a mild form of hysteria, meteorological phenomena or hoaxes.