

# Lights too fast for U.S. jets

Two jet fighters flying at 500 m.p.h. chased mystery lights over Washington, U.S., on Sunday night.

The lights outsped the jets, and were out of sight in a minute.

Radar picked up "between four and 12" unidentified objects over the city, and guided the jets to them.

Lieut. William Patterson, one the jet pilots, said he had no idea what he was chasing.

He saw four objects at one time, but they "disappeared before I could overtake them."

A few minutes later he saw another "white light," but it was out of sight of his 500 m.p.h. plane in a minute.

Officials discounted a theory that the radar merely picked up ionised clouds or some form of weather disturbance.

One of them said: "The returns we received were very similar and analogous to targets representing air-

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craft in flight."