

U.S. RELEASES SECRET REPORT ON "SAUCER"

From Our Special Representative
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The flying saucer mystery has been given an even more mysterious twist by evidence just released by the US Air Force.

After four years on the secret list the Air Force has disclosed the last radio messages of Capt. Thomas Mantell, who crashed chasing a strange object over Kentucky on January 7, 1948.

Mantell was flying with other planes when he saw the object.

Three pilots chased it, but two dropped out and left Mantell alone about five minutes before he crashed.

The text of his messages, noted by a radio operator at the aerodrome control tower

was:—"At 15,000 feet, object directly ahead above and moving at about half my speed.

"It appears metallic and is of tremendous size. The light looks like the reflection of sunlight on an aeroplane canopy.

"I am still climbing. The object is now above and ahead, moving about my speed (350 m.p.h.) or faster. I am trying to close in for a better look."

A few minutes later people on the ground saw Mantell's plane roar past at tree-top height. It seemed to explode.

The Air Force released Mantell's story without com-

ment and added it to "unexplained" saucer reports.