

Jets Were Two Hours Late In Chasing "Saucers"

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WASHINGTON, July 29.—U.S. Air Force officials admitted last night that it took two hours to put their jet fighters in the air over Washington on Saturday night after observers reported they could see 12 "unidentified objects" on radar screens.

The Air Defence Command yesterday alerted jet interceptor pilots to take off instantly in pursuit of any "unidentified objects" sighted anywhere in the country.

Air Force officials said the delay on Saturday night in chasing the "flying saucers"

was caused by the report "going through the wrong control centre."

One of the pilots who searched the sky over Washington said he had seen four white lights but had not been able to reach them before they disappeared.

NEW REPORT

Mysterious objects were reported to have flown over Washington again last night.

The Civil Aeronautics traffic control centre reported that its radar had picked them up over a period of about five hours.

An official said the objects were travelling at about 100 to 120 miles an hour in a 10-mile arc around Washington.

Sometimes, he said, the

radar had charted as many as eight or 12 of the objects at the same time.

No jet fighters were sent up to investigate last night's mystery.

The Air Defence Command said this had been because "we were too busy with other things—and, besides, those things were not hurting anybody."

The Director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, said: "These discs are not mirages. Radar proves that."

"Furthermore, any suggestion that these come from the depths of space is fantastic.

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Their origin is earth. The
question is: Where on earth?"