

U.S. jet pilot rides through 'flying saucer'

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CHICAGO, Tuesday.

A US Air Force officer said today he flew his jet fighter "right through" a spot where radar had shown an unexplained object.

He said he saw "nothing but empty air."

Captain William Maitland said he believed it was the first time an Air Force interceptor had actually tracked down and ridden through what some observers said were mysterious extra-terrestrial craft or "flying saucers."

Two Sabre jets were summoned after night radar crews of the Civil Aeronautics Administration reported tracking a number of unexplained objects over the city.

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The jets passed close to the spot where radar observers had reported reflections, but saw "nothing but empty air."

A Civil Aeronautics administration official explained the reflections could be caused by atmospheric conditions, differences in moisture content between two layers of air, temperature differentials and possibly, differences in electrical charges in patches of air.