

Tiny flying saucer makes pass at U.S. fighter

TOKYO, Tues. — An American pilot saw a small metal disc make a "sweeping pass" at a U.S. F-84 Thunderjet in northern Japan last March, the Far East Air Force said today.

A spokesman for the FEAF said details of the incident were contained in an intelligence report filed last April.

Lieut. David Brigham saw a disc sweep by a jet which was on a routine

patrol mission in the same general area where American pilots and radar experts reported seeing clusters of colored lights this month.

Lieut. Brigham said in his report that the disc was about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round and shiny. It left no vapor trails such as jet planes do.

He said: "The disc zoomed within 20 feet of the Thunderjet, hovered for two or three seconds, and then flipped around

the right wing. It cut in front of the jet and vanished from sight in a steep climb."

Col. Curtis Low, commander of the northern division of the Japan Air Defence, said last Thurs-

day that trained radar observers and U.S. pilots had seen mysterious "balls of colored light" manoeuvring within a few minutes' flying time of Soviet air bases in the Kuriles and Sakhalin islands, north of Japan.