

New twist to mystery of saucers

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(Special).—The flying saucer mystery has been given an even more mysterious twist by evidence just released by the United States Air Force after four years on the secret list.

The air force disclosed for the first time that the last radio messages sent out by Capt. Thomas Mantell, who crashed while chasing a strange object in the sky over Kentucky on January 7, 1948, stated he was flying with three other planes when he saw an object.

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

Last message

His last message stated: "At 15,000ft., object directly ahead, above, moving about half my speed, it appears metallic and of tremendous size. Light looks like reflection sunlight on airplane

canopy. I am still climbing at 350 m.p.h., and trying to close in for a better look."

A few minutes later people on the ground said Mantell's plane roared past at free-top height and seemed to explode.